

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA: JUNE 28, 2023

I. DOT PRESENTATION

A. Bike Lanes on Queens Blvd.

1. Repurpose travel lanes on Queens Blvd Service Rd. and add a protected bike lane to reduce speed and provide safe bike connection.
2. Install dedicated left-turn signals for left turns off Queens Blvd to provide less conflict between drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.
3. Add paint to median tips and channelization where feasible to provide additional pedestrian refuge space, encourage slower and safer turns, and visually tighten intersections.
 - a) Correspondence from local merchants - they are concerned that this bike lane will affect their businesses.
 - b) We are concerned with biker safety. Installing the bike lane along the curb of the sidewalk with safety barrier and parking lane followed by two traffic lanes should be considered.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

A. MTA has not attended any Community Board meetings since March, 2021. MTA Presentation on Queens Bus Network Redesign to CB8 has been postponed from the Fall of 2022 to June 2023 and is now being postponed again to Fall of 2023.

1. Residents expressed strong opposition to the proposed Q73 Bus route on 73rd Ave.
2. They are concerned that MTA will finalize plans with no significant input from residents.
3. Most recent correspondence with MTA no longer states, “There will be no further implementation before speaking to CB8 Board.”

B. Improving Hillside Avenue: Improvements on Hillside Avenue from Hollis Court Blvd. to 212th St. Implementation began May, 2023.

1. Install a concrete pedestrian island on Hillside Ave & Hollis Court Blvd.
2. Install painted curb extensions on SE & SW corners of Hillside Ave. & Hollis Court Blvd.
3. Install a concrete pedestrian island on Hillside Ave at 212th St.
4. Upgrade all pedestrian ramps to meet ADA Compliance.

- C. DOT Resurfacing Schedule (July – December, 2023) is available in the office. 188th St. between 73rd Ave. & Union Tpke. has been added to the schedule.
- D. NYPD has implemented enforcement on 185th St. between 64th & 73rd Aves. Multiple visits occurred in April and May, 16 traffic summonses were issued, and daily routine patrols have increased at that location.
- E. DOT: left turn signal with flashing amber arrows have been approved for left turns on the North and South Service Roads on to the HHE at Kissena Blvd.

III. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS REQUESTS

- A. DOT- speed humps on 84th Ave have been approved between 164th St. & 164th Pl., and 164th Pl. & 168th St.
- B. DOT – speed hump on Surrey Place between Aberdeen and Tudor Rds. has been approved
- C. DOT Car Share Program - Anticipate installing Car-Share regulations at designated spaces. To start operation in Spring, 2024.
 - 1. 87-29 144th St. – North side
 - 2. 65-01 152nd St. - East side
 - 3. 147-51 72nd Rd. – North side
- D. Request for traffic conversion of 191st St. near Hillside Ave. Individual has been advised that this proposal has been denied by Trans Comm as it would create an unsafe head-on collision situation where two-way operation converts to one-way.
- E. DOT – request for speed hump on Chevy Chase St. between Midland Pkwy. & Union Tpk. Has been approved from Union Tpk. to 80th Rd.; denied for 80th Rd. to Aberdeen because of too many curb cuts; and denied between Aberdeen Rd. & Midland Pkwy. as the block is too short.
- F. Resurfacing request of 164th St. West, 170th St. East from Union Tpk. to GCP South service road along with 168th St., Goethals Ave, 165th St. thru 170th St.
 - 1. The above locations are protected areas and cannot be repaved until the end of fiscal year 2024.
 - 2. These locations will be included in future Resurfacing Programs in 2025.
- G. DOT request- installation of speed and red-light cameras on 75th Ave. & 188th St. Request denied as the maximum number of 150 installations have been completed for this year. This location will be considered in the future. DOT has deployed 750 speed cameras in school zones, up from 150.
 - 1. “DOT reviewed your request. The school, the Summit School is currently covered by our fixed-speed enforcement program at the following location: NB Beach 188th St. and 80th Rd.” (there is no Beach at 188th St. and this is nowhere near Summit School). Clarification is requested. ***(WE DON'T HAVE A NB BEACH AT 80th ROAD. WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH RHWE SUMMIT SCHOOL?)***
- H. DOT – Neighborhood Loading Zone (NLZ). Expansion Notification, Local Law #168 of 2021. This bill requires DOT to create “a public methodology for determining where loading zones are necessary to reduce traffic congestion. DOT is required to create loading zones annually in each neighborhood tabulation area. This is on-hold due to COVID 19. Location selected is on Wexford Terrace between Kingston Pl. to Dalny Rd. NLZ Monday – Friday 7AM to 7PM. This will provide dedicated loading spaces.
- I. DOT – update requested on moving bike lanes on to sidewalk at 73rd Ave. between 199th St. & Francis Lewis Blvd. to add a traffic lane.

IV. REQUESTS MADE BY MARIE ADAM-OVIDE, CB8 ON BEHALF OF CONSTITUENTS

- A. DOT – light sequencing correction on 188th St from GCP to Avon Rd. DOT indicates this has been corrected.
- B. DOT request – additional streetlights Foothill Ave off Francis Lewis Blvd. Was approved, waiting for response and implementation.
- C. DOT request - resurface Peck Ave and replace speed hump in front of school (199-35 Peck Ave). ***(Clarification required I could not find this location on Peck Ave. The speed hump in front of school at 197-20 and is in serious disrepair.)***
- D. Response to resident:
 - 1. Refurbishing of speed hump on Dunton Rd between Romeo Ct & Keno Ave. – this is a service delivery issue and will be forwarded from CB8 to DOT.
 - 2. Painting double yellow at intersection of Dunton St. & Dunton Ave. and continuing around the curve – this is a service delivery issue and will be forwarded from CB8 to DOT.
 - 3. Direction change for 191st St between Foothill Ave & Palo Alto Ave. (SEE III.D)

V. NEW REQUESTS

- A. DOT request – traffic light at the intersection of 85th Ave. & McLaughlin Ave. (across from Sancho St. on the South side of McLaughlin) INDIVIDUAL
- B. DOT request – lighting study for dim illumination at 69-40 Main St. INDIVIDUAL
- C. DOT request – resurfacing 67th Ave. from 65th Crescent to Main St. INDIVIDUAL.
- D. DOT request – renaming NW corner Francis Lewis Blvd in Honor of Marc Haken, longtime board member (45 years) and president of Hilltop Village Coop.#4. HILLTOP VILLAGE COOP 1,2,3, & 4.
- E. DOT request – Daylighting at the intersection of 75th Ave. & 174th St. INDIVIDUAL
- F. DOT request – NO PARKING/ Daylighting at the crossing of Fresh Meadow Lane & Utopia Pkwy. INDIVIDUAL
- G. DOT request - exit doors for students leaving PS 26 continue to be situated on 69th Ave. Students should not be permitted to exit on to 73rd Ave. as this will increase stand still traffic congestion on 73rd Ave. (President West Cunningham Pk. Civic Assoc).
- H. DOT request - additional traffic control at Jewel Ave. & 169th St. to increase safety for pedestrians as they enter and exit YI of Hillcrest. (Rabbi Ethan Schnall).
- I. DOT request – Ambulance Only Parking in front of YI Jamaica Estates from fire hydrant south to adjacent driveway on 188th St. This will permit ambulance parking and recharging when not active.(EMT Hatzolah of Queens)