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**June 7, 2022**

**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**This meeting was teleconferenced on Zoom**

## **Transportation Committee Members – Present**

*Sheila Lewandowski, Thomas Mituzas, Osman Chowdhury, Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos, Kristen McGowan, Reilly Owens, Laura Shepard, Mary Torres*

## **Transportation Committee Members – Absent**

*Morry Galonoy, Steven Raga*

## **Community Board 2 Staff**

*Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager, MaryAnn Gurrado*

## **Elected Officials/Representative**

*Isaac Blasenstein*

## **Economic Development Corporation**

*Jana Pohorelsky, Tara Das,*

## **NYC Department of Transportation**

*Gretha Suarez, Steven Solecki, Ryan Cuffe*

## **MTA**

*Lucille Songhai, Danny Randell, Luke DePalma*

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

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

*Sgt. Pak*

## **Guests**

*Antoine Thenor, Simon Betsatel, Sakiru Okeowa, Virginia Westervelt,*

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

Seth Slade – discussed citbike expansion and that he checked the bikeshare website and there was no updated plan. He is hoping this will be done soon.

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

Sgt. Pak provided the following update:

- Van Dam and Bradley Avenue Auto Body Shops - 2 tow operations were conducted, 19 summonses issued, 13 vehicles towed.
- 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 70<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> Street - 3 summonses issued for no standing, 108<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct is monitoring the location.
- Southeast corner of 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Vernon Boulevard – May 17, 2022, a tow operation was conducted, 1 arrest for forged plates, 2 vehicles were towed, 2 summonses were issued, May 14, 2022, a tow operation was conducted, 5 summonses were issued, 3 vehicles were towed.
- Crescent Street between 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 44<sup>th</sup> Road – enforcement needed (triple parking) 5 summonses were issued
- 37<sup>th</sup> Street between Bradley Avenue and Starr Avenue – Enforcement of cars coming down the wrong direction – Request for a Camera? 10 summonses were issued for moving violations.

Sgt. Pak reported that he has been speaking to the businesses.

Sgt. Pak reported that on the southeast corner of 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Vernon Boulevard where people are parking in two spots that are not really parking spots, the 108<sup>th</sup> has ticketed vehicles parking there.

Sheila Lewandowski requested DOT install clear markings at this intersection on 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Vernon Boulevard because they are not spots and it is confusing. It is two ways on the west side and one way going west on the other side and it is front of the dog park where people are parking.

DOT will follow up on this matter and send the case number.

Tom Mituzas requested an update on the study for 37<sup>th</sup> Street where motorists are traveling down the wrong direction against traffic,

Gretha Suarez reported that when they do the Greenway study, they will take this into account as it will be a larger project. The offer still stands for an official letter whether it be from him or CB 2 that summarizes concerns to make the case.

Sheila Lewandowski reported that a letter was submitted when the conversion first happened. Tom Mituzas reported that the last letter sent was for a study in two parts, one being reversing the one way and if not, we need a study adding a left turn signal on Review Avenue onto 37 Street if the DOT is not willing to reverse it.

Gretha Suarez reported this will be looked at with the Greenway planning study and will keep the CB 2 posted.

In response to an inquiry, Sgt. Pak did not have any information concerning a cyclist who was injured on Greenpoint Avenue and 47<sup>th</sup> Street at this time. He will look into it and provide an update at the next meeting.

#### **Presentation by DOT Freight – Maspeth IBZ Safety Enhancement Presentation**

Steve Solelcki, Freight Mobility Unit, NYC Department of Transportation provided a Presentation on Maspeth IBZ Safety Enhancements (copy attached).

This presentation was provided to the Maspeth Industrial Business Association (MIBA), so they are aware of this plan.

A discussion about the one-way conversion eastbound conversion from Rust Street to Maurice Avenue took place.

Questions were entertained.

#### **EDC – NYC Ferry**

- **Presentation regarding NYC Ferry** - Improvements to the Hunters Point South Ferry Landing.

Tara Das discussed updates concerning the Hunters Point South Ferry Landing and reported on the following:

Hunters Point South Ferry Landing – The oldest landing in the system, only has one slip. Does not meet current ridership needs due to the size and current conditions. It cannot accommodate 350-passenger NYC ferry vessels. Does not have electric bow-loading ramps for full ease and accessibility for riders using wheelchairs, strollers, bikes, and canes. Does not provide direct access to queuing areas and ticketing booths.

Project Goals and Proposed Landing – Enlarge the Ferry Landing, increase ridership capacity of landing, improve ADA Access, Improve Service Reliability, meet climate resiliency design standards.

New Ferry Landing Location – they intend to meet the goals by enlarging and updating the ferry landing however the current location can't support the changes they want to make. It will move just a little bit.

They will reorient it to be horizontal and parallel with the esplanade there for safety reasons to accommodate the tidal conditions that the site experiences.

#### Timeline and Next Steps

- June 7, 2022, Queens CB 2 Presentation
- Summer 2022 DEC/Army Corp. Permit Application and PDC Preliminary Submission
- Winter 2023: PDC Final Submission
- Summer 2023: Design Completion
- Fall 2023: Construction
- Winter 2023: Launch

Questions were entertained.

#### **MTA**

##### **Presentation on Flushing Line Station Projects.** - Updates on #7 Line Flushing Line Station Projects

Lucille Songhai introduced her MTA colleagues.

Michael, representative from MTA discussed the Flushing line improvements and provided a slide presentation (copy is attached Attachment #2)

Questions were entertained.

#### **DOT – District Wide**

- 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. Gretha Suarez stated she spoke to the unit, and they are going to be uploading the final map this month and as soon as it is they will email to the Board and blast it out and implantation will be this summer.
- 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. Gretha Suarez reported they are putting them in from 41st Avenue to Honeywell Street. They are going back tomorrow night finish a stretch from 40<sup>th</sup> Road to 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue. There is also a segment closer to the Honeywell Bridge that they will come back later to try new types of barriers and will be doing this summer.
- Provide an update on Mayor Adams 1000 citywide DOT initiative on intersection improvements and the impact on CB2 District. (Any intersections within CB2, what is the process to get on the list). Gretha Suarez stated that the intersections that stand out to be include in the initiative requested that these locations be flagged, and DOT will work with CB 2 office to see what was approved and or denied. Gretha will speak to Debra Markell Kleinert to work on this over the summer.

Tom Mituzas reported that recently there was a walk through with members of Council Member Won's Office through Blissville. The Blissville Civic is asking that rather than introduce a bulb out for traffic

calming measures to incorporate trees and bring greenery back to this heavily industrial area. Gretha Suarez stated this needs to go to the Parks Department.

### **Woodside Speed Reducers**

- Speed Cushion request on 58<sup>th</sup> Street from 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Woodside Avenue (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. CB 2 submitted a letter to DOT (DOT-537619-L2C2). Gretha Suarez will follow up and does not have an update at this time. She requested CB 2 can send a follow up email with regard to this request.

### **REQUEST UPDATES FROM DOT** - Follow-up on DOT Issues

#### **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 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)

#### **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?
- Request for feasibility study for a one-way conversion on 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 69<sup>th</sup> Street and 65<sup>th</sup> Place. (DOT-483019-P9P2) request an update.

Gretha Suarez reported that for the one-way conversions of 63<sup>rd</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> Street will be implemented this summer and she will send an email when the implementation date is secured.

#### **Long Island City**

- Request for a one-way conversion southbound – 5<sup>th</sup> Street between 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Borden Avenue (DOT-509191-57R9) – Received CB 2 letter of support. Please provide an implementation date. Gretha Suarez reported that on the one-way conversion presented for 5<sup>th</sup> Street. 5<sup>th</sup> Street will be done first, and she will send out an email once the implementation date is set.

#### **Old Business:**

- Review Transportation Committee Goals / Mission and Stake holder list.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

MA Gurrado

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