

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021**

**I. DOT PRESENTATION**

- A. Proposed Safety Improvements for Homelawn St. and Grand Central Pkwy Service Rd.
- B. Follow-up on modifications and safety improvements at the traffic circle on 188<sup>th</sup> St & 64<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - 1. Numerous complaints received from residents and motorists in regard to delays.

**II. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Tentative road resurfacing list for the remainder of 2021 is available in CB8 office.
- B. MTA resumed Access-A-Ride program on July 6.
- C. Bike lanes have been approved for 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave from Cunningham Park to Alley Pond Pk (199<sup>th</sup> St to Springfield Blvd). **DONE**
  - 1. Curb adjacent to bike lanes on 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave between 199<sup>th</sup> St & Francis Lewis; and between Clearview Expwy & 210<sup>th</sup> St.
  - 2. Add new lane markings
  - 3. Add left turn lane on 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave & Francis Lewis Blvd.
  - 4. Upgrade existing crosswalks to high-visibility crosswalks.
- D. NYPD posted notice that dirt bikes and ATV's are illegal on all NYC roadways and sidewalks.
- E. Queens College shuttle bus has been proposed with the following stops:
  - 1. On HHE-153<sup>rd</sup> St to Reeves Ave (SE corner)
  - 2. On Main St – from Gravett Rd to Reeves Ave
  - 3. On Kissena Blvd & Melbourne Ave (NW corner)
  - 4. On Union Tpk – from 149<sup>th</sup> St to 147<sup>th</sup> St (NE corner)
  - 5. Hours of operation: M-F 7AM to midnight; Sat & Sun: 7AM – 7PM
- F. DOT - \$6,606,600 with contingency fees has been approved to replace or repair streetlights and traffic signal pole bases.
- G. MTA – Service on the #7 train has been suspended weeknights 11:45PM to 5:00AM between Queensboro Plaza and Hudson Yards/34<sup>th</sup> St. until Dec 10<sup>th</sup> for modernization: and from Queensboro Plaza to 74<sup>th</sup> St/Broadway on weekends thru Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- H. DOT – Dangerous Vehicle Abatement Program – Public Hearing took place Oct 2021.
  - 1. More than 200 people are killed each year and is the leading cause of death of children under age 14, and second leading cause in senior citizens,

2. City Council established a Safety Education program for vehicle owners who have received multiple red-light camera and school-speed camera violations.

3. Law provides that registered owners of vehicles with 5 or more red-light camera violations, or 15 or more speed camera violations within a 12-month period may be required to complete a Safe Vehicle Operation course.

I. Text Amendment to sidewalk dining – Brooklyn Community Board #14 requests Letter of Support of the issues raised in their response letter. “Text Amendment has been introduced too far in advance of fully designed and realized DOT Open Restaurant program.” DOT should provide clarity, on the following protocols, to maintain quality of life to adjacent residents, fee structure, sidewalk and roadway design requirements and oversights, square foot relationship between interior and exterior, enforcement and size of enforcement unit, risk management, etc.

J. DOT – Propose traffic rules from Moped and Moped-Chair programs. These programs are being opened for outside vendor bidding. Public Hearing – Thursday Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @2:00PM on Zoom. List of vendor requirements are available in CB8 office.

K. DOT – Throgs Neck Bridge reconstruction program has started Stage 4. They are now working on the next lane over. This is expected to run until the end of 2021.

L. Public Hearing for Congestion Pricing in Manhattan below 60<sup>th</sup> St. was held between Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> & Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.

1. Central Business District Tolling Program (CBDTP) would cover all streets and roadways except highways below 60<sup>th</sup> Street in NYC.

2. To charge passenger vehicles once per day

3. Variable tolling based on set times of days

4. Residents of who earn less than \$60,000 per year will get NYS tax credit for tolls paid

5. Emergency vehicles and vehicles transporting people with disabilities are exempt.

M. DOT – Illegal drag racing on Francis Lewis Blvd between Horace Harding Expressway and 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave – additional enforcement was as well as DOT speed reducer study was requested by Councilman Grodenchik.

N. DOT – request one-way conversion on 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave between Park Dr East and Main St., by Councilman Gennaro. DOT requests CB8 input.

O. NYC Dept of City Planning - Technical memorandum for Elevated Transit: zoning for accessibility.

1. This will allow MTA to work private vendors to install handicapped accessible elevators.

2. Currently 136 of 493 stations are accessible

3. MTA capital program has allotted 5 billion dollars to modify 77 stations

4. Two stations are approved in CB#8 Briarwood and Parsons Blvd.

### III. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS REQUESTS

- A. Request for Daylighting at the intersection of 65<sup>th</sup> Ave & 180<sup>th</sup> St (10/15/19). DENIED as visibility is adequate. (See III-C, & V-H.)
- B. DOT request – speed camera on Goethals Ave from 168<sup>th</sup> St – 170<sup>th</sup> St (1/23/20). Was approved for consideration as it is within ¼ mile of a school at entrance to ST. Johns U. **NOT DONE**
- C. DOT request - additional traffic control at the intersection of 84<sup>th</sup> Dr & Burden Crescent (4/20/20). Has been DENIED as additional traffic controls do not meet nationally recognized traffic engineering and safety standards.
- D. DOT request – additional traffic control at the intersection of Tudor Rd & Surrey Pl. Has been DENIED as additional traffic controls do not meet nationally recognized traffic engineering and safety standards.
- E. DOT request – additional lighting 87<sup>th</sup> Dr (dead end) east of 188<sup>th</sup> St (3/28/21), Has been **APPROVED. DONE NEW LED FIXTURE WAS NOTED; HOWEVER, NO WORK DONE ON TRAFFIC CIRCLE APPROVED FOR CUL- DE- SAC TO PREVENT CARS FROM PARKING IN MIDDLE OF THE CIRCLE (PARKED CARS WERE PRESENT).**
- F. DOT request – resurfacing Somerset St between GCP and Henley Rd (4/5/21). Has been **APPROVED** as part of Project Q2021-08-15. **DONE**
- G. DOT request – defective curb in front of 87-05 Barrington St (4/19/21). Location will be inspected. Violation to property owner will be issued if warranted. City may do work and bill property owner if they don't make necessary repairs. **NOT DONE- CONCRETE SLAB LEADING TO CURB WAS DEFECTIVE. NO CURB WAS PRESENT WHICH IF INSTALLED IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY.**
- H. DOT request – additional traffic control at the intersection of 185<sup>th</sup> St & 69<sup>th</sup> Ave. (5/25/21). Has been DENIED as additional traffic controls do not meet nationally recognized traffic engineering and safety standards.
- I. DOT – implementation of a street improvement project on Queens Blvd & 84<sup>th</sup> Dr. began this summer to include installation of painted median tip extensions with flexible delineators at the median on the south leg of Queens Blvd. The extension will provide more space for pedestrian refuge and add 7 seconds crossing time with no effect on parking or traffic. **DONE**
- J. DOT – 191<sup>st</sup> St Direction change update – the following changes will be approved for implementation by DOT after receipt of survey showing 2/3 approval of affected residents, with no further reconsideration until 1/2024. (See area map on page 6).
1. Reverse direction of 191 St. Traffic flow between Hayward Rd and Hillside Ave from one-way northbound to one-way southbound operation.
  2. Convert Foothill Ave between 191<sup>st</sup> St & 193<sup>rd</sup> St from two-way to one-way westbound operation.
  3. Convert Hayward Rd between Palo Alto Ave & 191<sup>st</sup> St from two-way to one-way eastbound operation.
- K. DOT – result of Feasibility Study to install speed reducers on 75<sup>th</sup> Ave between 164<sup>th</sup> St & Utopia Pkwy:
1. Between 164<sup>th</sup> & 166<sup>th</sup> St – to be installed when resources are available (see V-F). **NOT DONE**
  2. Between 166<sup>th</sup> & 175<sup>th</sup> St, and 176<sup>th</sup> St & Utopia Pkwy – numerous curb cuts prevent installation
  3. Between 175<sup>th</sup> St & 176<sup>th</sup> St – speed hump exists.
- L. NYS DOT – widening Clearview Expwy southbound exit ramp at 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Upon study after widening Union Tpk exit, this change would benefit traffic flow on Clearview exit ramp. Work scheduled to begin spring 2023.

M. DOT request – resurfacing Main St from GCP overpass to Van Wyck Expwy. It is too late to add this location for resurfacing this year. CB8 Trans. Comm. should review this request and make recommendation.

N. DOT Clover Place and Clover Hill Road have been resurfaced. The cobblestone hill has been cleaned with no structural change as of this date to improve slick traction in inclement weather.

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

A. Request update to modification on 168<sup>th</sup> St & 168<sup>th</sup> Pl from GCP to Hillside Ave with recommendation for change to improve traffic flow from Trans Chair and Area Chair.

B. Inspection on trench restoration request for Capital and Expense Budget showed:

1. 75<sup>th</sup> Ave between 186<sup>th</sup> St & 188<sup>th</sup> St – street is in good condition. 75<sup>th</sup> Ave & 186<sup>th</sup> St has depressions.

2. Avon Rd from Chevy Chase to 188<sup>th</sup> St – street in fair condition with some utility cuts in the middle of the road at 186-23 Avon Rd. DOT should request that utility company make the repairs, as they are liable. **DONE**

3. 181<sup>st</sup> St between 67<sup>th</sup> & 69<sup>th</sup> Ave – street definitely needs restoration, particularly between 67-15 and 67-43 181<sup>st</sup> St.

C. DOT – Daylighting southeast and south west corner of 65<sup>th</sup> Ave & 180<sup>th</sup> St. Reconsideration requested as 18 months have passed. (III-A & V-H)

D. Dept of Sanitation – request temporary extension of alternate side of the street parking in front of PS 131 (172<sup>nd</sup> St between 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave & 84<sup>th</sup> Ave, and 84<sup>th</sup> Ave between 170<sup>th</sup> & 172<sup>nd</sup> St) until June 27, 2022. COVID prevented completion of school renovation.

E. DOT - update requested reconsideration of:

1. Daylighting 81<sup>st</sup> Ave & 170<sup>th</sup> St. (2/18/16)

2. Speed camera 170<sup>th</sup> St south of 81<sup>st</sup> Ave between Goethals Ave & Union Tpk (12/14/15)

3. Traffic control to install a stop sign and/or chicane treatment on Goethals at 81<sup>st</sup> Ave. (7/18/18)

4. High visibility crosswalk markings at Goethals & 169<sup>th</sup> St (1/11/2019)

F. NYPD – request enforcement for speeding and car noise at night at the following locations: Union Tpk east of 188<sup>th</sup> St, 164<sup>th</sup> St between GCP & Hillside Ave, Francis Lewis Blvd between Union Tpk & LIE, and 75<sup>th</sup> Ave between Utopia Pkwy & 164<sup>th</sup> St.

#### **V. NEW REQUESTS**

A. DOT street renaming for Detective Tsakos who was killed in the line of duty on LIE eastbound exit ramp to Francis Lewis Blvd. on April 27, 2021 If feasible, request LIE between 188<sup>th</sup> St & Clearview renamed in his memory. Request by NYPD. (CB8 JURISDICTION ENDS AT EASTBOUND HHE SERVICE ROAD)

B. DOT request – all-way stop signs on 75<sup>th</sup> Ave from Utopia Pkwy to 164<sup>th</sup> St. Individual. Person feels this will deter motorists from speeding and decrease noise from backfiring mufflers.

C. DOT request – all-way stop signs 174<sup>th</sup> St at 75<sup>th</sup> Ave & 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave to decrease speeding. Individual.

D. DOT request – all-way stop sign intersection of 171<sup>st</sup> St & 75<sup>th</sup> Ave. 75<sup>th</sup> Ave curves from 168<sup>th</sup> to 172<sup>nd</sup> St. this should improve motorist safety (see V-B above). Individual.

E. DOT request – safety improvements on 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave between 179<sup>th</sup> & 185<sup>th</sup> St. Area congested due to traffic signals and speeding cars to make the lights. Individual.

F. DOT request – one- way conversion of 75<sup>th</sup> Ave from 164<sup>th</sup> St to 166<sup>th</sup> St. Street is too narrow for two-way traffic. (see III-K) Individual.

G. MTA request – relocate bus stop on Parsons Blvd across from Queens Hospital. Bus stop blocks mutual driveway of 15 three-family houses. Individual.

- H. DOT request – Daylighting corner 180<sup>th</sup> St & 65<sup>th</sup> Ave. Individual. *(See III-A & IV-C)*
- I. TLC request – Letter of No Objection- base renewal for Novak Global Inc, DBA Skyway Car Service, 77-35 164<sup>th</sup> St, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366. TLC License #B01593. **NO OBJECTION FROM NEIGHBORS. LEASE PARKING AGREEMENT ENCLOSED WITH APPLICATION. LETTER OF NO OBJECTION SENT (7/21/21)**
- J. Dept of Sanitation request –regulations to permit street cleaning. Member Trans Comm.
  - 1. NO PARKING for street cleaning 8-9AM -Main St. – 69<sup>th</sup> Rd to 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave.
  - 2. Alt Side Parking – 68<sup>th</sup> Dr from Main St to 140<sup>th</sup> St.
  - 3. Alt Side Parking – 77<sup>th</sup> Ave from Park Dr East to 138<sup>th</sup> St.
  - 4. Alt Side Parking – 137<sup>th</sup> St from 70<sup>th</sup> Rd to Jewel Ave.
  - 5. Alt Side Parking – 136<sup>th</sup> St from 70<sup>th</sup> Rd to Jewel Ave.
- K. DOT request – second stop sign at 137<sup>th</sup> St & Jewel Ave on NW corner. Member Trans Comm.
- L. DOT request – painted crosswalk 73-02 Park Drive East at 136<sup>th</sup> St. Entrance to Mauro Playground. Member Trans Comm.
- M. DOT convert Henley Road from two way to one way operation from Edgerton Blvd. to Wareham Place and change the adjacent block on Henley Road to one way operation in the opposite direction. This request was accompanied by a petition of 7 residents who live on the block (individual).