

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: MONDAY, DEC. 2, 2019

Meeting called to order 7:30 PM

Attendance: Jesse Rosenbaum-Chair, Susan Cleary, Kevin Forrestal, Marie Adam-Ovide, CB8 District Manager, Jatna Reyes CB8 Staff Member, Andrew Arcese - Borough Planner, NYCDOT, Han Chai Li, NYCDOT, Carren Simpson, NYCDOT, also present Joby Jacob, Yehuda Pollack and Alan Sherman.

I. Presentation by NYC DOT

- A. Update on two projects by Andrew Arcese, Borough Planner
 - 1. Follow up for one-way conversion of 168th Pl & 169th St
 - a. It was proposed that 168th Pl. be converted to two-way operation with no parking on the west curb from 7 AM to 7 PM Monday to Friday or daily except Sunday from Hillside Ave. to the GCP eastbound service road.
 - 1) Approximately 77 parking spaces lost
 - 2) Approximately 95 parking spaces lost

PUBLIC HEARING WAS RECOMMENDED. INPUT FROM AFFECTED RESIDENTS AND MERCHANTS WILL BE REQUESTED. NOTIFICATION AND MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED LATE JANUARY OR FEBRUARY. THIS WILL ALLOW DOT IMPLEMENTATION SPRING/SUMMER 2020

- 2. Improvement of GCP at 164th St. A median Tip Extension at the intersection of 164th St and GCP westbound service road.
 - a. This extension would provide a pedestrian refuge to improve pedestrian safety when crossing 164th St.

APPROVED. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THIS CHANGE SHOULD BE SENT TO DOT ASAP.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Application by Mr. Bruce Kirkland to join Transportation Committee.
 - 1. He has been informed that he must observe one year's Trans. Comm. meetings in order to be considered for associate membership.
- B. Councilman B. Grodenchik to constituent – NYCDOT Tracking #DOT-429838-F5N0 to evaluate road condition Epsom Course from McLaughlin Ave to GCP.
- C. NYSDOT forwarded a proposed improvement plan for east and westbound GCP from Francis Lewis Blvd to 188th St. Lengthy report available in CB8 office.
- D. Follow-up for crossing guards at MS216Q by Sgt. Burke of NYPD:
 - 1. Currently there are two crossing guards: one at 174th & 64th Ave; one at 175th St & 64th Ave. Utopia Blvd & 64th Ave is vacant.
 - 2. There are a total of 5 vacancies until a new class of candidates goes to the Academy.
- E. NYC Dept of Transportation and Bridges has published its 2018 Bridge & Tunnel Condition Report, this can be accessed online at:
www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/infrastructure/annualbridgesreport.shtml
- F. DOT request- update of all open requests from CB8 to DOT 3/30/15-10/16/19. Detailed list of requests available in CB8 office.
 - 1. 78 items remain open on the summary sheet.
- G. A detailed plan of Bicycling Rules, Regulations, Projects, and Queens Routes is available in CB8 office.

III. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS REQUESTS

- A. Accident follow-up on Jewel Ave Corridor from Queens Blvd to Utopia Pkwy 10/1/16-9/30/19 - A total of 320 accidents were reported with 79 injuries and 4 fatalities.
1. Report was also sent to CB6. Majority of bicycle accidents occurred between Van Wyck & Queens Blvd, on Jewel Ave and 69th Ave where there are no bike lanes.
 2. DOT Study is requested for safety improvement and implementation.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS BEING REQUESTED FROM NYPD IN REGARD TO A DETAILED REPORT ON LOCATION AND SEVERITY OF THE 320 REPORTED ACCIDENTS. WERE THE ACCIDENTS VEHICLE ON VEHICLE, VEHICLE ON PEDESTRIAN, MOTORIST OPENING DOORS ON BICYCLISTS, RELATED TO WEATHER CONDITIONS, ETC?
- B. DOT response (3/29/19) regarding operation of traffic signals at the intersection of Fresh Meadow Lane & 69th Ave. - Signals have been adjusted to maximize pedestrian crossing safety. A countdown signal has been approved for installation. **TRAFFIC SIGNAL TIMING HAS BEEN ADJUSTED. THE COUNT DOWN TIMER HAS NOT BEEN INSTALLED TO DATE.**
- C. DOT (7/2/19) request for Daylighting at the intersection of Radnor St. & Dalny Rd. – **DENIED.** DOT study indicates treatment not recommended at this time.
- D. DOT (7/2/19) request for Daylighting at the intersection of Somerset St. & Chelsea St. – **DENIED** DOT study indicates treatment not recommended at this time.
- E. DOT (7/2/19) request for Daylighting at the intersection of Somerset St. & Dalny Rd. – **DENIED.** DOT study indicates treatment not recommended at this time.
- F. DOT (7/2/19) request for Daylighting at the intersection of Somerset St. & Eton St. – **DENIED.** DOT study indicates treatment not recommended at this time.
- G. DOT (7/2/19) request for Daylighting at the intersection of Somerset St. & GCP – **DENIED.** DOT study indicates treatment not recommended at this time.
- H. DOT (7/8/19) request for guardrail at the intersection of Charlecote Ridge & Homelawn St. Site visit and review of crash history as well as observation of traffic flow determined that this location does not meet criteria for installation. **FOLLOW UP ON THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT CHARLECOTE RIDGE AND HOMELAWN STREET IS REQUESTED AS THIS WILL STOP CROSSWALK BLOCKING, FACILITATE TURNING ON TO THE GCP SERVICE ROAD EASTBOUND AND IMPROVE VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.**
- I. DOT (7/9/19) request for No Parking signage in front of Shalom Daycare at 71-12 Main St. was **DENIED.**
- J. DOT response to Councilman Grodenchik on behalf of resident (9/17/19) - request for speed hump on 193Rd St between Union Tpk. & Avon Rd. **DENIED** as CB8 previously denied the request.
1. Stop signs on 193rd St. that were approved by CB8 were not addressed.
UPDATE ON THE APPROVED STOP SIGNS IS REQUESTED.
- K. DOT completed a feasibility study for installation of a speed reducer on Chevy Chase St between Hovenden Rd & Cambridge Rd. was **APPROVED** to be installed when resources are available. (*See IV.E*) **NOT DONE, INSTALLATION OF THIS SPEED HUMP IS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE AFFECTED RESIDENTS SURVEY.**
- L. DOT request for installation of speed humps on Coolidge Ave between Main St. & Parsons Blvd. The following locations have been **APPROVED.** Installations will take place when resources are available (*See IV.B; IV.C; IV.D*):
- (one) Between Main St. & Daniels St. **NOT DONE, INSTALLATION OF THIS SPEED HUMP IS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE AFFECTED RESIDENTS SURVEY.**
 - (One) Between Smedley St. & 150th St. **NOT DONE, INSTALLATION OF THIS SPEED HUMP IS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE AFFECTED RESIDENTS SURVEY.**

(Two) Between 150th St. & Parsons Blvd. **NOT DONE, INSTALLATION OF THIS SPEED HUMP IS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE AFFECTED RESIDENTS SURVEY.**

M. DOT request for installation of speed humps on 75th Ave. between 193rd St. & 199th St., the following locations have been **APPROVED**. Installations will take place when resources are available (*See IV.F and IV.G*):

1. (One) between 194th St. & 195th St.

NOT DONE, INSTALLATION OF THIS SPEED HUMP IS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE AFFECTED RESIDENTS SURVEY.

2. (One) between 196th St. & 196th Pl.

NOT DONE, INSTALLATION OF THIS SPEED HUMP IS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE AFFECTED RESIDENTS SURVEY.

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

A. Request for additional traffic control at 84th Dr & 152nd St. #DOT-385825-H1Q3. (DENIED 6/21/19). Trans. Comm. requests reconsideration for All-Way Stop Signs. This location has a school and church nearby with many pedestrians attempting crossing daily which has caused volume of traffic to increase. Additionally, study was not conducted during afternoon dismissal time. A follow-up Study should take place while school is in session during rush hours when traffic is at its greatest.

APPROVED

B. DOT – postcard canvass of affected residents for speed hump on Coolidge Ave between Main St and Daniels St.: 7 postcards sent – 1 in favor, 2 opposed, none returned. **DENIED** for lack of support. (*See III.L*)

C. DOT – postcard canvass of affected residents for speed hump on Coolidge Ave. between Smedley St. & 150th St: 67 postcards sent – 5 in favor, 18 opposed, none returned. **DENIED** for lack of support. (*See III.L*)

D. DOT – postcard canvass of affected residents for speed hump on Coolidge Ave. between 150th St. & Parsons Blvd.: 50 postcards sent – 11 in favor, 10 opposed, none returned. **DENIED** for lack of support. (*See III.L*)

E. DOT – postcard canvass of affected residents for speed hump on Chevy Chase St. between Hovenden Rd & Cambridge Rd.: 27 postcards sent – 5 in favor, 8 opposed, none returned. **DENIED** for lack of support. (*See III.K*)

F. DOT – postcard canvass of affected residents for speed hump on 75th Avenue between 194th St. & 195th St: 4 postcards sent – 0 in favor, 3 opposed, none returned. **DENIED** (*See III.M*)

G. DOT – postcard canvass of affected residents for speed hump on 75th Ave. between 196th St & 196th Pl.: 4 postcards sent – 0 in favor, 3 opposed, none returned. **DENIED** (*See III.M*)

V. NEW REQUESTS

A. NYC Dept. of Sanitation – Supt. Egger requests Daylighting at the following locations to improve turning ability of sanitation trucks:

1. Normal Rd. at the corner of 161st St. **APPROVED.**
2. 161st St. corner 84th Ave. **APPROVED.**
3. 86th Ave corner 148th St. **APPROVED.**
4. 151st St corner 84th Rd. **APPROVED.**
5. 160th St corner 84th Dr. **APPROVED.**
6. Wexford Terrace corner Eton St. **APPROVED.**
7. 155th St corner 87th Ave. **APPROVED.**

B. DOT request – one-way conversion of 81st Ave. between 170th St. & 164th St. (West?). Heavy St. John’s traffic route.

1. CB8 correspondence suggested they obtain a petition from affected residents on 81st Ave. (no petition has been received). **INDIVIDUAL. REQUEST IS TABLED FOR LACK OF RESPONSE. WE ARE AWAITING PETITION FROM AFFECTED RESIDENTS.**
- C. DOT request – speed hump 85th Rd. between 193rd St. & McLaughlin Ave. To reduce speeding during rush hour in order to bypass McLaughlin. **INDIVIDUAL. CANVASS OF AFFECTED RESIDENTS AND THE MOSQUE - APPROVED**
- D. DOT request – temporary removal of No Parking signs in front of Young Israel of Hillcrest on Jewel Ave. between 169th St. & 170th St. this is a temporary solution to reduce risk of vehicles driving in to congregants by parking cars to block 60ft of exposed sidewalk. A permanent solution of installation of bollards at synagogue’s expense is waiting for DOT approval. Requested by YI Hillcrest Rabbi, President and Chair of Security Comm. **A SIX-MONTH SUSPENSION OF THE NO PARKING ZONE IS APPROVED TO BE EXTENDED BY NYCDOT IF NECESSARY. DOT STUDY FOR BOLLARD INSTALLATION AT THE SYNAGOGUE’S EXPENSE IS REQUESTED ASAP. AFTER COMPLETION OF /OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH VECTOR STUDY BY THE NYPD.**
- E. DOT request – angle parking on 87th Dr. off 188th St. Reconsideration requested as this has been denied by DOT. **INDIVIDUAL. DENIED AS THERE IS INADEQUATE REMAINING SPACE FOR SERVICE AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO TURN AROUND. A DOT STUDY TO INSTALL A MINI TRAFFIC CIRCLE OR OTHER BLOCKING DEVICE TO ELIMINATE VEHICLE PARKING IN THE CENTER OF THE CUL-DE-SAC IS APPROVED.**
- F. TLC – Park Eagle Inc, d.b.a. Jewel Car Service, 72-55 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, NY 11367 – request Letter of No Objection to the renewal. Correspondence from CB8 requesting proof of off-street parking when vehicles are not in use. As of this date, this document has not been received. **PROVIDING A LETTER OF “NO OBJECTION” TO LICENSE FOR HIRE RENEWAL IS APPROVED IF THERE ARE NO RESIDENT COMPLAINTS AND OFF-STREET PARKING AGREEMENT IS FILED.**
- G. TLC – Skyway Car Service Express, 68-20A Fresh Meadow Lane, Flushing, NY 11365, Base License #B01332– request Letter of No Objection to the renewal. Correspondence from CB8 requesting proof of off-street parking when vehicles are not in use. As of this date, this document has not been received. **PROVIDING A LETTER OF “NO OBJECTION” TO LICENSE FOR HIRE RENEWAL IS APPROVED IF THERE ARE NO RESIDENT COMPLAINTS AND OFF-STREET PARKING AGREEMENT IS FILED.**
- H. TLC – La Nueva Quisqueya Car Service, 87-38 148th St., Jamaica, NY – request Letter of No Objection to the renewal. Parking renewal agreement has been received and there are no complaints against this establishment. **A LETTER OF “NO OBJECTION” TO LICENSE FOR HIRE RENEWAL IS APPROVED.**
- I. NYS- Issue traffic camera summonses via certified mail. **INDIVIDUAL. DENIED AS THERE HAS BEEN LIMITED NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS TO WARRANT THIS EXPENSE WHICH WILL BE PASSED ON TO THE MOTORIST. THIS ISSUE CAN BE RECONSIDERED IF CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE.**
- J. DOT request – “All Way” stop sign at the intersection of 75th Ave. and 194th St. **INDIVIDUAL DENIED AS THERE IS A STOP SIGN ON 193RD ST. AND A SPEED HUMP IS APPROVED FOR THIS LOCATION. THIS TREATMENT SHOULD RESOLVE THE SPEEDING ISSUE.**
- K. DOT- request “Speed Calming” device such as “chicane treatment” or stop signs on 170th St. and Goethals Ave. drivers speed from 168th St and 170th St. turning onto Goethals Ave. **MEMBER TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. APPROVED FOR DOT STUDY**

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.