

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

**I. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. DOT Project Update: 188<sup>th</sup> St. / 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. traffic circle
  - 1. All ramps will be updated to ADA compliance.
  - 2. Brick pavers will be reconstructed in standard-colored concrete with detectable warning mats.
  - 3. Northern curb will be modified to fit three lanes.
  - 4. Bush will be removed to improve visibility.
  - 5. Southbound bus stop will be relocated 80ft south outside of traffic circle (about 4 parking spaces will be removed).
- B. Trench restoration for 186<sup>th</sup> St. between 73<sup>rd</sup> & 75<sup>th</sup> Ave. was undertaken in April 2020.
- C. Renaming of Southwest corner of Union Turnpike & Utopia Pkwy. to “St John’s Way” was taken to the City Council by Councilman Rory Lancman.
- D. MTA – Queens Bus Network Redesign is on hold as of June 1 because of Covid-19.
  - 1. Approx \$3.5 million has been allocated for this project.
- E. DOT – At the request of Councilman Grodenchik and Assemblywoman Rozic, DOT will install conventional bike lanes on 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. between Cunningham (Francis Lewis Blvd.) & Alley Pond (Springfield Blvd) Parks.
- F. MTA- On June 28, 2020, will discontinue overnight trips on the BX/M1, Bx/M2, Bx/M11, B/M3, Q/M6, X28 & X68 express busses between 1AM – 5AM.
- G. MTA – Queens Bus Schedule modifications effective August 12<sup>th</sup> (overnight between 1AM and 5AM) - As the result of low ridership of less than 10 people per trip: Q46 & QM17 – once every 60 minutes; Q102 – once every 30 minutes; no service on the X68 until 6AM. Weekend service will be adjusted between 30 and 60 minutes on the M60 SBS, B62, Q4, Q22, and Q43.
- H. DOT – Due to a leak on Francis Lewis Blvd. north of Hillside Ave., night resurfacing plans for May were cancelled. Area was replaced by Eastbound GCP SR between 164<sup>th</sup> & 168<sup>th</sup> Streets. Original location will be reconsidered for 2021.
- I. T.C. Systems will be installing fiber optic cable on Foothill Ave. between 191<sup>st</sup> & 193<sup>rd</sup> St. Scheduled to begin on July 10<sup>th</sup> and continue for four weeks.
- J. Councilman Barry Grodenchik requests that DOT update its website with a searchable list or data base of all approved speed humps with regard to order, date, and status of installation.
  - 1. It could take up to two years after they are approved.
- K. Multiple speed humps have been approved for 183<sup>rd</sup> Street from 75<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Union Turnpike. DOT#469916-J1D5.

- L. MTA announced that they are installing mask dispensers inside buses for customers to easily access when boarding. Pilot program approved for 500 buses.
- M. MTA ended the overnight-for-hire vehicle program on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Since the program began, 1500 customers used the service each night for a cost of \$6 million. Average cost of trip was \$49.
- N. DOT overnight work closed exit ramp 22C from Eastbound LIE to Southbound Van Wyck Expwy and Exit ramp 22D from Eastbound LIE to Northbound Van Wyck Expwy July 20 to the end of August.
- O. DOT - Beginning Fall, 2020 – All 1hr meters will be converted to 2hr meters with a graduated second hour rate in all locations in all 5 boroughs. If rate is \$1.25/hr, the second hour will be \$2.00; if rate is \$1.50/hr., second hour will be \$2.50; if rate is \$2 or \$2.50/hr, second hour will be \$4.00.
- P. As a result of COVID-19 pandemic, MetroCard mobile sales will not handle cash or credit cards but will provide the following services: Get reduced-fare applications, apply for Easy Pay MetroCard, transfer MetroCard balances, exchange damaged cards, or report stolen/lost cards.
- Q. DOT – Phase I of reconstruction of the Vanderbilt Motor Pkwy will begin on September 21<sup>st</sup> from Winchester Blvd to Springfield Blvd. Anticipated construction time is one year.

## **II. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS REQUESTS**

- A. DOT request – Rush hour regulations at the intersection of Vleigh Pl. & Union Tpk. Request DENIED as existing regulations are sufficient, which include approx 50ft of No Standing regulations at the end of the block.
- B. DOT request - “No Standing” regulations at 160<sup>th</sup> St. & 84<sup>th</sup> Dr. to provide turning clearance for DSNY vehicles (12/6/19). APPROVED
- C. DOT request - “No Standing” regulations at Wexford Terr. & Eton St. to provide turning clearance for DSNY vehicles (12/6/19). APPROVED
- D. DOT request - “No Standing” regulations at 151<sup>st</sup> St. & 84<sup>th</sup> Rd. to provide turning clearance for DSNY vehicles (12/6/19). APPROVED
- E. DOT request - “No Standing” regulations at 148<sup>th</sup> St. & 86<sup>th</sup> Ave. to provide turning clearance for DSNY vehicles (12/6/19). APPROVED
- F. DOT request - “No Standing” regulations at 164<sup>th</sup> St. & Normal Rd. to provide turning clearance for DSNY vehicles (12/6/19). APPROVED
- G. DOT request - “No Standing” regulations at 155<sup>th</sup> St. & 87<sup>th</sup> Ave. to provide turning clearance for DSNY vehicles (12/6/19). APPROVED
- H. DOT request - “No Standing” regulations at 161<sup>st</sup> St. & 84<sup>th</sup> Ave. to provide turning clearance for DSNY vehicles (12/6/19). DENIED, no issue with turning clearance.
- I. DOT request – Traffic direction change on 191<sup>st</sup> St. between Hillside Ave. & Foothill Ave. DENIED. It is not feasible unless changes are made to the surrounding network. (*See III.D*)
- J. DOT request – To determine feasibility to install speed reducer on Charlecote Ridge between Homelawn St. & Croydon Rd. APPROVED for installation when resources are available.
- K. DOT request – Installation of speed cameras along McLaughlin Ave. has been passed on to DOT’s Automated Enforcement Unit to be evaluated later this year.
- L. DOT request – Installation of speed reducer 184<sup>th</sup> St. between 67<sup>th</sup> & 69<sup>th</sup> Ave. APPROVED for installation when resources are available.
- M. DOT request – Installation of speed reducer 69<sup>th</sup> Ave. between 195<sup>th</sup> Lane & 197<sup>th</sup> St., one block from PS26. APPROVED for installation when resources are available.

- N. DOT request – Installation of “quick curb” on 188<sup>th</sup> St. north of Union Tpk. to prevent illegal turns in to the Chase Bank parking lot. Continue to wait for Trans. Comm. recommendation. This installation was found to be feasible but would restrict access to the bank. There is concern that this restriction would inconvenience drivers.
- O. TLC – Response from Mr. Shah from PJ Car Service indicates that the vehicle that abducted CB8 Bd. member was not registered to his car service. He further states that they have never had a female driver working for their service. They believe that the customer entered the wrong vehicle, or the driver claimed to be part of PJ Car Service. They also state that there are vehicles parked in the lot that attempt to steal their customers. The list of vehicles and jobs was provided for 11/27 & 11/28/2018.
- P. DOT request – removal of “No Parking” sign in front of Young Israel of Hillcrest on Jewel Ave. from 169<sup>th</sup> to 170<sup>th</sup> St. APPROVED
1. DOT and NYPD have approved limited installation of bollards for this location at the expense of the synagogue.
  2. The synagogue is actively accepting bids for this installation. 7/10/20.
- Q. DOT request – installation of speed reducer 84<sup>th</sup> Rd. between 152<sup>nd</sup> St. & Parsons Blvd. APPROVED for installation when resources are available.
- R. DOT request – for All-Way stop sign 84<sup>th</sup> Dr. & Burden Crescent. Has been assigned Case# DOT-456681-G7T2.
- S. DOT request – Daylighting 174<sup>th</sup> St. & 75<sup>th</sup> Ave, Southeast and Southwest corners. Has been assigned Case# DOT-456692-X1N7.
- T. DOT request – Daylighting GCP SR Eastbound & 172<sup>nd</sup> St. Has been assigned Case# DOT-456834-B1M2. 7/14/20 DENIED (*See IV.A*)
- U. DOT request – Installation of speed reducer at 87<sup>th</sup> Rd. between 150<sup>th</sup> St. & 155<sup>th</sup> St. APPROVED for installation when resources are available.
- V. DOT request – Reconsideration of angle parking at the cul-de-sac at the end of 87<sup>th</sup> Dr. Individual was to get a letter from FDNY indicating that they have issue with fire engines turning in the cul-de-sac. This location has been APPROVED for a small zebra striped roundabout until funds are available for a permanent concrete structure. (*See II.X*)
- W. DOT request – Speed hump on Richland Ave. between Hollis Court Blvd. and 215<sup>th</sup> St. APPROVED between Hollis Ct Blvd. & 208<sup>th</sup> St. but DENIED between 208<sup>th</sup> and 215<sup>th</sup> Streets because of numerous curb cuts. Installation when funds become available.
- X. DOT request – Angle parking on 87<sup>th</sup> Dr. between 188<sup>th</sup> St. and street end. 12/6/19 DENIED as it can impede emergency vehicle access and turn clearance. Recommended that channelization be added to the median and along parts of the parking lane. Work to be performed as part of upcoming marking contract. (*See II.V*)
- Y. DOT request – “No Commercial Vehicle Parking Overnight” signs on North side 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. from Utopia Pkwy. to 179<sup>th</sup> St. Member Trans. Comm. Request DENIED as this is an NYPD enforcement issue. Commercial vehicles are prohibited from parking here by code.
- Z. DOT request - “No Standing” regulations at 161<sup>st</sup> Street and Normal Road to provide turning clearance for DSNY vehicles (12/6/19). APPROVED

### **III. REQUESTS MADE BY MARIE ADAM-OVIDE, CB8 ON BEHALF OF CONSTITUENTS**

- A. DOT request – speed reducer on Cedarcroft Road between Homelawn St. and Kingston Pl. Was not supported by Transportation Comm. Feasibility study requesting All-way Stop signs at the intersection of Cedarcroft Rd & Kingston Pl is requested. Case # DOT-465910-Z8H5 was assigned.
- B. Request to resurface 169<sup>th</sup> St. between 65<sup>th</sup> & 67<sup>th</sup> Avenues. as result of utility cuts and potholes.
- C. DOT request to update on the status of cobblestone repair on Cloverhill Rd.

- D. DOT request update of status on when directional change of 191<sup>st</sup> St. between Wexford Terrace & Hillside Ave. will occur. (*See II.I*)

#### **IV. NEW REQUESTS**

- A. DOT request – Request to co-name Foothill Avenue from Francis Lewis Boulevard West to the Dead-End Melvin “Mel” Coby Way. CB8 Member
- B. DOT request –Modify traffic light mid-block on Francis Lewis Blvd between 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. & LIE SR Eastbound. Suggestions: flashing yellow; or permanent green during non-school hours and weekends, with a pedestrian “Walk” button installed. Individual.
- C. DOT request – Additional streetlights on 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. along the Cunningham Park section. Area is dark. This would improve visibility of pedestrians and bicyclists. Member Trans. Comm.
- D. DOT request – All-Way Stop sign at the corner of 171<sup>st</sup> St. & 75<sup>th</sup> Ave. Motorists are speeding down street to avoid traffic light on 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Individual & Member Trans. Comm.
- E. DOT request – All-Way Stop sign at Aberdeen Rd. & Surrey Pl. This was last denied 12/5/16. Pres. CB8.
- F. DOT request – Repositioning of streetlight on the North side of 87<sup>th</sup> Dr. toward the East end of the cul-de-sac. Individual.
- G. DOT request – speed hump on Wareham Pl. between Dalny & Henley Roads. Individual
  - 1. As speed humps are now being approved by DOT, we have no input from CB8 or from canvassing the affected residents, our policy on reviewing speed hump requests should be reconsidered.
- H. DOT request – Resurfacing 160<sup>th</sup> St. from Jewel Ave to 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Member Trans. Comm.
- I. DOT request – All-way Stop sign or traffic signal at corner of 184<sup>th</sup> St. & 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Individual
- J. DOT request – Resident requests solution to “souped up”, loud exhaust systems with backfiring mufflers.
- K. DOT request – Resurfacing 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. from 179<sup>th</sup> St. to 185<sup>th</sup> St. Member Trans. Comm.
- L. DOT request – Daylighting north side of 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. & Utopia Pkwy. To make right turns easier at the Utopia Pk Playground. CB8 Member
- M. DOT request – Daylighting GCP SR Eastbound & 172<sup>nd</sup> St. (SW corner) (*See II.T.*) Individual.
- N. DOT request – Requesting additional streetlights for more light on 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between Francis Lewis Boulevard and Clearview Expressway. CB8 Member