

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES: MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

Meeting called to order 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Jesse Rosenbaum-Chair, Susan Cleary, Allen Eisenstein, Florence Fisher, Bhitihara M. Fulton, Kevin Forrestal, Bright Dae-Jung Limm, Seymour Schwartz, also present Jatnna Reyes, CB8 Staff, Edward A. James and Vicki Ashton (residents).

I. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NYC DOT – Bicycle network 150th St., Parsons Blvd., and connections
1. Install new bike lanes on 150th St. (Melbourne to 78th Ave.), Parsons Blvd. (65th Ave. to 84th Rd.), 172nd St. & 173rd St. (73rd Ave. to Union Tpk.), 78th Ave., Coolidge Ave. & Hoover Ave., (Main St. to Parsons Blvd.), 77th Rd. (Main St. to 164th St.), 65th Ave. (Kissena to Parsons). **ALL DONE EXCEPT PARSONS BLVD. 65TH AVE. TO 84TH RD.**
 2. Install high-visibility crosswalks along projected route.
 3. No parking loss.
 4. No traffic lane loss.
- B. NYC DOT – Bicycle network.
1. The following markings have been completed: 150th St., 78th Ave., 65th Ave., 172nd St., 173rd St. Balance should be completed by year’s end depending on the weather.
 2. Ryan Brady, Queens Chronicle is challenging the number of parking spaces that would be lost.
 - a) Marie confirmed that “there would be no loss of parking except at intersections with one travel lane to facilitate traffic flow and improve turning at the request of the Transportation Committee”.
 - b) Jesse Rosenbaum confirmed up to ½ dozen spaces could be lost at each “turning choke point”.
 - c) DOT indicates that as of now, no parking spaces have been lost.
- C. CB11 has objected to bike lanes. They passed a (10/2/17) resolution in opposition to bike lanes on Northern Blvd. from 223rd St. to Douglaston Pkwy., thereby rescinding their June 2017 approval. As of October 2nd, project started as is in near completion.
- D. Councilmember Barry Grodenchik to DOT on behalf of constituent – states that crossing at the main entrance to Cunningham Park on the north side (**WRONG SIDE IT SHOULD BE SOUTH SIDE**) of Union Tpk. at 196th Pl. is dangerous as cars entering and exiting the parking lot are a hazard to pedestrians. “Installation of a crosswalk connecting the two sides of the path would mitigate the hazardous condition.” **APPROVED**
- E. Councilmember Barry Grodenchik on behalf of constituent – request resurfacing on Francis Lewis Blvd, between Whitehall Terr. & 90th Ave. tracking #DOT-355245-W2Z4 has been assigned.
- F. Councilmember Barry Grodenchik to MTA on behalf of constituent – requested an extension of Express Bus X68 service on Hillside Ave, from Eastern Queens to downtown Manhattan, or add an additional line. It currently terminates at 23rd St. & 1st Ave. **APPROVED**
- G. Kew Gardens Interchange – Gov. Cuomo announced a \$110M Phase III construction project. This project will replace deteriorated SB Van Wyck viaduct and construct new exits. Phase I and II included widening expressway and constructing new NB viaduct.
1. A lane will be closed on the Van Wyck from midnight through morning (re-opening times vary) till mid-December.
- H. As a result of construction of Jewel Ave. Bridge over Van Wyck Expwy., the Young Israel of Queens Valley requested NYPD traffic control deployment on Jewel Ave. They state: “people are taking alternate routes through KGH; however, during the morning rush hour we also need help at Main St. & Union Tpk., Vleigh Pl. & Union Tpk.” **APPROVED**

- I. MTA – has developed a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan to assist patrons-in-need. In order to analyze community language needs, MTA reached out to community boards to assess what languages, what MTA public services are required, and what is the most effective method to deliver MTA printed messages in languages other than English. **INPUT FROM CB#8 STAFF IS REQUESTED**
- J. MTA - Spring 2018 Subway Schedule changes:
 - 1. Adjustments to 2, 3, 7, N, Q & W routes.
 - 2. Rerouting N Express service in Brooklyn.
 - 3. Revision of weekend schedules on E, F, & R trains during the long term construction on Queens Blvd.
- K. MTA – countdown clocks providing real time train arrival information was installed on the M & W lines on September 29, 2017.
 - 1. Beacon technology has been installed on the C, E, G, & R lines.
 - 2. Currently there are 326 stations with countdown clocks.
 - 3. The #7 train is scheduled for communication-based train control (CBTC Signal Systems) to be completed later this year.
- L. NYC DDC (Dept. of Design & Const.) has provided a pre-final contract drawing for Main St. (Flushing-Bronx) select bus service. Construction is scheduled for fall 2018.
- M. MTA – article in Queens Chronicle Oct. 5th requests restoration of Q75 bus service which was cut by MTA in 2010. Queens Public Transit Committee suggests re-numbering the Queens Borough Community College branch of the Q30 to Q75, and then have the Q75 travel on 73rd Ave. between Utopia & Springfield Blvd.; revising the Q88 route by taking it off 73rd Ave, keeping it on HHE service road, extending it to Francis Lewis Blvd., and terminating at the LIRR station on Little Neck Pkwy. **APPROVED FOR MTA STUDY**
- N. Retrofit LED lights have been approved but not installed at the following locations:
 - 1. 80th Rd. between 188th St. & Utopia Pkwy. (**NOT DONE**)
 - 2. Tryon Pl. between Aberdeen & Kildare Roads (**NOT DONE**)
 - 3. Henley Rd. between Avon & Somerset Streets (**ONE FIXTURE NOT DONE**)
 - 4. 87th Rd. east of Chelsea St. (**DONE**)
 - 5. Chelsea St. & 87th Rd. (**DONE**)
 - 6. Dalny Rd. north of Wexford Terr. (**DONE**)
- O. NYPD - report of accidents at 77th Rd. & 160th St. Seven collisions have been reported here since 1/1/17. They are waiting for follow up recommendations from DOT. Stop sign is obstructed by trees. **THERE ARE STREET MARKINGS INDICATING “STOP AHEAD”.**
- P. NYPD – is increasing enforcement of speeding on 182nd St. between 73rd Ave & HHE. Every intersection is controlled by stop signs. **ALL INTERSECTIONS ARE CONTROLLED BY STOP SIGNS WHICH ARE IGNORED BY SOME MOTORISTS-NYPD ENFORCEMENT IS APPROVED.**
- Q. DOT – concern was expressed for street markings by individual on Parsons Blvd. after repaving was done. It would appear that markings indicate repair of water pipe connection at 85-35 Parsons Blvd with a street opening from 85th Ave. to 159th St. has been approved.
- R. Councilmember Barry Grodenchik to DOT on behalf of constituent – states that 73rd Ave. from 199th St. to Hollis Hills Terrace is a bike route. This information is not included in the NYC Bike Map. Request to update the map.
- S. NYC DOT just released the 2018 “Weekend Walks” application. The application will be open until Jan. 12, 2018 at bit.ly/2if6YM. In 2017 115 events took place in the 5 boroughs from April to December with approximately 255,000 participants. 13 miles of NYC streets were transformed into programmable public space. Two webinar style informational sessions have been scheduled; December 11, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. and December 18, 2018 at 4 p.m.

- T. Request for update by Ryan Brady of the Queens Chronicle, “If/when CB8 will be voting on renaming 169th Street between Highland and Hillside Avenues in honor of Ramesh Kalicharran?”
TO DATE THIS REQUEST HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED FOR CB#8 INPUT.

II. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS REQUESTS

- A. DOT - Request for stop sign at 185th St. & 69th Ave. was denied July 2014 based on a traffic study 9/25/14. Re-evaluation is requested. Member Trans. Comm. **APPROVED**
- B. DOT - Request update for eliminating parking lane at Vleigh Pl. & Union Tpk. to improve traffic flow. 8/8/17. Case #DOT-320021-H8M9. Individual. **DENIED** 10/24/17
- C. DOT – resurfacing 72nd Ave. & Main St. (5/18/17). **DENIED**, does not meet criteria.
- D. DOT – request resurfacing 164th St. between Hillside Ave. & GCP. Scheduled for 2020. Follow-up request for reconsideration was made by Marie Adam-Ovide 10/20/17 in light of QED 1001 Project and dug trenches along this route. Immediate strip-pave is requested at:
1. Intersection 164th St. & 84th Rd.
 2. Sections of 164th St. between 84th Rd. & 84th Drive
 3. Sections of 164th St. between 85th Ave. & 86th Rd.
 4. Intersection of 164th St. & 86th Rd. **ALL ABOVE ARE APPROVED**
- E. DOT – request for Daylighting at the intersection of 67th Ave. & 184th St. **DENIED** as unnecessary. 5/23/17
- F. DOT – request new sign and pole in front of 85-04 Wareham Pl. 6/2/17. **DENIED** as all signs are in proper location and in good condition. **SITE INSPECTION SHOWED POLE AT THIS LOCATION IS RUSTED AND THE SIGN ENAMEL PAINT IS CRACKED.**
- G. DOT – request repaving Somerset St. from Dalny Rd. to GCP service Rd. 6/29/17. **DENIED** as does not meet criteria and also Henley Rd. to Dalny Rd. is included in the 2019 schedule.
- H. DOT – request “Do Not Block the Box” signage at 75th Ave. & 185th St. 6/29/17. **DENIED.** A damaged one-way sign was replaced in September. **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING SPECIFIC DETAILS OF DOT STUDY AS TO DATE AND TIME. RE-INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IF STUDY WAS NOT DONE DURING PEAK TRAFFIC PERIODS.**
- I. DOT – request “Do Not Block the Box” signage at 73rd Ave. & 185th St. 6/29/17. **DENIED.** **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING SPECIFIC DETAILS OF DOT STUDY AS TO DATE AND TIME. RE-INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IF STUDY WAS NOT DONE DURING PEAK TRAFFIC PERIODS.**
- J. DOT – request “NO Dumping” & “Reduce Speed” signs on Park Dr. East from 77th Ave. to Jewel Ave. **DENIED**
1. DOT does not install “No dumping” signs, Dept. of Sanitation should be notified of these observations. **THESE SIGNS ARE INSTALLED BY DEPT. SANITATION NOT DOT FIVE SIGNS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AT THIS LOCATION.**
 2. Reduce Speed applies to 90% of the streets; therefore, a sign is not required. NYPD should be notified for enforcement.
- K. DOT – investigation to determine feasibility of speed humps on Reeves St. from Main St. to HHE. The following locations have been approved for one speed hump each:
1. Between 148th Pl. & 149 St. 5 postcards were sent 3 to affected residents 2 to the affected schools P.S. 499 and Queens College (2 schools in favor 2 residents opposed)
 2. Between 150th & 153rd Streets

3. Between 153rd St & 61st Rd. 1 postcard was sent to affected school Queens College, they responded in favor of speed hump.

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- L. DOT – request resurfacing 182nd St. between 64th Ave. & HHE. Done in July 2017
- M. NYPD enforcement along 137th St. from 72nd Rd. to 77th Ave. has been APPROVED FOR STUDY BY NYPD. (See IV.E)
- N. DOT – request repainting street lane lines and crossing lines on both sides of Union Tpk. Member of Trans. Comm. CB8 jurisdiction received reference #DOT-356295-N2D8.
- O. DOT – response to Councilmember Grodenchik in regard to excessive noise study of motorists along the exit ramp from GCP to Hillside Ave. Noise walls are installed only as part of Capital Project Reconstruction. As there are no such projects scheduled at this location, a noise Study cannot be justified.
- P. DOT – Stop sign at Palo Alto & 191st St. DOT indicates that a temporary stop sign was installed at this location during construction and removed. Holliswood Civic Assoc. reports two accidents at this location 9/22 & 11/14/17. They would like to have the sign installed permanently. (See IV.B)(**THERE ARE CURRENTLY STOP SIGNS ON BOTH SIDES OF 191ST ST.**)
- Q. DOT – request by individual – to remove two “NO Standing, Loading Zone” signs in front of Wyndham Garden Hotel, 61-27 186th St., as this limits parking spaces for local residents. **DENIED**

III. REQUESTS BY MARIE ADAM-OVIDE, CB8 DISTRICT MANAGER, ON BEHALF OF CONSTITUENTS

- A. DOT STUDY – request re-evaluation for all-way stop sign Chevy Chase St & 80th Dr. last request DENIED Oct 2013. Seven accidents have occurred during this period. **APPROVED**
- B. DOT STUDY – request re-evaluation for all-way stop sign Chevy Chase St. & 80th Rd. Last request DENIED. Seven accidents have occurred during the past 36 months. **APPROVED**
- C. DOT – request update on Daylighting status submitted 9/28/16:
 1. NE corner 64th Ave. & 184th St.
 2. NW corner 64th Ave. & 185th St.
 3. 65th Ave. between Utopia & 185th St.
 4. 67th Ave. between Utopia & 185th St.
 5. 69th Ave. between Utopia & 185th St.
- D. DOT - request update from DOT and /or NYPD to provide information and the number of summonses issued to cyclists in CB8 since 1/1/16. Ninety-seven summonses till 9/16/17.
- E. DOT – request NYPD enforcement for failure to obey stop signs 77th Ave & Park Dr East. **APPROVED BY NYPD**
- F. NYPD - request enforcement for speeding on Surrey Pl. between Midland & 80th Dr. (See IV.N) **NYPD ENFORCEMENT IS APPROVED IN ADDITION IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT STOP SIGNS BE INSTALLED NORTH AND SOUTHBOUND AT ABERDEEN AND TUDOR ROADS.**
- G. NYPD - request enforcement for speeding on 154th St between 79th Ave & Union Tpk. (see III-S) **DOT STUDY TO REVERSE NORTHBOUND TO SOUTHBOUND OPERATION IS RECOMMENDED**
- H. DOT – request resurfacing east bound HHE from 164th St to 168th St. If not possible, spot repairs should be done on 164th, 165th, & 166th Streets. 9/27/17
- I. DOT – request curb repair at 173-07 67th Ave. which was damaged when street was resurfaced July 2016. **APPROVED**
- J. DOT – request resurfacing 148th St. between Hillside Ave & 84th Dr. #DOT-251202-W3Q2. This DOT study was postponed until completion of construction project QED1001 (finished 7/28/17).
- K. DOT – request resurfacing 85th Ave. between 148th St. & Parsons Blvd. This DOT study was postponed until completion of construction project QED1001 (finished 7/28/17).

- L. DOT – request resurfacing 87th Rd. between 150th St. & Parsons Blvd. This DOT study was postponed until completion of construction project QED1001 (finished 7/28/17).
- M. DOT – request resurfacing 84th Dr. between Smedley St. & Parsons Blvd. This DOT study was postponed until completion of construction project QED1001 (finished 7/28/17).
- N. DOT – request resurfacing 84th Rd. between Daniels St. & Parsons Blvd. This DOT study was postponed until completion of construction project QED1001 (finished 7/28/17).
- O. DOT – request resurfacing 143rd St. between 84th Dr. & Hillside. This DOT study was postponed until completion of construction project QED1001 (finished 7/28/17).
- P. DOT – request resurfacing Pershing Crescent between Lander St. & 84th Dr. This DOT study was postponed until completion of construction project QED1001 (finished 7/28/17).
- Q. DOT – the following location was approved for speed bumps. CB8 office sent post cards to affected residents requesting feedback. Surrey Pl. #DOT-243989-Z7B2.
 - 1. Between Kildare & Tudor Rd. 9 postcards sent – 4 responses in favor. Less than half affected residents responded.
 - 2. Between Tudor Rd. & Aberdeen Rd. – 11 postcards sent – less than half affected residents responded - 3 responses in favor.
 - 3. Between Aberdeen Rd. & Midland – 14 postcards sent – less than half affected residents responded – 6 in favor.Transportation Committee cannot support the installation due to lack of community support.
- R. DOT – the following location was approved for speed bumps. CB8 office sent post cards to affected residents requesting feedback. Coolidge Ave. #DOT-277967-N1S5
 - 1. Between 138th St. & 82nd Ave. 17 postcards sent – less than half affected residents responded - 0 responses in favor, 5 responses against.
 - 2. Between 82nd Ave. & 141st St. - 10 postcards sent – less than half affected residents responded - 2 responses in favor, 2 against.Transportation Committee cannot support the installation due to lack of community support.
- S. DOT – request speed hump and/or one-way conversion of 154th St. from north bound to south bound operation. Individual. Letter sent to individual requesting petition with approval of 75% of affected homeowners, and 50% of apartment dwellers (10/14/17). No response to date. (see III-G) **SPEED HUMP IS DENIED. ONE WAY CONVERSION TO SOUTHBOUND OPERATION IS APPROVED FOR DOT STUDY.**
- T. DOT – request speed hump 65th Ave between Utopia Parkway and 164th St. Individual. Letter sent to individual requesting petition be submitted with approval of 75% of affected homeowners, and 50% of apartment dwellers. Response to date indicates this individual does not have time to do petition. (See IV.C) **DENIED**
- U. DOT – request speed hump 75th Ave. between 147th & 150th St. - Individual. Letter sent to individual requesting petition with approval of 75% of affected homeowners, and 50% of apartment dwellers. A petition was received with 14 signatures (November 2017). **POSTCARD SURVEY OF ALL AFFECTED RESIDENTS IS APPROVED**

IV. NEW REQUESTS

- A. DOT – request left turn signal at the intersection, to permit turn from Main St. onto Jewel Ave. There is a turning lane but no arrow signal light. Individual **APPROVED**
- B. DOT – request all-way stop sign on Palo Alto Ave. & 191st St. Holliswood Civic Assoc. (See II.P) **APPROVED FOR DOT STUDY**
- C. DOT – request additional stop signs on 65th Ave from Utopia to 164th St. as well as 25 MPH signage. – Individual. (See III.T) **STOP SIGNS APPROVED FOR DOT STUDY 25 MPH SIGNAGE DENIED.**
- D. DOT – request 168th St. to be converted to one-way operation from 73rd Ave. to Jewel Ave. – Individual. Request accompanied by petition with 23 signatures from homeowners on 168th St. Also requested by State Senator Tony Avella on behalf of this individual. **DENIED - THIS STREET**

TRAVELS UNINTERRUPTED FROM HHE TO HILLSIDE AVENUE IN ADDITION ANY DELAY IN TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG THIS THROUGHFARE WILL FURTHER CONGEST TRAFFIC CROSSING THE GCP AT 164TH AND PARSONS BLVD.

- E. NYPD – request enforcement for speeding on 137th St. from 72nd Rd. to 77th Ave. Kew Gardens Hills Tenant Assoc. and Member Trans. Comm. (See II.M) **APPROVED**
- F. NYPD – new traffic light has been set up on Francis Lewis Blvd. between 73rd Ave. and HHE near St. Francis Prep. Signage requested indicating traffic light ahead. Member Trans. Comm. **TRAFFIC SIGNAL IS IN MIDDLE OF BLVD. AND CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM HHE IN THE SOUTH AND 73 AVE. IN THE NORTH. DENIED**
- G. DOT – request correction of inconsistent traffic signs at the corner of Utopia & GCP underpass. Metal sign on post indicating left turn from right lane should be removed. DOT study requested – tracking #DOT-356755-Y3R1. - Individual. **APPROVED - THE SIGN ON SIDE OF THE ROAD SHOULD BE REMOVED OR CORRECTED.**
- H. DOT – request speed humps 193rd St. from Union Tpk. to Radnor Rd. – Individual. **DENIED - STOP SIGNS NORTH AND SOUTH ON 193RD STREET AT 81ST AVE. AND ABERDEEN RD. ARE RECOMMENDED FOLLOWED BY NYPD ENFORCEMENT IF NECESSARY.**
- I. DOT – request left turn signal on Melbourne Ave. & NB Kissena Blvd. – Individual **DENIED**
- J. DOT – request changing parking restrictions WB on Hillside Ave between 193rd St. & 170th St. from 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. – Individual **APPROVED FOR DOT STUDY**
- K. DOT – request left turn timing study going East (south bound) on 168th St. to turn left on to GCP service road. – Member Trans. Comm. **APPROVED**
- L. DOT – request stop sign on center island mall 64th Ave. going WB at the corner of 194th St. (just before the Oak Grove Circle/64th Ave. Circle).- Member Trans Comm. **APPROVED**
- M. TLC – request “Letter of No Objection” due to change of ownership and address - Novak Global Inc. (formerly Evergreen), dba Skyway Car Service, 77-35 164th St. (from 77-33 164th St.). Parking lease agreement is enclosed through 10/31/19. **LETTER OF NO OBJECTION IS APPROVED IF THERE ARE NO COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS.**
- N. DOT – request 25MPH signage on Surrey Pl from Midland to Union. – Individual (See III.F) **NYPD ENFORCEMENT IS APPROVED IN ADDITION IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT STOP SIGNS BE INSTALLED NORTH AND SOUTHBOUND AT ABERDEEN AND TUDOR ROADS, 25MPH SIGNAGE IS DENIED.**
- O. DOT- request “kiss and ride” regulation on Hillside Ave. near train station at 179th St. where motor vehicle can be stopped momentarily to discharge passenger without double parking or waiting in a “No Stopping” zone such as a bus stop. - Individual. **APPROVED FOR DOT STUDY**

Meeting adjourned 9:10 p.m.