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**May 30, 2023**

## **Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

***This meeting was teleconferenced on Zoom***

### **Transportation Committee Members – Present**

*Sheila Lewandowski, Thomas Mituzas, Osman Chowdhury, Morry Galonoy, Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos, Zeeshan Ott, Oumaya Saab, Laura Shepard*

### **Transportation Committee Members – Absent**

*Reilly Owens*

### **Community Board 2 Members – Present**

*Danielle Brecker*

### **Transportation Committee Public Members – Present**

*Patricia Pan*

### **Community Board 2 Staff**

*Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager, MaryAnn Gurrado*

### **Elected Officials/Representatives**

*Isaac Blasenstein, Representing Council Member Julie Won*

### **108<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct**

*Sgt. Gallagher*

### **MTA**

*Danny Randell, Joe O'Donnell, Sakiru Okeowo Kevin Batista, Yvette Klenbock, Aaron Shavel, JTTC, Melissa Johnson, Kayle Ingram*

### **NYC EDC**

*Franny Civitano, Tara Das, , Nina Verzosa*

### **NYC Department of Transportation**

*Nicole Garcia*

## **City of New York Parks & Recreation**

*Darryl Milton*

### **Guests**

*Charles Yu, LIC Partnership*

*Henry Smith, LIC Partnership*

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

### **UPDATE BY 108<sup>TH</sup> POLICE PRECINCT ON TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

Sgt. Gallagher provided the following update:

- Traffic Calming issues – Blissville – met with business owners, enforcement was conducted, issued 14 parking violations.
- Van Dam and Bradley Avenue Auto Body Shops – operation on overnight and issued violations to the body shops, issued 10 parking summonses.
- Crescent Street between 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 44<sup>th</sup> Road – enforcement needed (triple parking) for the 28-day period, met with business owners, also issued several summonses at this location.
- 37<sup>th</sup> Street between Bradley Avenue and Starr Avenue – Enforcement of cars coming down the wrong direction – Request for a Camera? Met with business owners and conducted enforcement issued 10 parking sidewalk violations were issued. Sgt. Gallagher will visit the location for trucks traveling the wrong way.

Sgt. Gallagher will visit the Illegal business on 37<sup>th</sup> Street with a camper that is being rented.

Chairperson Danielle Brecker reported double and triple parking near 22nd Street between 43<sup>rd</sup> and Queens Plaza South. Sgt. Gallagher will revisit the location.

A board member reported on the following:

- unprotected bike lane on 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Street between 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Greenpoint avenue, rush hour they are chronically blocked.
- 48<sup>th</sup> Street between Northern Boulevard and 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, chronic problem, bike lanes are blocked.

Debra Markell Kleinert reported 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 57<sup>th</sup> to 59, there is double parking and parking on the sidewalk.

Sheila Lewandowski discussed the issue of people advertising on social media advertising overnight stays in vehicles as AirB&B Urban Experience. Sgt. Gallagher recommended speaking to Community Affairs.

Enforcement has been conducted at the Queensboro Bridge, seized over 50 motorized scooters and illegal bikes.

Sgt. Gallagher reported that you cannot have anything covering your license plate.

#### **UPDATE BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

- NYC Hunters Point South Ferry – update on the alternative locations for the Hunters Point South Ferry landing.

Tara Das introduced her colleague Nina Verosa.

Nina Verosa, Transportation Planner, EDC provided a presentation on the NYC Hunters Point South Ferry Landing – Alternative Analysis Study Update (copy attached, Attachment #1)

Tara Das discussed the timeline of the study and the next steps. Still in the process of doing the alternatives analysis study, expect it to wrap up later in the summer, then will do informal and formal engagement study and will return later in the Fall with a final report and recommendations to the community.

#### **Q & A**

#### **UPDATE BY MTA – DANIEL RANDELL**

- MTA Northern Blvd. M/R ADA Expansion

Daniel Randell, Assistant Director, Government & Community Relations, MTA provided a presentation on the ADA Accessibility Upgrades - Northern Boulevard Station M & R (copy attached Attachment #2)

#### **Q & A**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

##### **DOT – DISTRICT WIDE**

- Provide an update on the Mayor Adams 1000 Citywide DOT initiative on intersection improvements and the impact on the CB2 District. (Any intersections within CB 2, What is the process to get on the list) (CB 2 Sent a letter - DOT-566033-Z7L8). As per DOT, the unit is currently reviewing requests and will get back before the end of the year/early next year.
- Provide an update on the Queensboro bridge pedestrian cyclist lane. CB2 is requesting an expedited timeline. (CB2 provided a letter and CB 2 is looking for a response to the CB 2 Letter)
- Provide an update on the clear markings along the Northern Blvd. Protected Bike Lane Path.

- TC response to rejection of DOT response that meters will remain as is... review regulation changes for all 12/14-hour meters to 4 hours within CB 2. (DOT-481113-J7B9)
- Provide update on Open Restaurants. Requesting Formal Guidelines with criteria and fee schedules)
- Provide an update on the Citi Bike Share program. What is the process for incorporating and sharing feedback which is due on March 1, 2022. Continue Discussion
- DOT is conducting a Parking Study for Congestion Pricing initiative (DOT-481113-J7B9)
- Provide an update on the new initiative of the Jersey Barriers within CB 2. DOT stated location of Vernon Blvd between 46<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Road. Please provide updated timeline. (LETTER SUBMITTED BY CB2 DOT-584992-Y8N0))

## **REQUEST UPDATES FROM DOT**

### **Blissville**

- Discussion of reconsideration of DOTs decision that no action is needed at the intersection of Van Dam, 35th Street and Starr Avenue where a construction fence has been erected; curb-to-curb - sending pedestrians into the street with no protection.
- The Blissville Greenway from K bridge to G bridge along Review Avenue connecting Laurel Hill and Blissville and the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. Councilman Van Bramer has written a letter of support for this community inspired project that is also contained in the CB2s "Top 10" budget priorities. DOT-484255-K7Q6 – Request an update
- Request DOT conduct a feasibility study on 37<sup>th</sup> Street between Review Avenue and Starr Avenue. Change directional and if not approved, add a left turn signal from Review Avenue onto 37<sup>th</sup> going east. CB2 sent a letter to DOT (DOT-537677-J6D9)

Commissioner Garcia reported on the following:

- DOT Currently assessing the feasibility of converting 37<sup>th</sup> from a one way east bound to a one way west bound. Will come back to the Committee with their findings. Looking at this area and pedestrian safety and bicyclist safety improvements in the area. They will come back to talk about engagement and what these safety improvements will look like. Will be joining MTA at the September CB2 meeting.
- Provided an update on the Borden Avenue Pump Station which is interfering with a crosswalk. DOT went out and met with the counterparts at DEP and will aim to have more updates as the discussion progresses. DEP is aware of the issue.
- Reported on the missing pedestrian signal at Queens Plaza South on Queens Boulevard and Jackson Avenue on the northwest corner. DOT is aware of the issue and they are in the process of taking counts. The condition will remain as a stop control and are asking engineers if this can be signalized.

- Reported on crossing time from north to south over the past several weeks. DOT has been testing out some timing and have been able to increase the crossing time. At 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Streets they tweaked some time and added a few more seconds and will be able to continue to work on it and will continue to monitor.
- Reported that the Queens Borough Bridge south outer roadway, there is a supply chain related issue for the bridge opening and it is something beyond their control. It will be more into 2024.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge, Council Member Won reached out to DOT about lighting and they were able to get a crew out there and they have since repaired.
- A discussion about the 21<sup>st</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge took place.

Debra Markell Klienert thanked DOT for moving the bench on 44<sup>th</sup> Street just off Queens Boulevard.

- Maspeth Industrial Business Zone Safety Enhancements part II. Provide an update
- Request for Inclusion of Intersection of Greenpoint Avenue and Starr Ave as part of Mayor Adams 100 citywide DOT Initiative on Intersection Improvements. (DOT-565909-V4X8 – DOT Letter on November 25, 2022, as per DOT conditions have not changed)
- Request for improvements to Van Dam Street and Greenpoint Avenue – In Early October, DOT received a request for improvements at this location and along Greenpoint Avenue bike lane between Brooklyn and Queens. DOT will consider adding connection to the NYC bicycle network as they develop new projects
- “No thru truck traffic signage” - There are only 4 streets in Blissville that allow permit trucks to travel through the street (1) review avenue (2) Greenpoint Avenue (3) Borden Avenue and (4) Van Dam. All other trucks should only be allowed with “truck traffic for local deliveries only” signage. CB 2 is requesting signage alerting trucks of this rule to aid NYPD with enforcement. Specific streets CB2 requests “No thru truck traffic signage” included at 35th Street and 37th Street (DOT-581076-X9W1)
- The Committee reported the painted lines on the road (THE PAINTED LINE BULB OUT at STARR and GREENPOINT) have vanished and a request was made to have them refurbished. DOT reported, they will investigate getting the markings done as soon as the warm weather returns. Provide an update. (DOT -581065-J1R6)
- The committee discussed the Complete Streets Program and requested a review of this.; Specifically, after learning that there was in fact, no part 2 coming to Blissville following the Maspeth Industrial Business Zone Safe Enhancements. Tom suggested that maybe the Governor’s Complete Streets Program that is to pay for 87% of a project that uses complete street methodology could be the answer for Blissville.

## **Court Square**

- Crescent Street request to change the diagonal markings and expand the sidewalk. case number DOT-516190-R6K9. Request update.
- Request a feasibility study for Crescent Street between 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 44<sup>th</sup> Road east side of the street.

### **Sunnyside Shines (BID) Request – Open Street**

- Request to close 46<sup>th</sup> Street between Queens Blvd and Greenpoint Avenue.
  - With limited local access for deliveries.
- Request relocating loading zone on Greenpoint Avenue for the Supermarket. (DOT-592186-G4Z0)

### **Sunnyside**

- Request for speed camera for PS199 on 38<sup>th</sup> Street between 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Greenpoint Avenue (DOT-578535-F1B6) (DOT SENT LETTER) PS 199 and Aviation and Technical High School are covered by Existing Mobile and Fixed Speed Enforcement Programs at Eastbound Greenpoint Avenue from 37<sup>th</sup> Street to 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Westbound Greenpoint Ave from 43<sup>rd</sup> to 37<sup>th</sup> street, eastbound 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 38<sup>th</sup> Street and westbound 48<sup>th</sup> Ave and 38<sup>th</sup> 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. (Letter to DOT)

### **Woodside**

- Wynoode Gardens update on Citi bike installation.
- 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?
- Request an update on traffic control study at 67<sup>th</sup> Street and Garfield Avenue:
  - Enhanced Crosswalks – Garfield Avenue and 67<sup>th</sup> Street (DOT-499828-Z0H6) Provide an update based on safety at schools?
  - Speed Mobile Enforcement – Garfield Avenue and 67<sup>th</sup> Street (DOT-500207-P9J1) Letter received from DOT concerning fixed speed enforcement program. Provide Implementation schedule?
- 58<sup>th</sup> and Laurel Hill Blvd – heading west. Complaint that the right lane now only lets you turn right onto 58<sup>th</sup> and now go straight (DOT-531299-VOV2) Provide an update.
- 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)
- Request for a Feasibility Study for Safety Improvements and Traffic Calming Measures on 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Woodside Avenue to 58<sup>th</sup> Street (DOT-565057-R2T9)
- Request for a Feasibility Study for the Installation of a Protected Bike Lane on 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Woodside Avenue to Roosevelt Avenue (DOT -565044-C0Y1) (dot sent

letter currently assessing options to connect the Bike Blvd. between woodside, Jackson heights and existing bike network to improve safety working to developing a proposal)

- Letter of Support for Citi bike Docking Stations in District 30 within confines of CB2. (DOT-565063-D7B9)
- Request for a Feasibility Study for Safety Improvements at 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and Laurel Hill Blvd at the entrance to the Kosciuszko Bride Pedestrian and Bike Pathway (Additional Lighting DOT-566039-Y2G6)
- 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 (DOT 565915-H2X2) Provide an update.

### **Woodside Speed Reducers**

- Speed Cushion request on 58<sup>th</sup> Street from 39<sup>th</sup> Ave to Woodside Ave. (DOT- 433629-RSM3) Request an update - DOT states this is still an active study. Please provide an updated timeline as this is near a school. CB2 submitted a letter to DOT (DOT-537619-L2C2) (REQUEST DENIED AS PER DOT LETTER DATED OCTOBER 31, 2022). Request DOT TO LOOK INTO SPEED CUSHIONS.
- Speed cushion request at 58<sup>th</sup> Street from 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Woodside Avenue (DOT-578679-L5X7)
- 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue Protected Bike Lane Progress – Nearing completion; additional markings and truffle paint for pedestrian areas as well as vertical elements are now the focus prior to completion.

### **Long Island City**

- Loading Zone request in front of City Lights building 4-74 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue, LIC (Letter submitted to DOT-566068-K8W8) DOT AIMS TO INSTALL IN THE SPRING.
- Request a study on how to provide better signage in front of the southeast corner of Vernon Boulevard and 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue. CB2 is requesting no standing signage at the intersection. (DOT DOT-567352-K7B3)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Borden Avenue under the Pulaski Bridge Entrance and Exit to midtown tunnel requesting a turning lane and a left turn signal (DOT-497660 Z4G6). DOT denied continue discussion. (Site Visit with DOT) CB2 discussion on resubmitting as separate items and breaking up the request.
- 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.
- 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?
- Multi Way Stop – Borden Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street (DOT 508287-VOB8) – Provide an update.
- 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue Pedestrian Bridge (also known as the 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue Pedestrian Food Bridge) Request an update on a letter from DOT to send to CB 2 to close this project.

- Request for a feasibility study for the installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) at the Lights around CUNY LaGuardia Community College/Bard High School Early College (Request submitted to DOT) (DOT533922H3F1) Please provide an update. Open
- 44<sup>th</sup> Drive PBL Implementation Update – Aim to be completed before the end of the year; flexible delineators and truffle paint for pedestrian areas are now the focus prior to completion.
- Request for refurbish markings on Queens Blvd btw Jackson Avenue and Skillman Avenue (DOT-578680-J6M7)
- 114-Year-Old Borden Avenue Bridge Gatekeeper House (Maintenance and Paint) (DOT DOT581085-N4CO)

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

MA Gurrado