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April 3, 2024

To: CB2 Transportation Committee Members

From: Reilly Owens, Chair, Transportation Committee

Re: **NOTICE OF TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING – IN PERSON**

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The next meeting of CB2s Transportation Committee is scheduled for:

\*\*\*\* **DATE:** **TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024**

\*\*\*\*\* **TIME:** **6:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION:** **Community Board 2 Office (IN PERSON MEETING)**  
**43-22 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2B**  
**Woodside, New York 11377**

**Teleconference on Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87339556829?pwd=dFRoc0RhbVJEQUFsMHJoYW15cE5zdz09>

**Telephone Conference:** **646 558 8656**

**Meeting ID:** **873 3955 6829**

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## **AGENDA**

Public Comments – Comments by Community Members (1 Minute) up to ten minutes

### **PRESENTATION BY MTA ON THE COURT SQUARE - 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET ADA PROJECT**

### **PRESENTATIONS BY NYC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

- Queens Boulevard Safety Improvement Project from Skillman Avenue to Roosevelt Avenue
- Borden Avenue, Review Avenue, Starr Avenue Street Improvement Project from the Kosciusko Bridge to waterfront

### **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

- Discussion on license plates of motorized vehicles missing and /or illegally presented.

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- Discussion of seizure of Parked Scooters.
- Discussion of illegal sidewalk parking around 108<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

## **REQUEST UPDATES FROM DOT**

### **Blissville**

- The Blissville community has long sought a comprehensive review of our Streets in the Blissville section of Long Island City that would consider the safety of all roadway users of all ages and abilities: including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders and motorists. Specific items include but not limited to:
  - Corner of 35th, Starr and Van Dam - install a proper sidewalk with curbs and pedestrian accessible ramps. Ensure daylighting at this intersection. As of today, it is just dirt and broken up asphalt. Install appropriate sidewalk and ramps.
  - Reconsideration of request to install "No thru truck traffic signage" on 35th and 37th. There are only 4 streets in Blissville that are designated as truck routes (1) review avenue (2) Greenpoint Avenue (3) Borden Avenue and (4) Van Dam. All other streets should only have truck traffic for local deliveries yet trucks travel through these streets on a daily basis to other destinations. DOT-581076-X9W1.
  - DOT-581065-J1R6 - we are pleased to see the newly painted lines at Greenpoint and Starr however cars and trucks just park over these lines negating their purpose. May we amend our request to install bollards or an actual bulb out like we've seen done in neighboring communities. DOT-581065-J1R DOT-614185-D189.
  - A study is needed at the 12-lane intersection at the base of the Greenpoint Avenue Bridge. Review/VanDam/Greenpoint. Very dangerous Area.
  - Request to build the Blissville Greenway along Laurel Hill Boulevard and Review Avenue west to Blissville. With a widened and paved path that can be shared by pedestrians and cyclist, and lined with trees.
  - Green Asphalt – Seeking a follow up from DOT on NYC DOT's use of Green Asphalt Co LLC located at 37-98 Railroad Avenue in the Blissville section of Long Island City that has been charged by the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation on January 11, 2024, with a violation of New York State Air Pollution Control Law.

### **Court Square**

- Crescent Street request to change the diagonal markings and expand the sidewalk. case number DOT-516190-R6K9. Request update. Scheduled to be done this year on their list for 2024.

### **Sunnyside**

- Request for DOT to present data and findings of the impact of the conversion of 39th Avenue to a bike boulevard (from 45th to 50th Street) on safety, residents, businesses, vehicular traffic (trucks, cars), especially at the corner of 50th Street (right turn) Request for DOT to revisit the closing of 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 45<sup>th</sup> to 50th Street.
- Request for a Feasibility Study for Safety Improvements at 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and Laurel Hill Blvd at the entrance to the Kosciuszko Bridge Pedestrian and Bike Pathway. (CB 2 Sent Letter to DOT on

September 7, 2022)

### **Woodside**

- Request to DOT for a One-Way Street conversion on 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue Between 65<sup>th</sup> Place and 61<sup>st</sup> Street. Provide an update. (DOT-464313-T7R8) Open and being evaluated, please provide an update.
  - 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 65<sup>th</sup> Place and 61<sup>st</sup> Street was reversed 63 Street to NB operation from 50<sup>th</sup> avenue to Laurel Hill Blvd and converted 65<sup>th</sup> Street to one-way NB from 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Laurel Hill Blvd., both changes have helped curtail the cut through traffic that was using 51s Avenue and at this point unless the CB or residents feel there is another issue, we don't have any future plans for additional changes.
  - 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 69<sup>th</sup> Street and 65<sup>th</sup> Place. We were waiting on the Queens Bus network redesign since that would remove the Q18 bus from 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue and most likely negate the need for a conversion.
- Request for a Feasibility Study for Safety Improvements on Broadway and 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue and on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street to 69<sup>th</sup> Street near the BQE Exit (DOT-565073-X3Q1) Study still active requesting update. DOT reported some LPI's installed – 65<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway, existing one at 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 60<sup>th</sup> Street and 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Existing Study Open (DOT-577572-V1S1) DOT reported still active and being studied.

### **Long Island City**

- Request for Quality-of-Life sign, no overnight parking on Center Boulevard between 50<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Center Blvd north of 47<sup>th</sup> Road transfer of property from State to City. Please continue to provide update. 47<sup>th</sup> Road and N Basin Road. Paving stones collapsing in intersection at Center Blvd. north of 47<sup>th</sup> Road. Provide update.
- Request for a one-way conversion on 31<sup>st</sup> Place between 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue (DOT-497662-R8J2). (APPROVED) Provide Implementation date? Letter of support requested from CB 2 on 10/4/2023. CB 2 Letter submitted (DOT621806-L7V9) Implementation April 18, 2024.
- 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue Pedestrian Bridge (also known as the 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue Pedestrian Foot Bridge) Request an update on a letter from DOT to send to CB 2 to close this project. DOT Tracking number needed.
- Request for the Redesign of Vernon Mall on Borden Avenue, Vernon Boulevard, Jackson Avenue, and the Northern Boundary of 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue (Letter sent to DOT) Tracking number requested. Pending, capital project.
- Request for New York City DOT Proposals Include Seniors, the Disabled and those with Different Physical Disabilities and Needs (Letter sent to DOT) DOT 599194-D6Q7, please provide an update.
- Request for dedicated bus lanes for G Train shuttle buses.

**Old Business:**

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**New Business:**

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CC: Hon. Grace Meng, US Congress  
Hon. Nydia Velazquez, US Congress  
Hon. Michael Gianaris, NYS Senate  
Hon. Kristen Gonzalez, NYS Senate  
Hon. Jessica Ramos, NYS Senate  
Hon. Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas, NYS Assembly  
Hon. Steven Raga, NYS Assembly  
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May 7, 2024 Transportation Committee Meeting Agenda