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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

This meeting was teleconferenced on Zoom

Transportation Committee Members – Present

Sheila Lewandowski, Thomas Mituzas, Osman Chowdhury, Reilly Owens, Laura Shepard, Mary Torres

Transportation Committee Members – Absent

Morry Galonoy, Kristen McGowan

Community Board 2 Members Present

Rosamond Gianutsos, Caroline Spitzer

Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager, MaryAnn Gurrado

108th Police Precinct

Sgt. Pak

NYC Department of Transportation

Gretha Suarez

Guests – Public Comment

Randy Pummell, Jodi Lipka

Guests

Debora Carhauap, Pat Florio, Judy Flood

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

“Serving the Communities of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside, and Maspeth”

Public Comment

- Randy Pummell discussed safety issues on 2nd Street between 51st Avenue to 54th Avenue, near PS384. Mr. Pummell will send an email to the CB 2 Office outlining the details.
- Jodi Lipka discussed safety issues on Queens Street which is causing traffic back up onto Jackson Avenue. CB 2 acknowledged that her complaint was received and sent to DOT.

UPDATE BY 108TH POLICE PRECINCT ON TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Sgt. Pak reported on the following:

- Traffic Calming issues – Blissville – PD has issued 20 summonses. Traffic teams have been going to the location and speaking to business owners. There are teams there each day.
- Van Dam and Bradley Avenue Auto Body Shops
- Crescent Street between 43rd Avenue and 44th Road – enforcement needed (triple parking) – PD has been out there and has issued 38 parking summonses. PD will continue to monitor the location and conduct enforcement.
- 37th Street between Bradley Avenue and Starr Avenue – Enforcement of cars coming down the wrong direction – Request for a Camera? PD has issued 31 summonses issued.

A discussion about safety issues at the following locations took place:

- Penske Trucking has double the amount of trucks that can park in their lot. Their trucks are parked throughout the neighborhood. PD reported they are not allowed to park overnight on the street. Penske is also selling autos parked on the streets.
- Railroad Avenue, a waste management company will be expanding their business and there will be more trucks traveling through Blissville.

Sgt. Pak reported that they had a meeting with Penske last week.

A discussion about the lack of No Thru Truck Traffic signage on 37th Street and other streets in Blissville. Sgt. Pak recommended the request for signage go to DOT. The following locations of where trucks are turning and getting stuck when making turns are as follows:

- 35th from Van Dam Street to Bradley Avenue
- Greenpoint Avenue between Starr Avenue and 37th Street

DOT requested a letter be sent to CB 2 with the locations.

The topic of a trio of bills sponsored by Council member Aviles regarding trucks and routing was discussed and a request was made to review these bills. The Committee will send links for review.

A request was made for information on a crash that occurred on 4th Drive and 21st Street was discussed.

DOT – DISTRICT WIDE

- 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) As of right now, there are no updates at this time. Council Member pushed hard for an expedited timeline.
- 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 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)
- Provide an update on the new initiative of the Jersey Barriers within CB 2. DOT stated location of Vernon Blvd between 46th and 30th Road. Please provide updated timeline.

DOT PRESENTATION ON CAR SHARE – This presentation will take place at the November 1, 2022, Transportation Committee Meeting.

REQUEST UPDATES FROM DOT

Blissville

- 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 37th Street between Review Avenue and Starr Avenue. Change directional and if not approved, add a left turn signal from Review Avenue onto 37th going east. CB2 sent a letter to DOT (DOT-537677-J6D9)
- Maspeth Industrial Business Zone Safety Enhancements part II,
- 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)

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 43rd Avenue and 44th Road east side of the street.

Sunnyside

- CB 2 sent a letter of request for a feasibility study for a slow zone sign and a speed reducer on 38th Street between 48th Avenue and Greenpoint Avenue (10/14/ 2020) Neighborhood slow zone (DOT-478719-Q9P4) Speed Reducer (DOT-478711-P8D2). REQUEST DENIED CB2 is requesting traffic calming measures.

- Request for a Feasibility Study for Safety Improvements at 43rd Street and Laurel Hill Blvd at the entrance to the Kosciuszko Bridge Pedestrian and Bike Pathway. (Letter to DOT)

Woodside

- Wynoode Gardens update on Citibike installation.
- Request to 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 announced an October 31, 2022, Implementation Date.
- 56th Drive between 56th Street and Maurice Avenue was installed today, and the rest of the street improvement project is following up on in two weeks, such as daylighting and pedestrian improvements is part of the Maspeth IBZ. What's Happening Here Flyer was sent out.
- Request for feasibility study for a one-way conversion on 50th Avenue between 69th Street and 65th Place. (DOT-483019-P9P2) request an update.
- Request an update on traffic control study at 67th Street and Garfield Avenue. DOT reported that a fixed speed camera has been installed at this location.
 - Enhanced Crosswalks – Garfield Avenue and 67th Street (DOT-499828-Z0H6) Provide an update based on safety at schools?
 - Speed Mobile Enforcement – Garfield Avenue and 67th Street (DOT-500207-P9J1) Letter received from DOT concerning fixed speed enforcement program. Provide Implementation schedule?
- 58th and Laurel Hill Blvd – heading west. Complaint that the right lane now only lets you turn right onto 58th and now go straight (DOT-531299-VOV2) DOT announced this can be removed from the agenda. This markings and correction went in this summer.
- Request for a Feasibility Study for Safety Improvements on Broadway and 37th Avenue and on 63rd Street to 69th Street near the BQE Exit (DOT-565073-X3Q1)
- Request for a Feasibility Study for Safety Improvements and Traffic Calming Measures on 39th Avenue between Woodside Avenue to 58th Street (DOT-565057-R2T9)
- Request for a Feasibility Study for the Installation of a Protected Bike Lane on 39th Avenue between Woodside Avenue to Roosevelt Avenue (DOT -565044-COY1)
- Letter of Support for Citibike Docking Stations in District 30 within confines of CB2. (DOT-565063-D7B9)
- Request for a Feasibility Study for Safety Improvements at 43rd 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 43rd Street and Laurel Hill Blvd at the entrance to the Kosciuszko Bride Pedestrian and Bike Pathway (DOT 565915-H2X2)

DOT will be sending a What's Happening Here Flyer on the Protected Bike Lane (PBL) for 34th Avenue this week.

DOT reported that the 44th Drive layout has been started and markings will be done soon.

A discussion took place regarding 11th Street and Jackson Avenue. DOT reported this will not be going in this year due to resource limitations. 44th will be completed and then 11th Street and Jackson will most likely be in the spring.

A discussion about 44th and 11th Street and 44th and 23rd took place as these intersections are challenging and there are safety issues for cyclists trying to turn. DOT will look into this.

Woodside Speed Reducers

- Speed Cushion request on 58th Street from 39th 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)

Long Island City

- Loading Zone request in front of City Lights building 4-74 48th Avenue, LIC (Letter submitted to DOT-566068-K8W8)
- Request for a one-way conversion southbound – 5th Street between 50th Avenue and Borden Avenue (DOT-509191-57R9) – Received CB 2 letter of support. Please provide an implementation date. The DOT is aiming for November installation date, but no date has been provided yet.
- Request a study on how to provide better signage in front of the southeast corner of Vernon Boulevard and 48th Avenue. CB2 is requesting no standing signage at the intersection. (CB 2 sent a new letter (DOT -567352-K7B3)
- 11th 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 47th Road transfer of property from State to City. Please continue to provide update. 47th Road and N Basin Road. Paving stones collapsing in intersection at Center Blvd. north of 47th Road.
- Request for a one-way conversion on 31st Place between 47th Avenue and 48th Avenue (DOT-497662-R8J2). (APPROVED) Provide Implementation date?
- Multi Way Stop – Borden Avenue and 5th Street (DOT 508287-VOB8) – Provide an update.
- 51st Avenue Pedestrian Bridge (also known as the 21st 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

CB2 District Wide Initiatives and other Agencies

- MTA Disruptions
- NYC Ferry – provide regular ridership updates and any plans for schedules changes and/or expansions

Gretha Suarez, DOT announced that this will be her last Transportation Committee meeting in this role and that she would be moving to a new position within DOT in the Bikes Unit. She thanked everyone for being so respectful.

Tom Mituzas made a motion, and it was seconded by Laura Shepard to send a letter to the mayor on the following:

On behalf of the sheltered populations in the Community Board 2 district, CB 2 is requesting the installation of secure bicycle and micro-mobility-device parking locations and means to safely store batteries for the electronic bicycle and micro-mobility-devices.

We request that both the storage units and battery storage units be adjacent to or within the immediate vicinity to temporary and permanent shelters throughout Community Board 2.

Many of our shelters exist in the transportation desert of Queens, for many living in the shelter bicycles and micro-mobility-devices are the only means of transportation, and for some these devices are their only means of income and are essential to their livelihood.

All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and no abstentions.

This will go to the full board for a vote.

The meeting was adjourned. The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place on November 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by:
MA Gurrado

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