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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held in person

Transportation Committee Members – Present

Anatole Ashraf (PV), Reilly Owens, Osman Chowdhury (PV), Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos (PV), Thomas Mituzas, Oumaya Saab (PV), Laura Shepard

Transportation Committee Members – Absent

Danielle Brecker, Morry Galonoy, Sheila Lewandowski

Transportation Committee Public Members – Present

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Corey Hannigan, Patricia Pan

Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager, MaryAnn Gurrado

Elected Officials/Representatives

Julissa Garcia, Representing Council Member Julie Won

Department of Transportation

Joseph Patti

Guests

Fanny Chang, Jon Suarez, Christopher Perafort, Ryan Chensen

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

There were no public comments.

Presentation by Philip Kong, Transportation Alternatives, on Why Students Deserve Better Transit Options and how \$5 CitiBike Memberships can make a difference. The purpose of the campaign is to reduce the Citibike fare to \$5.00 a month for NYC DOE and CUNY students (ages 16 plus). The goal is to advocate for improved transportation solutions that cater to students' needs. Seeking a letter of support for this campaign.

Tom Mituzas made a motion, and it was seconded by Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos to send a letter of support to DOT asking them to investigate how we can get support for this program. The vote was (5) in favor of the motion (1) one opposed and (1) one abstention.

Joseph Patti, Department of Transportation provided the following update:

- The list of locations from the ped ramp group that are in the design phase are 30th Place and 31st Street.
- Reported the Borden Avenue and Review Project is still on track for the fall.
- Reported significant progress is being made on Queens Boulevard. DOT will be putting down the green paint for the bike lanes soon. Shortly thereafter, they will have signage changes to add in the loading zones for the businesses to prevent double parking. Will be removing the rush hour regulations so there is an opportunity to park along the corridor. They are still trying to see more compliance.
- Hummock repair on 48th Street and Queens Boulevard has been given to the roadway team.
- 60th and 37th Avenue - in for review and DOT will follow up.
- 39th Road between Woodside Avenue and 52nd Street safety improvements. There is an additional case number for markings in the road. (DOT – 668369-P9Y1) this is a new case that will be reviewed by the markings team.

Reilly Owens reported on the following locations:

- Woodside Avenue and 39th Road – Crosswalk will be added to the above case. It is a dangerous crosswalk and has no daylighting.
- Across Woodside Avenue there are no ramps for a whole block.
- 39th Avenue and Woodside Avenue there are two crosswalks without curb cuts.

The Committee requested the following:

- 39th Road between Woodside Avenue and 52nd Street. That the DOT install 20 to 30 feet of yellow lines in the middle of the road to let drivers know they are entering a two-way street.
- 39th Avenue and Woodside Avenue people coming south on Woodside Avenue turning the corner request the DOT install a raised median or stop sign to slow people coming south and turning onto 39th Avenue. This can be dangerous for a pedestrian. DOT has included this in the case.
- The committee reported on 58th Street and Roosevelt Avenue that the bricks are damaged and have been removed. DOT will visit the site will plan to make the sidewalk safe.

The Committee requested a follow up to the following:

- Blissville Greenway – promised to reverse the one way on 37th Street
- Address the intersection of Starr and Greenpoint Avenue.
- Dirt Road on Van Dam Street between 35th Street and Starr Avenue
- Greenpoint and Starr the intersection is in need of repair. A request was made for this intersection to qualify for the Safe Routes to Transit.
- Maspeth Park - DOT needs to improve the access point at 43rd and 48th to make the park more inviting to the residents of south Sunnyside.
- Requested an update on the Green Asphalt Company. It was promised by DOT they would not use the facility until the violation was fixed.
- Wynwoode Gardens – All streets that exit onto Tyler Avenue, anyone trying to make a left onto Tyler is very dangerous.

DOT will look into the Maspeth Park issue and the Green Asphalt Company.

A request was made for informative signage or wayfinding for those who are seeking to access Maspeth Park as well as Kosciuszko Bridge. The DOT will explore this matter.

The Committee discussed traffic calming, protected bike lanes on 47th and 48th Avenue on the south side of Sunnyside as there have been fatalities. DOT has conducted a walk through of the area and want the area to be part of the Safe Route to Schools Program. This is an active conversation.

The committee requested citywide daylighting updates for next month.

The committee requested an update on Sammy's Law.

The DOT provided an update on the Queens Borough Bridge South Outer Roadway. The DOT is regularly meeting on this, and they are trying to get it done as soon as possible.

The committee discussed a pothole in the bike lane at Skillman Avenue and Honeywell.

Reilly Owens discussed 54th Street and 39th Avenue countless crashes at this location, this is a dangerous location and is need of an all-way stop. DOT requested a letter concerning this location.

The committee discussed Starr Avenue and 37th as there is a sign against the cemetery wall that says no turning right. It is blocked by bushes and trees; a request was made to move it closer to the curb.

Laura Shepard made a motion, and it was seconded by Reilly Ownes to request DOT extend bike infrastructure on 39th Avenue from the current terminus of the Bike Boulevard at Woodside Avenue to Roosevelt Avenue going east. The vote was all in favor of the motion with none opposed and no abstentions.

Tom Mituzas discussed the NYC Council passed a bill requiring the DOT in 2026 to identify how they are going to address by law the underserved areas in communities. He would like to know how they will explain and address the law in 2026 and identify the underserved areas for DOT infrastructure improvements. The committee needs to start preparing them and dedicate a portion of the meeting about the 2026 law.

Laura Shepard reported the first workshop on the Queens Waterfront Greenway will take place on October 8, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Bohemian Hall in Astoria.

Anatole Ashraf reminded everyone of the deadline for Public Member applications are due by October 4, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
MA Gurrado