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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024 (Revised)

I. DOT PRESENTATION

- A. Safety improvement along Main Street.
 - 1. New crosswalks will provide better crossings to bus stops.
 - 2. Bus stop reconstruction to make them ADA Compliant
 - 3. Curb extension and median tips - to reduce driver speed and make safer turns as well as to provide refuge medians for pedestrians.
 - 4. New median markings
- B. Update on Eastern Queens E-Scooter Share Program
- C. Hillside Avenue Bus Priority Safety Improvement Project (SIP)

II. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Assemblywoman Nily Rozic from DOT (Case #DOT-635551V9QUEENS7) requesting daylighting at multiple locations with the following results:
 - 1. 67th Ave & 173rd St -fire hydrant at Southwest corner. Daylighting is not feasible.
 - 2. 67th Ave & 174th St - it is a T-intersection. Daylighting is not feasible.
 - 3. 67th Ave & Fresh Meadow Lane - It's signalized. Daylighting is not feasible.
- B. Registration for Dining Out NYC
 - 1. Roadway Cafes - located in the curb lane or parking lane in front of a ground floor restaurant. Open 4/1-11/29/24
 - 2. Sidewalk Cafes - are located on public sidewalks fronting a ground floor restaurant. Open Year-round.
 - 3. Applications will be reviewed by DOT, Community Boards (CB have up to 40 days if they wish to hold Public Hearing, and submit a report), Borough Presidents, City Councilmembers, DOB, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, NYFD, Landmarks Preservation Commission.
 - 4. Applications are available online at DINIGOUTNYC@DOT.NYC.GOV
 - 5. License Fee for a 4-year term: \$1050 each; or \$2100 for both.
 - 6. Revocable Consent Fee is an annual charge based on geography and cafe size.
 - 7. Public Service Fee: a one-time fee if applicable. Amount varies.
 - 8. Security Deposit Fee: \$2500, refundable at end of term.
 - 9. Enforcement by DOT. Violations receive a CAR (Corrective Action Request) and have 30 days to comply. Subsequent violations may receive summonses, suspensions, or revocation of license.

- C. City of Cars Mobility and Vehicle Ownership is a survey by Hunter College for Spring 2024 they are no longer accepting applications (notification letter 3/24/24).
- D. NYC Street Ambassadors on Hillside Avenue - DOT representatives will be on Hillside Ave from Springfield Blvd to Queens Blvd requesting safety improvement comments from pedestrians and bus riders.
- E. City of Yes For Housing Opportunity Public Review - Referred by City Planning Commission to all 59 Community Boards. Proposal to help resolve housing shortage crisis in all boroughs.
 - 1. This proposal permits rental of attic, garage, basement, or yard space in single-family dwellings at market value. It permits developers to bypass floor/area ratios (FAR) and maximum height requirements. The City is seeking endorsement for this proposal from each Community Board.
- F. Congestion Pricing - Alternative pricing suggestions submitted to CB#8 have been forwarded to DOT for review. Multiple lawsuits have been initiated by states and municipalities.
- G. MTA Queens Bus Redesign - Many suggestions to modify proposed changes in bus schedules have been received from individuals and civic organizations they were forwarded to MTA.
 - 1. MTA has assured this committee that it will review all suggestions before enacting changes.
- H. DOT - Renaming the corner of Goethals Ave & 164th St. in honor of Natalie Rogers, founder of QCP (Queens Center for Progress). Ceremony took place May 10,2024
 - 1. Letters to our elected officials were sent on January 19, 2024, asking that they refrain from co-naming streets until "CB8 Queens deliberates and provides input".
- I. Drinks-To-Go Program has been extended for an additional 5 years. A total of two complaints were received since initiation statewide (one was against Doordash for delivering to a minor at home).
- J. NY Hall of Science (NYSCI) notified CB#8 that it extended the Queens Night Market for another year and that the Grand Central Parkway Eastbound Extension to Meridian Road will be closed on Saturdays 5/18-10/26/24 from 1 PM to 1 AM.to prevent illegal parking. Guards will be authorized to remove the barriers to permit emergency vehicle access.

III. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS REQUESTS

- A. DOT - request daylighting at the intersection of Dalny Rd & Wexford Terrace (CB8 Board member). DENIED, based upon review of existing conditions.
- B. DOT - request daylighting at the intersection of Dalny Rd & Somerset St. (CB8 Board member). DENIED, based upon review of existing conditions. All signs are in place, and there is daylighting on the NE corner.
- C. DOT - request daylighting at the intersection of Dalny Rd & Avon St. (CB8 Board member). DENIED, based upon review of existing conditions. All signs are in place, and there is daylighting on the NE corners, and a fire hydrant on the NW corner.
 COMMUNITY FOLLOW UP ON ABOVE REQUEST DENIALS WAS RECEIVED ON MAY 9, 2024 (see IV-L).
- D. DOT request - speed humps have been APPROVED for the following locations when funding is available:
 - 1. 185th St between 64th Ave & 73rd Ave.
 - 2. 185th St between 67th Ave & 69th Ave.
 - 3. 185th St between 64th Ave & 69th Ave.
- E. DOT request - additional lighting in front of 69-40 Main St. Has been APPROVED. **A LIGHT HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT THIS ADDRESS AT THE CLINIC ENTRANCE.**

F. DOT request - additional traffic control at the intersection of Queens Blvd & Van Wyck Expy SB service road. A new traffic signal has been approved at the cemetery entrance to the west of the Van Wyck Expy SB service road. The median cut-through will be closed so that all traffic will have to turn right at the traffic signal. **THIS LOCATION IS SOUTH OF CB#8 BORDER. THE WORK IS COMPLETE, NYPD OFFICERS ARE COMPLAINING OF A LOSS OF 30 PARKING SPACES IN THIS MODIFICATION. THEY REQUEST THAT DIAGONAL PARKING ALONG SOUTHBOUND VAN WYCK EXPRESSWAY BE DESIGNATED POLICE OFFICERS ONLY. THEY WERE REFERRED TO CB#10 FOR REQUEST FOLLOW UP.**

G. DOT request - speed humps has been APPROVED for the following location when funding is available: 75th Ave between Utopia Pkwy and 166th St.

H. DOT request - traffic signal at the corner of 171st & 67th Ave. DENIED

I. DOT request - speed humps has been APPROVED for the following location when funding is available Highland Ave between 164th St & 166th St.

J. DOT request - defective sidewalk repair in front of 144-47 70th Avenue. Location to be inspected by DOT. **NO SUCH LOCATION EXISTS IN CB#8 THERE IS A 70TH AVE AND RD BUT DEFECTIVE SIDEWALK WAS NOTED. REFER BACK TO DOT FOR CLARIFICATION.**

K. DOT has APPROVED a raised crosswalk at the intersection of Gothic Dr & 168th St. This is part of the Raised Crosswalk Program (flat top speed hump) near schools, parks, and senior centers (already done at 67th Ave & Main St., the tapered rise and fall of asphalt prevents car axles from bottoming out and the wide flat top at the intersection allows for safe pedestrian crossing).

L. DOT request (reported to 311)- resurface 84th Dr between Parsons Blvd & 150th St.

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N. DOT request - Modified signal timing on Hillside Ave between 168th St & 169 Place. DENIED. Timing is correct, this is an enforcement issue.

O. DOT request - modified signal timing at Main St & 72nd Ave. This has been done.

P. DOT request - speed humps have been APPROVED for the following location when funding is available: Surrey Pl between 80th Rd & Midland Pkwy.

IV. NEW REQUESTS

A. DOT request - stop sign at intersection of 148th St & 87th Rd. (individual)

B. DOT request - speed hump in front of 148-16 87th Rd. to facilitate children and parishioners' crossing street in front of mosque and school. (Individual)

C. DOT request - guard rail from on Park Drive East from Jewel Ave to 72nd Ave on the West side. To prevent vehicles from falling on the Van Wyck Expy. (Individual)

D. DOT request - left turn signal on Parsons Blvd onto Hillside Ave. to alleviate vehicle and roadway congestion. (individual)

E. DOT request - modification of traffic signal timing on 73rd Ave between 199th St & Francis Lewis Blvd. (Individual) (This was last turned down by DOT on 8/2022)

F. DOT request - traffic signal at the intersection of 162nd St & Highland Blvd. near Hillcrest High School. (CB8 Board member)

G. DOT request - stop sign at the NW corner of 185th St & 69th Ave (Individual)

H. DOT request - speed camera 185th St from 64th Ave to 73rd Ave. (Individual)

I. DOT request - speed camera on 69th Avenue between 185th St & Utopia Pkwy (Individual)

J. DOT request - Letter of No Objection for livery base renewal #B1593. Novak Global, Inc. DBA Skyway Car Service, 77-35 164th St, Fresh Meadows, 11366. (We received parking lease agreement and all documents)

K. DOT request - Diagonal parking near synagogue, 72-11 Vleigh Pl (between 72nd Ave & 72nd Rd). Cars are double parking during services. (CB8 Board member)

L. DOT request - Stop sign at the intersection of Somerset & Dalny Rd. (CB8 Board member)

M. DOT request - "Curve Ahead" Sign on Dalny Rd between Somerset & Wexford Terrace. (CB8 Board member)

N. DOT- residents of Somerset St, Dalny Rd, and Wexford Terrace have submitted correspondence with YouTube links accompanied by a 67 person survey requesting grid changes to include (58) street directions, (23) one way conversions, (48) stop signs, (5) traffic signals, (61) daylighting requests and (38) speed cameras for the neighborhood.

O. DOT request speed humps 170th St between Union Turnpike and 81st Ave. and 166th St. (member transportation committee)

P. DOT -request "Raised Crosswalk" on southwest corner of 166th Street and Goethals Ave. (member transportation committee)

Q. MTA -request installation of handicapped accessible elevator at 169th St and Parsons Blvd. subway stations. (CB8 Board member)