

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 1125
Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2023
Meeting ID: 837 2385 7842

Attendance (Board Members): Fred P. Baptiste, Committee Chair; Felice Robertson

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Paco Abraham; Calista DeJesus; Valerie Fleming; Jeffrey Grannum; Stanley Greenberg

Absent (Board Members): None

Absent (Community Resident Members): Calista DeJesus

Guests: Rabbi Yaacov Behrman, CB9; Emily Chingray; Rabbi Yossi Langsam; Andrew Magnus; Pamela Payne; Thomas Thomas; Zack Youbgren

CB9 Staff: Dante Arnwine, District Manager

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- I. Call to Order
 - a. Committee Chair, Fred P. Baptiste called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

 - II. Approval of February 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes
 - a. Amend the Town Hall to be centered around Flatbush Avenue bus lane not a bike lane
 - b. Minutes approved with recommended edit

 - III. Street Co-Naming of Crown Street (Troy/Albany Avenues) as “Tomchei Temimim Way”
 - a. The school was built 30 years ago
 - b. Tomchei Temimim originally opened in Russia in Lubavitch.
 - c. Central community location for social, recreational, political activities
 - d. Current expansion to offer recreational, social-emotional support activities
 - e. The renaming of the street would honor the school’s dedication to the community and the thriving of the Jewish community post World War II.
 - f. Letters of support provided by local elected officials and signatures of support from surrounding neighbors
 - g. Motion to support the application
 - i. Moved by Paco Abraham, seconded by F. Robertson
 1. Approved by unanimous consent

IV. Committee Updates

- a. Flatbush Avenue Corridor Feedback
 - i. Adverse impact on surrounding areas, as parking and traffic shifts to side streets
 - ii. Specific lines of questioning for DOT/MTA that should have to be funneled directly to the DOT and MTA
 - iii. There are no specific plans drafted, so reaction are based on the idea as a whole
 - iv. Traffic counts with historical prospective with analysis of the multi-user experience (biker, walker, driver, van rider, etc.) and quantified
 - v. Description of the process that is used to analyze the corridor
 - vi. What are the unintended consequences for the community?
 - vii. North/South/Center of Flatbush Avenue need different solutions for efficiency and safety
 - viii. Adjacent Community Board interactions
- b. Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign
 - i. District specific meeting held last month
 - ii. Able to secure a district specific proposed change from MTA
 - iii. B10 would provide more East/West travel convenience
 - iv. Routes to move from Bedford to Nostrand and Rogers Avenues
 - v. Assess stop elimination ; Advocacy for particular stops
 - vi. Lincoln Road/Flatbush inundated with buses
 - vii. Follow-up with DOT/MTA on Lincoln/Flatbush/Ocean calming measures
 - viii. Outreach regarding B49, as it is proposed to move from Bedford to Nostrand Avenue; Affect on Senior population
 - ix. Bus timing and timetables
 - x. Determine the distinction is Local 44, Limited 44 and SBS 44
 - xi. Townhall to pinpoint specifics on respective bus line use
- c. Lincoln Road /Washington/Flatbush
 - i. Walk through meeting with DOT and DDC
 1. Construction should conclude at the end of the month
 2. Traffic calming, pedestrian safety and signage discussed
 3. Use of the space by the community ; Beautification of the location
- d. District Calming and Safety Improvements
 - i. Outstanding requests for speed bumps, bike racks, cameras, and various traffic calming
 - ii. Multiple recommendations for problematic locations
 - iii. Sharing outstanding issues with Elected Officials
 - iv. Obtain crash data
 - v. Apply for the neighborhood slow zone? Collaborate with neighboring CB's

- e. District Bike Lane Survey
 - i. Bike traffic is increasing , as are accidents
 - ii. Comprehensive assessment of the street scape
 - iii. Survey the community
- V. Old Business
 - i. None
- VI. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn, moved by S. Greenberg, seconded by J. Grannum
 - i. Meeting adjourned 8:53pm