

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA: TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

I. DOT PRESENTATION

A. Improved Pedestrian Safety Report on Homelawn St. & GCP has been postponed till the Fall.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

A. DOT – request to improve ponding condition on Salerno Ave. between Dunton St. & Clio St. has been added to the Capital Budget for 2022 as item #25 with tracking #408202225C.

B. Correspondence from NYC BAR Committee on Transportation – requesting support for BQE reconstruction. They are asking for NYC Council oversight hearings on the present state of BQE replacement. Sixty-five year old cantilevered bridge is suffering from water and salt infiltration “punch throughs” of the deck have been noted, wire mesh screens have been hung beneath vulnerable joints to protect cars and pedestrians below from falling debris. They say this is similar to the 2018 Morandi Bridge collapse in Genoa, Italy where 43 people died. They urge the City to replace the existing narrow 6-lane with a 4-lane highway.

1. This will require Federal approval. The Biden Admin. Just appointed ex-NYC Trans. Commissioner Polly Trottenberg as Deputy Secretary of Transportation. As Commissioner she led efforts to resolve the BQE question. Letter of Support to Borough Presidents and Elected Officials is requested.

C. MTA - 24-hour service on the subway was reinstated on May 17, 2021.

D. DOT – correspondence from Fresh Meadows Tenant Assoc. President – complaining that cars are racing and doing “donuts” in Fresh Meadows commercial parking lot and driving loudly and wildly on 188th St. and on Francis Lewis Blvd. (*See II. F*)

E. DOT – The Mayor has announced additional reduction of speed limits on high-crash corridors Citywide to 25MPH.

1. Currently, school zone cameras are in operation 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on weekdays. Mayor proposes making cameras operational 24/7.

2. Since July 2019, DOT has installed cameras in 750 school zones with 1300 speed cameras active, with the goal of 2000 active cameras by the end of 2021. Speeding has been reduced by 17% where cameras are active, and injuries down by 7%. New regulations will have expanded cameras with a radius of 1/4 mile from a school rather than limited to streets abutting the school. Fee violations remain at \$50 and are issued to those who exceed the posted limit by 10 MPH.

F. DOT – summary of active bills in NYC Legislature:

1. A579 (Rozić) / S77 (Hoylman) Furious Act: “Fighting Underground Racing in our Streets Act” – this law will permit the City to operate speed cameras at any time in a School Speed Zone (See E. 1 above). Complaints of drag racing are 5 times higher than in 2019.

2. A7765 (Rozić) / S6557 (Liu) Reckless Driving In or Upon Offstreet Parking Facilities – “Willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property” in an “offstreet parking

facility”. This affects facilities held open for use by public parking, including privately owned facilities where no fee is charged.

3. A7532 (Rosenthal D.) / S6057 (Gounardes) – will impose liability on owners of vehicles who fail to comply with vehicle sound limits. They propose to establish a noise camera demonstration in the five boroughs. Noise complaints have increased by more than 4 times from 2019. During this time, car and motorcycle owners have made modifications to the muffler and exhaust system in order to increase noise pollution. Noise cameras have been deployed in London & Singapore to catch violators.

a) CB8 Transportation Chair recommends amending this bill to include measuring noise levels with annual inspections. Noise pollution violators should not be able to renew registration if they fail the noise inspection.

III. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS REQUESTS

- A. DOT – Ponding condition 189th St. & 81st Ave. - has been mitigated by installing new catch basin.
- B. DOT – installation of 5 Speed Humps on Park Drive East between 72nd & 77th Ave have been completed. Residents have noticed a slowing down of vehicles. They are now requesting additional speed humps between 72nd Ave. & 136th St.
 - 1. DOT will return next year to complete Park Dr. East to the North.
 - 2. They have installed a traffic signal at Park Dr. E. and 136th St.
 - 3. Traffic calming device has been scheduled for installation by Mauro Park.
- C. DOT request – resurface 194th St. between Union Tpk. & 75th Ave. Project #FAQ2021-08-06 was scheduled for Spring 2021.
- D. DOT request by individual – angle-parking 87th Ave. Has been DENIED numerous times. A Letter of No-Objection from the FDNY was requested but not presented. Individual would like to meet with Councilman Grodenchik.
- E. DOT – Update on improvements on 188th St. between HHE & 69th Ave.
 - 1. Signalize all legs of traffic circle at 188th St. & 64th Ave.
 - 2. Expand median tips at the NE and South legs.
 - 3. Install pedestrian island on West leg.
 - 4. Add pedestrian crossing across South leg.
 - 5. Upgrade all existing pedestrian ramps to be ADA compliant.
 - 6. Install markings for two lanes through the circle in both directions.
 - 7. Install left-turn-only lane on the North leg.
- F. DOT – Traffic signal has been approved for 188th St. & Avon Rd. to stop cars from blocking the intersection.
- G. DOT – Request for traffic signal at Mclaughlin Ave. and Palo Alto Street has been assigned case number DOT-492201-G7X0.
- H. DOT – Request for Speed camera at 170th Street between Goethals and Union has been approved. We are requesting an installation date.

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

- A. DOT – a “Green Street” has been installed in the parking lane at 147th St & 75th Ave. This construction took away 2 parking spaces on a block where parking is at a premium in KGH. No notice was given to CB8, no opportunity for input was provided. It is requested that DOT identify all locations where Green Streets are to be planned and forwarded to the affected Community Board. It should be considered that Greens Streets are placed in No Standing Zones to prevent removal of needed parking.(See V. D)

B. DOT – request DOT study for stop sign at 69th Ave. & 185th St. New traffic study is requested since it has been more than 18 months since the last request. (*See V. B*)

V. NEW REQUESTS

A. DOT request – daylighting on the east side of 65th Ave. & 180th St. across from Utopia Jewish Center. Member Trans. Comm.

B. DOT request – stop sign on 185th Street & 69th Ave. (*See IV. B*) Member Trans. Comm.

C. DOT request – Clover Pl. is mapped as a city street. BSA application by Holliswood Hospital owner is asking permission to build in part of this area. Holliswood Civic Assoc. is asking Trans Comm input on this application.

D. DOT request – return of parking 75-04 147th St. (*See IV. A*) Individual

E. DOT request –Speed Camera on Union Tpk. (Eastbound) between 164th St. and Utopia Pkwy. Member Trans. Comm.

F. TLC – request Letter of No Objection for NOVAK Global Inc, d/b/a Skyway Car Service, 77-35 164th St, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366.

G. DOT request – request for daylighting 141st Street and 73rd Avenue (Individual).