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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

This meeting was teleconferenced on Zoom

Transportation Committee Members Present

*Sheila Lewandowski, Osman Chowdhury, Morry Galonoy, Kristen McGowan, Reilly Owens,
Laura Shepard, Mary Torres*

Community Board 2 Members Present

Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos

Transportation Committee Members Absent

Thomas Mituzas

108th Police Precinct

Sgt. Pak, Police Officer Diana Torres

NYC Department of Transportation

Jason Banrey, Stevie Feig

Public Comment

Patricia Florio, Wynwoode Gardens Civic Association

Guests

Torrey A. Fishman, Zip Car

Adrienne Moretz, Getaround

Emily Chingay

Hector Vega

Gregory Carvajal

Sheila Lewandowski welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Pat Florio thanked CB2's Transportation Committee for allowing 63rd Street and 65th Street to be converted north bound. She announced it was completed and the community is very happy.

UPDATE BY 108TH POLICE PRECINCT ON TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Sgt. Pak introduced Police Officer Diana Torres, Traffic Officer and also announced Police Officer Singh moved to another position.

Sgt. Pak provided the following update:

- Traffic Calming issues – Blissville
- Van Dam and Bradley Avenue Auto Body Shops
- Crescent Street between 43rd Road and 44th Drive – enforcement needed (triple parking). Sgt. Pak reported that 19 double parking summonses were issued and business owners were spoken to regarding double parking during the day. It is slowly getting better.
- 37th Street between Bradley Avenue and Starr Avenue – Enforcement of cars coming down the wrong direction – Request for a Camera? Sgt. Pak reported that he needs to speak to DOT to try to get a camera at this location.

A discussion took place with regard to a request by the committee for the street to be converted in the other direction. CB 2 has requested the DOT look at this and that it would limit the speeding if it was going in the other direction.

Sgt. Pak reported the trucks are coming down the wrong direction of traffic. CB 2 has requested a camera at 37th Street facing northbound. Sgt. Pak reported that he will reach out to Tom Mituzas.

Jason Banrey reported the DOT installs cameras within the catchment area of, and a quarter mile of, a school. They will conduct an overall review with some of the intel that CB 2 has provided and place a camera if it is feasible.

A discussion about observational cameras took place

A recommendation was made to follow up with the Blissville Community with regard to revisiting the issue of reversing the direction of traffic at this location.

Sgt. Pak reported there are many Penske trucks, nighttime parking and many summonses are being issued and reported 5 moving vehicle summonses and 2-511 collars/arrests at this location.

A discussion about impounded vehicles took place and how long it takes for them to be removed.

Questions were entertained.

DOT PRESENTATION ON CAR SHARE – NYC Department of Transportation provided a presentation on Car Share. (A copy of the presentation is attached. Attachment #1)

- Stevie Feig, NYC DOT provided a presentation on the Carshare Permanent Program.
- Torrey A. Fishman Zip car provided a presentation on Zipcar.
- Adrienne Moretz provided a presentation on Getaround.

A member of the committee asked questions and provided input on the following:

Accessibility for the disabled & caregivers transporting disabled family members and those in their care. The companies allow customers to reserve vehicles with hand controls up to 48 hours in advance but do not allow for reservations of particular types of vehicles for those needing more space for things like wheelchairs, oxygen tanks and other equipment.

Privacy rights for those rejected because of prior driving issues, with special needs, registered as living in partner areas like NYCHA, receiving SNAP benefits, etc. Neither the City nor the companies would confirm that private information is not shared. The committee suggested bringing a resolution to the full board demanding the City and State require privacy protection in all City/State contracts providing services to the public.

The Committee recommended the companies expand their discounts that are currently offered to NYCHA residents and SNAP recipients to families in deeply affordable housing and/or receiving other benefits like SSI/Disability, Medicaid, etc.

EV vehicles - the Committee questioned the City and the companies' on their plans to include EV charging stations at the sites and to be all or mostly electric.

Site Selections - the Committee questioned the site selections as they are not serving areas most in need. They specifically said they are located the sites close to public transportation for multi-modal uses but not considering areas with little access to public transportation i.e. Blissville, Maspeth and other areas far from the trains.

The Committee asked for additional demographic information of existing users related to age, income and family status.

Additional questions were asked specific to accessibility and equity.

Sheila Lewandowski requested the DOT provide a presentation to Community Board 2.

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)
- 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). Greenpoint Avenue Bridge Intersection, coming off Pulaski on Jackson Avenue and 11th Street. DOT will take a look at the Greenpoint Avenue Bridge Intersection and will provide feedback.
- A discussion about congestion pricing took place. DOT reported there is still conversations happening at the state level. No updates as of yet. Program may launch in late 2023 2024. There will be public meetings, and MTA would be a better authority to provide information.
- 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 reported that some have been stalled north of Dutch Kills headed west. No further updates. The focus has been on CB 6 east of Eliot and east of Queens Center Mall. If they come back, they will provide CB2 with notification.

Questions were entertained.

The Transportation Committee requested an update on the following:

- 44th Drive – schedule for completion - DOT reported they will provide an update.
- 34th Avenue Protected Bike Lane – stop signs requested on 37th Avenue from 59th and 60th Streets
- Study a redesign requested for 48th Street between Northern Boulevard and 37th Avenue.
- 39th Avenue near PS 361, there are safety issues with school children being forced to walk out into the street due to the DOT rebuilding of pedestrian ramps on the corners, no temporary sidewalks are provided. DOT reported he will follow up on this and will do a site visit and the DOT will double their efforts to make the area safe.
- Cobble stone maintenance on Center Boulevard and the crosswalks – this is new agenda item under New Business.

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? **Jason Banrey announced this was done on November 1, 2022.**
- 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:
 - 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) Provide an update. REMOVE as per DOT from October meeting.
- 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-C0Y1)
- 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)

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). **Jason Banrey**

reported he will follow up on this issue and report back to CB 2. (This location is near two schools which is PS361 and St. Sebastian's between 57th and 58th Street).

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. DOT announced the implementation date is November 14, 2022.
- 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. (DOT 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.

A discussion about the seasonal maintenance of the cobblestones took place and that there needs to be a discussion about whether they should be removed and replaced. DOT will find out what the maintenance plan for the part that is city owned.

- Request for a one-way conversion on 31st Place between 47th Avenue and 48th Avenue (DOT-497662-R8J2). (APPROVED) Provide Implementation date? DOT announced this has been improved and implementation date for this location is scheduled for next season.
- 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

Old Business:

New Business:

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
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