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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

This meeting was teleconferenced on Zoom

Board Members – Present

Thomas Mituzas, Osman Chowdhury, Morry Galonoy, Reilly Owens, Laura Shepard

Community Board 2 Members – Present

Danielle Brecker, Caroline Spitzer, Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos

Board Members – Absent

Sheila Lewandowski

Public Members – Present

Seth Slade

Public Members – Absent

Patricia Pan

Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager

MaryAnn Gurrado

Elected Officials/Representatives

Tseyang, Representing New York City Council Member Julie Won

MTA

Daniel Randell

NYC Department of Transportation

Christy Vanterpool-Germaine

Guests

Claudia Chan, LaGuardia Community College

Joby Jacob, LaGuardia Community College

Patricia Florio, Wynwoode Gardens

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

Claudia Chan, LaGuardia Community College introduced her colleague Joby Jacob.

They discussed that LaGuardia Community College has applied to DOT for 29th Street between Skillman and 47th Avenue to become a Plaza beginning on April 19, 2023 for 8 Wednesdays.

Joby Jacob discussed programming for Plaza Days which will take place from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Flyer will be forwarded to the CB 2 Office.

UPDATE BY 108TH POLICE PRECINCT ON TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

- Traffic Calming issues – Blissville
- Van Dam and Bradley Avenue Auto Body Shops
- Crescent Street between 43rd Avenue and 44th Road – enforcement needed (triple parking)
- 37th Street between Bradley Avenue and Starr Avenue – Enforcement of cars coming down the wrong direction – Request for a Camera?

UPDATE BY MTA – DANIEL RANDELL

Daniel Randell provided the following updates:

- Queens Bus Network Redesign – Approaching the release of the new proposed final plan. Want to attend the June full board meeting to present the plan to everyone. Will be doing outreach throughout the summer. Will do something similar to what they did with release of the first plan. Plan will be released before they come in June.
- A briefing was held with elected officials a few weeks ago to discuss the 7 stations along the 7 Line. The 52nd Street, 61st Street and 69th Street will be getting state of good repair work. They will be reevaluating the mezzanine spaces, new staircases, mezzanines with regraded floors, better lighting, inspecting structural columns, new digital communication systems, CCTV, public information to extend the structural life span of these stations by another quarter century. Construction will begin this June. Will not close any stations while they do this work and this work is essential.
- Timeline February 2024 Manhattan Bound 7 trains will bypass the station to allow for work to be done. From July to December, it switches to the Flushing bound side. During that side there is a lot of work to be done. At all stations, they will rehabilitate platform components new installations of detectable warning strips at edges, replacing all stairs from street to mezzanine and mezzanine to the platform, regrading the floors on mezzanine level upgrading new windscreens new lighting fixtures including LED lights already installed at 61st Street, more

passenger information CCTV, cameras and digital information points. All stations will receive new artwork. At some stations there will be new roof components and will inspect roofs of all stations to determine if they need work and structural columns will be inspected and as needed will be replaced.

- 29th Street Bulkhead – Did not provide any updates.

Q & A

Cristy Vanterpool-Germaine announced the DOT plans to meet with the Transportation Committee in May to discuss the Northern Boulevard Bus Safety Improvement Project Updates.

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). Legislation is still on going, no updates as of yet
- 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 46th and 30th Road. Please provide updated timeline. (LETTER SUBMITTED BY CB2 DOT-584992-Y8N0)) Received letter and the unit is investigating

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) There is a protected bike lane study ongoing for this area. Directional change is being considered in this study and it is still pending.
- 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) Still pending, study is due in May or June.
- 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) Street markings refurbishment were approved for Greenpoint and Starr Avenues.
- 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.

The Committee requested an adjustment to the timing on Borden Avenue and Review Avenue which is very dangerous. DOT will investigate.

The Committee requested an investigation at Van Dam Street, 35th Street and Starr Avenue which has construction going on. A fence has been placed from street to street blocking the sidewalk. No alternative for people to traverse this area as they have walk out into the street. The case was closed out by 311. DOT will investigate this matter.

The Committee discussed the 11 lane intersection at the base of the Greenpoint Avenue Bridge continues to be a hazardous area and along with the intersection which is dangerous, accidents are occurring there weekly.

The committee discussed Phase II as part of the Maspeth Industrial Zone Transformation Project and when it will be coming to Blissville.

The Committee discussed crosswalks that are have not been painted on Woodside Avenue and 39th Avenue.

The Committee discussed the Blissville Greenway that connects Borden, Review, Rust and 56th Street. There is a difference of what was there in 2002 to what is in the amended plan for 2023. DOT will investigate.

The Committee discussed a cluster of injuries on 47th Avenue between 49th Stret and 43rd Street. Requested the area be looked at and a request was made for a letter from the board.

The Committee made an inquiry regarding the Citibike Docking Station on 48th Street and Barnett. DOT stated it was removed temporarily due to Con Ed work and will be put in.

The Committee discussed a citibike station at Queens Boulevard and 40th Street to be possibly pushed back a few feet as it is dangerous.

The Committee discussed that at Queens Boro Plaza and Jackson Avenue south side facing south there is a missing pedestrian Signal, final one has not been installed.

The Committee requested that lines be repainted at the corner of Starr and Greenpoint Avenue.

The Committee is requesting trees and bulb outs in 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 43rd Avenue and 44th Road east side of the street.

Sunnyside Shines (BID) Request – Open Street

- Request to close 46th Street between Queens Blvd and Greenpoint Avenue.
 - With limited local access for deliveries.
- Request relocating loading zone on Greenpoint Avenue for the Supermarket.

DOT reported that open comments period is still ongoing, send comments in writing.

Sunnyside

- Request for speed camera for PS199 on 38th Street between 48th 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 37th Street to 43rd Street, Westbound Greenpoint Ave from 43rd to 37th street, eastbound 48th Avenue and 38th Street and westbound 48th Ave and 38th Street.
- 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 Citi bike installation. DOT is still monitoring the stations.
- 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?
- 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.
- 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) Still pending.
- Request for a Feasibility Study for Safety Improvements and Traffic Calming Measures on 39th Avenue between Woodside Avenue to 58th Street (DOT-565057-R2T9) Still pending
- 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) (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) Still pending.
- 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 43rd Street and Laurel Hill Blvd at the entrance to the Kosciuszko Bridge 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 Bridge Pedestrian and Bike Pathway (DOT 565915-H2X2) Provide an update.
- Speed camera was approved for 39th Avenue from Woodside to 58th Street.

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) (REQUEST DENIED AS PER DOT LETTER DATED OCTOBER 31, 2022). Request DOT TO LOOK INTO SPEED CUSHIONS.
- Speed cushion request at 58th Street from 39th Avenue to Woodside Avenue (DOT-578679-L5X7)
- 34th 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.

DOT reported these items are still pending

Long Island City

- Loading Zone request in front of City Lights building 4-74 48th Avenue, LIC (Letter submitted to DOT-566068-K8W8) DOT AIMS TO INSTALL IN THE SPRING. Still working on this request and should have a determination soon.
- 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.
- Request for a one-way conversion on 31st Place between 47th Avenue and 48th Avenue (DOT-497662-R8J2). (APPROVED) Provide Implementation date? Still pending.
- 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
- 44th 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)

CB2 District Wide Initiatives and other Agencies

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

Laura Shepard made a motion and it was seconded by Morry Galonoy to send a letter to MTA that they cross honor fairs at the Woodside LIRR Station throughout the duration of the construction of the Number 7 Line that removes express service as well as increased bus service on Roosevelt Avenue. All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and no abstentions.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Vision for 2023

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
MA Gurrado