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September 10, 2024

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Transportation Committee Members Present

Anatole Ashraf, Reilly Owens, Osman Chowdhury, Morry Galonoy (PV), Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos (PV), Oumaya Saab (PV)

Community Board 2 Members – Present

Sheila Lewandowski, Patrick Martinez

Transportation Committee Members – Absent

Danielle Brecker, Laura Shepard

Transportation Committee Public Members – Present

Corey Hannigan

Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager, MaryAnn Gurrado

Department of Transportation

Joseph Patti

Guests

Lou Venech, Andy Yllanes, Charles Yu, Judy Flood, Jon Suarez, Gina Santonas, Paul Gabriel, Fanny Chang

Reilly Owens, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comment

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

Public Comment

Lou Venech discussed the Draft Scope of Work for the CEQR Analysis of the OneLIC Neighborhood plan

Charles Yu, LIC Partnership discussed that over the summer a group of businesses on Review Avenue and Borden Avenue met to discuss concerns about the Bike Lane DOT has proposed. A walking tour was conducted with DOT to review some of the issues

Andy Yllanes, Wynwoode Gardens discussed citibikes on 64th Street on 50th Avenue and 51st Avenue where the bikes are placed in front of residential homes. They are seeking a different alternative. A suggestion was made by Patrick Martinez to relocate it to 51st Avenue between 64th and 65th Street

Paul Gabriel requested follow up and discussed the 50th Street and 39th Avenue intersection and the lack of transparency from the Board and the DOT.

Jon Suarez spoke about the bike lanes he takes each day which is a 20-mile trip. He spoke about the protected infrastructure and about a cyclist who was killed on 34th and 43rd.

Oumaya Saab discussed the following locations that are difficult to navigate for a person with an assisted device such as wheelchair:

- 54th Street and Roosevelt Avenue
- Woodside Avenue and 39th Road

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

No Report from the 108th Police Precinct

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

Discussion of seizure of Parked Scooters.

Discussion of illegal sidewalk parking around 108th Precinct.

REQUEST UPDATES FROM DOT

Joseph Patti provided the following update:

Borden Avenue and Review - DOT conducted outreach with local businesses, no immediate updates. Will install this fall. Will notify the Board as they get close to the installation dates. This year's scope is from Lauren Hill Boulevard to Borden and Review Avenue.

Signal and All Way Stop Approvals

- Signal approval for Queens Plaza South and 11th Street
- Signal Repair and adjustment for 11th Street and 49th Avenue
- All way stop approval for 39th Avenue and 64th Street

Status of pedestrian ramp upgrades in Blissville (Note: these locations classified as “complex builds” which require more extensive work and planning to relocate existing infrastructure)

- 30th Street and Borden Avenue – in design phase
- 30th Pl and Borden Avenue – in scoping phase
- 31st Street and Borden Avenue – NW and NE corners assigned to CWC
- 31st Place and Borden Avenue and Van Dam Street and Borden Avenue in design phase
- Van Dam Street and 35th Street – Assigned contract
- Review Avenue and 29th Street – SW, NW and NE corners are in Builders Pavement Plan Reconstruction.

Announced the Implementation for the Queens Boulevard, Skillman Avenue to Roosevelt Avenue Corridor Safety Improvements which will begin sometime this month, east side first and then moving west. Flyer was sent out.

Provided an update on the south outer roadway of the Queensborough Bridge. The DOT will be checking with the contractor now to get an idea of the timeframe of the work. Will be able to do some work at the base of the bridge and will get back to the Board, waiting for the upper deck to be finished.

Provided an update on the walk/don't walk signal at Queens Plaza South. Talking to the signals team and will be attempting to install in the fall.

A committee member thanked DOT for the work they did on the diverters and requested something to be put in to discourage vehicles from going down the bike lanes. DOT will be monitoring the intersection closely to see how it works, and they are looking for compliance.

A committee member made a request for an all way stop sign in Wynwoode Gardens on 50th Avenue from 65th Place to 60th Street.

A committee member requested an update on the DOT for a One-Way Street conversion on 51st Avenue Between 65th Place and 61st Street. Provide an update. (DOT-464313-T7R8) Open and being evaluated, please provide an update. DOT reported they are waiting for the Queens Bus Network Redesign.

The committee discussed safety designs at the following locations:

- 47th Avenue between Skillman and 51st
- 51st between 48th Avenue and 30th Street
- 49th Street

A public member discussed the following:

- Woodside Avenue, 39th Avenue and the counterflow against traffic to the entrance of Doughboy Park. DOT will speak to the Bike Team.
- Bike Infrastructure at the Woodside Station at 61st Street was discussed

Reilly Ownes discussed the OneLIC Draft Scope of Work that will be discussed at the CB 2 Board Meeting on September 12, 2024.

A public member discussed the following:

- Need to try to work together with DOT/PD concerning bicycle, mopeds, and the enforcing of regulations.
- Food delivery on Skillman on 41st and 42nd Street is a safety issue. This location is near a school and a park. There is a need for enforcement at the location.

Reilly Owens discussed the following new business:

- Street Plan
- Transportation Committee Focus on Equity in the District. We must reset our goals to include under-served neighborhoods, including Blissville, Woodside and Sunnyside south of Queens Boulevard.
- Request safety redesigns on 47th Avenue between Skillman Avenue and 51st Street and 48th Avenue between 30th Street and 49th Street.
- Discuss OneLIC Draft Scope of Work.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:
MA Gurrado

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