

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA DECEMBER 11, 2023

I. PRESENTATION

A. DOT Queens Proposed E-Scooter Share Expansion

- 1) Select E-Scooter companies are being awarded agreements to service Eastern Queens beginning Spring 2024.
- 2) DOT is collecting online input in regards to this program.(no email address provided)

II. CORRESPONDENCE

A. DOT - NYC Serious Injury Response Tracking & Analysis Program (SIRTA) -Second quarter 2023 - Total number of investigations completed; all evidence and data collected; determination of fault including potential criminal wrongdoing; any contributing or mitigating factors that contributed to the crash; determination if changes to street design or improvements to infrastructure could reduce risk of future crashes.

- 1) 649 investigations were completed, with 846 serious injuries and 62 fatalities.
- 2) 179 crashes were in Queens.
- 3) Citywide: 28.1% pedestrian, 17.1% bicycle, 49.8% automobile, 9% other motorized vehicles.

B. Letter of Support for Playstreet for 1400 students at MS16Q (174th St between 64th & 65th Ave) due to playground closure for school construction from October '23 - September '26.
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C. DOT - New Parking meter rates - Increases effective October 16, 2023. Start date for Queens is Oct. 27, 2023.

- 1) Mid Manhattan: 1st hour - \$5.50, 2nd hour - \$9.00; Manhattan So: 1st hour - \$5.00, 2nd hour - \$8.25; 96th St -110th St: 1st hour \$3.00, 2nd hour - \$5.00
- 2) Other Boroughs: business districts: 1st hr - \$2.50, 2nd hr -\$5.00; local retail: 1st hr \$2, 2nd hr- \$3. Other meter locations:1st hr - \$1.50, 2nd hr - \$2.50.

D. Environmental and Land-Use Group presented issues on stadium controversies and special permits in regard to renewing leases, agreements, or existing construction of public stadiums of more than 2500 spectators.

E. Street Renaming:

1). Multiple locations have been done: Nettie Mayersohn and Michael Simanowitz were approved by this committee and the entire Board. Additional renaming for Marc Haken, Rabbi Simcha Kraus, Barry Commoner (QC Prof), have occurred with no input from CB8. Request coordination between local politicians and CB8 before future changes are made.

F. National Grid reports 3ft gas main pipe installation on 191st St from Foothill Ave to Hillside Ave. To be completed by 12/31/2023.

G. NYC DOT - Women Cyclist Media Campaign Survey - the goal is to promote cycling as a healthy and accessible mode of transportation. Survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/O7F6PH9.

H. MTA Queens bus network redesign- The Proposed Final Plan (PFP) is scheduled for publication in December 2023. They would like to present to our committee and /or the full board in January or February 2024.

I.DOT Congestion Pricing- Traffic Mobility Review Board (TMRB) presented an update which is expected to generate \$15B annually

1. Passenger vehicle \$15 no more than once per day when entering the Central Business District (CBD). Motorcycles will be charged half passenger cars.
2. Trucks will be charged \$24 or \$36 depending on type.
3. Rates will apply from 9 am to 9 pm and 5 am to 9 pm weekends. Night time rates should be reduced by 75%.
4. Entrance by tunnel (Queens midtown, Hughe Carey, Holland, Lincoln) credit \$5 for cars, \$2.50 motorcycles, \$12 for small trucks intercity/charter buses. \$20 for large trucks and tour buses. No discounts after 9 pm. No credit for bridge use.
5. TLC-taxis and limousines are exempt however \$1.25 will be added per taxi ride and \$2.50 for app-based For Hire Vehicles (FHV).
6. Emergency and disability transport vehicles are exempt.
7. Projected benefits: 17% less vehicles, improved air quality, minimal impact on taxi and FHV industry, \$15B transit improvements.
8. This congestion pricing program will reviewed by the board of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority (TBTA) on December 6, 2023. Public hearings will be held in February. The vendor who is building the toll system will continue construction. 60% of the construction is complete.
9. Governor Murphy of NJ complains that this program is unfair to all out of state commuters and that it will add significant pollution at bridge and tunnel crossing. He is committed to stopping the program and is prepared to challenge it in court, NYC Mayor Adams complains that the city has no input on use of generated revenues.

J. CB8 Chair requests that all CB8 members notify the office if they see vehicles without license plates. Please provide color, make, model, and location where parked. The Office will compile a list for NYPD to have them removed.

III. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS REQUESTS

- A. DOT request - additional parking on Francis Lewis Blvd from HHE to 73rd Ave. DENIED. No Standing Anytime signage is necessary for traffic flow on 73rd Ave.
- B. DOT request - installation of speed/red light camera at 188th St and 75th Ave. Request tabled (not denied) as state legislation permits 150 installations annually. NYC has authorized deployment of 750 cameras in school zones/or near schools, an increase from 140.
- C. DOT request - additional speed humps on Park Drive East between Jewel Ave & 72nd Ave. DENIED There are currently 8 speed humps along this stretch of road. The requested section is curvy in nature with no pedestrian destination on the west side.
- D. DOT request - Replacement of Speed hump in front of 199-35 Peck Ave (in front of school). Units will continue to make repairs until it's milled out during a future resurfacing project.

- E. DOT request - Shared bike lane be moved to sidewalk on 73rd Ave between Francis Lewis Blvd and 199th St. DENIED There are no current plans to make any changes.
- F. DOT request - All-Way stop signs at 69th Ave & 185th St. DENIED. Not eligible until 6/30/24.
- G. Follow-up by resident for DOT Update of Two-way conversion to One-way operation on 168th St between HHE and Union Tpk. DOT is asking CB8 for input on this issue.
- H. DOT request - additional traffic control on McLaughlin Ave with Sancho and 85th Rd. DENIED as unnecessary, and will be eligible for reconsideration in May 2026.
- I. DOT request - additional traffic control at the intersection of 171st St and 67th Ave. DENIED as unnecessary. Eligible for reconsideration July, 2025.
- J. DOT request - resurface 196th Lane and 67th Ave. DONE summer 2023.
- K. DOT request - daylighting at the intersection of 75th Ave & 174th St. DENIED. Intersection is controlled by All-Way stop signs.
- L. DOT request - "Wait for Green Light" signage on 188th St & Avon Rd. DENIED as existing signage is sufficient.
- M. DOT request - repair road depression on Chevy Chase between Radnor Rd & Midland Pkwy in front of 83-09. APPROVED
- N. DOT request- traffic control at Jewel Ave & 169th St. DENIED. Does not meet nationally recognized safety standards.
- O. DOT request - traffic control at 168th St and 82nd Rd (near St John's). DENIED. An additional traffic or stop sign will not provide maximum safety benefit.
- P. DOT request - additional traffic control on 80th Dr with Kent St & Kildare Rd. DENIED. Does not meet recognized safety standards for installation.
- Q. CB8 - request for installation of bollards in front of St Francis Prep High School located on Francis Lewis Blvd. DOT has determined that it is permitted to install bollards on private property (NOT the sidewalk). For installations on the sidewalk, DOT's Revocable Consent Unit along with NYC Design Commission require consent.

IV. NEW REQUESTS

- A. DOT - Additional lighting on 72nd Ave between 147th St & 150th St. All lamp posts should be changed to two-headed. Individual
- B. DOT - traffic calming device at the intersection of Chevy Chase St and GCP Service Rd. Difficult to make right turn on to service road during rush hour and during Summit School arrival and dismissal times. Individual.
- C. DOT - traffic calming device to facilitate left turn onto Hillside Ave when traveling southbound at Dalny Rd, 184th St, Edgerton Blvd, & 178th St. CB8 Chairman.
- D. DOT - traffic lights on 196th Place & 197th St at Union Tpk to facilitate entrance and exit for cars and pedestrians at the entrance to Cunningham Park parking lot. Individual.
- E. DOT - 15 additional street lights in Briarwood (Individual):
 - 1) Eight on Main St between Manton St & 84th Rd

2) Two on Pershing Circle between Manton St & Lander St

3) Five on Manton St between 84th Rd & 83rd Ave

F. DOT - "No Overnight Truck Parking or Dumping" signage on east side (along Mt Hebron Cemetery) of Main St between 63rd Ave/Reeves Ave and Gravett Rd. Individual

G. DOT request - One-way conversion of Henley Rd from Mayfield Rd to Ava Pl. Individual.
A Petition with a positive response of 75% of affected residents is required. Sample Petition was sent.

H. DOT request - Stop sign midblock on 192nd St between Union Tpk & 75th Ave.