

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES: THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017**

### **Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m:**

**Attendance:** Jesse Rosenbaum-Chair, Allen Eisenstein, Kevin Forrestal, James Gallagher Jr., Bright Dae-Jung Limm, Seymour Schwartz. Also present; Marc A. Haken-Board Member CB#8, Marie Adam-Ovide-District Manager CB#8, Marilla Li for Assemblywoman Nily Rozic, Richard Gippetti-NYC-DOT, Quinn Kelly- NYC-DOT, Mia Moffett-NYC-DOT, Julio Polliero-NYC-DOT, Assad Batna- Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque Member , Abdul Chafour- Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque Member, Ron Craddock-Resident, Edna Harris-Resident, Dan Stein-Resident.

### **I. PRESENTATION:**

- A. NYC DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION (*DOT* -) IMPROVEMENT OF TRAFFIC SAFETY 188<sup>th</sup> Street & 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue by Mia Moffett.
  1. High-crash intersection with 26 injuries from 1/1/11 to 1/9/17.
  2. Improvements include:
    - a) Installation of Qwick Kurb to stop left turn out of parking lot onto 188<sup>th</sup> Street.
    - b) Three parking spaces will be removed from the west side of 188<sup>th</sup> Street to create dedicated turn lane.
    - c) One additional parking space will be removed to extend “No Standing Anytime” on the northeast corner.
- B. NYC DOT: 210<sup>th</sup> Street & Oceania Street – to improve safety at MS 74, by Quinn Kelly
  1. This location borders CB8.
  2. West side by Cunningham Park – Bike lanes to be installed next to parking lane, together with two traffic lanes.
    - a) Curb, 2 bike lanes, parking lane traffic lane
    - b) Adding bike lane will narrow street thereby reducing speeding
  3. 19 full time parking spaces to be removed to accommodate turns and increase visibility. 18 parking spaces will be converted to “No Standing School Days” 7 am to 4 pm.
    - a) No negative impact as there is adequate teacher parking
  4. Problem with double and triple parked cars, speeding and illegal u-turns at arrival and dismissal times.
    - a) NYPD enforcement will be requested if parking issue persists.
  5. Merge of Oceania Street and 210<sup>th</sup> Street.
    - a) A one way northbound conversion of 210<sup>th</sup> Street is recommended to eliminate merge at 210<sup>th</sup> Street to improve motorist safety.
    - b) New crosswalks and painted curb extensions will be installed.
- C. NYC DOT updated report on recommended traffic improvements at 188<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Circle at 64<sup>th</sup> and 69<sup>th</sup> Avenues will be presented in autumn 2017.

### **II. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. DOT has changed its policy for reviewing its decision. Time frame changed from 18 to 36 months.
- B. Transportation Alternatives has published a report on re-designing streets. NYS Court of Appeals has ruled that municipalities can be held liable for failing to adequately study and

- redesign streets with a history of traffic injuries and reckless driving. Copy of report can be obtained @ [www.visionzerostreets.org](http://www.visionzerostreets.org).
- C. NYC DOT Queens Street resurfacing schedule for July to December 2017 can be obtained in the CB8 office [see attached].
  - D. Councilman Barry Grodenchik to Resident: MTA has assigned tracking #161229-000308 to investigate service on the Q43 bus route.
  - E. Councilman Barry Grodenchik to Resident: DOT has assigned tracking #321772-D3Q4 to investigate request for “No U Turn” signs on both Radnor Road and Avon Road near the front and back entrances of PS/IS178.
  - F. Councilman Barry Grodenchik to Resident: DOT has assigned tracking #322270-POG2 to investigate resurfacing of 193<sup>rd</sup> Street between 73<sup>rd</sup> & 75<sup>th</sup> Avenues.
  - G. Councilman Barry Grodenchik to Resident: DOT has assigned tracking # 3217730-V1L7 to request additional street lighting in front of 196-31 Como Street (*SEE III.P*). **THIS LOCATION HAS A STREET LIGHT ONE HOUSE SOUTH OF THIS ADDRESS AND ONE STREET LIGHT AT THE CORNER WHICH IS ONE HOUSE TO THE NORTH.**
  - H. Councilman Barry Grodenchik to Resident: Request has been sent to DOT for speed humps on Marengo Street between Dunton and Pompeii Avenues. **DON’T SEE THE NEED FOR THIS.**
  - I. Councilman Barry Grodenchik to Resident: Request sent to DOT for traffic calming device on Hillside Avenue & 205<sup>th</sup> Street (*SEE III K*).
  - J. Councilman Barry Grodenchik to Resident: Request sent to MTA
    1. Q26 - Extend its termination from Horace Harding Expwy. to Francis Lewis Boulevard, then south on Springfield Boulevard., then east on South Conduit Avenue to Green Acres Road.
    2. Q64 – Instead of terminating @ 164<sup>th</sup> Street, it should extend south to 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, north on Springfield Boulevard, then east on 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 230<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - K. Councilman Barry Grodenchik to Resident: Request sent to DOT for traffic signals along 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue at 171<sup>st</sup>, 172<sup>nd</sup>, 173<sup>rd</sup>, 180<sup>th</sup>, 181<sup>st</sup>, & 183<sup>rd</sup> Streets. **TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON CONSECUTIVE CORNERS WILL NOT BE APPROVED BY DOT.**

### **III. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS REQUESTS**

- A. Letter drafted from CB8 by Martha Taylor, Chair to Gov. Cuomo expressing our opposition to Assembly Bill A09633 which included congestion pricing and taxi surcharges.
- B. MTA: In response to request to add Q88 limited service (10/17/16). MTA has added 10 additional trips but study indicates that this line does not meet need for limited service.
- C. MTA: Request for additional service Q64 bus route. Investigation indicates additional service not warranted; however, in spring 2017, running times will be adjusted for the morning rush hour service so busses will arrive closer to the published time table.
- D. TLC: “Letter of No Objection” sent to TLC for La Nueva Quisqueya Car Service., License #BO1626, 87-38 148<sup>th</sup> Street, Briarwood.
- E. TLC: “Letter of No Objection” sent to TLC for PJ Car Service, License#B00984, 205-25 Hillside Avenue, Hollis, NY 11423.
- F. DOT to Councilman Barry Grodenchik on behalf of constituent: Southbound left turn signal on 188<sup>th</sup> Street & 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is being studied.

- G. DOT request for Daylighting at the intersection of Jewel Avenue & 163<sup>rd</sup> Street (10/13/16) has been DENIED.
- H. DOT request for Daylighting 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Main Street (10/13/16) has been DENIED (see III-DD).
- I. DOT request for installation of “No Parking” signage for the driveway 162-05 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue (10/13/16). DOT study does not show any issues with Department of Sanitation trucks entering or exiting driveway for garbage collection. Request DENIED.
- J. DOT request resurfacing 182<sup>nd</sup> Street between 69<sup>th</sup> and 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (10/13/16). Location scheduled for Fiscal Year 2017.
- K. DOT response to Barry Grodenchik on behalf of constituent (10/26/16): DOT installed a 7-second LPI (Leading Pedestrian Interval) on Hillside Avenue & 205<sup>th</sup> Street. In addition a hardened centerline will be installed on the west left leg of Hillside Avenue. This changes the turning angle to slow left turns with no change to traffic capacity (*SEE II. I*) **LPI DONE; PLASTIC DELINIATORS HAVE NOT BEEN INSTALLED TO DATE.**
- L. DOT request: “Slow School Zone” in front of PS 201, 65-11 155<sup>th</sup> Street. A 20 MPH sign was installed on 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and a feasibility study for a speed hump was requested for this location (10/31/16). **DONE**
- M. DOT request for additional traffic control at 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 156<sup>th</sup> Street (11/18/16). Request DENIED as unnecessary.
- N. DOT request repair for damaged curb – east sidewalk between 69<sup>th</sup> & 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenues (11/4/16). City will inspect location; violations will be issued to property owners for sidewalk repair.
  - 1. Member of Transportation Committee requests expedited inspection at the site of Brinkerhoff Colonial Cemetery as sidewalk is badly damaged.
- O. DOT request repair of roadway condition - Pershing Crescent between Manton & Landers Streets (12/5/16). DOT indicates work is being done under DDC (Dept. Design & Construction) #QED1001. Resurfacing need will be determined upon completion of project.
- P. NYC Parks – Tree pruning request at 196-31 Como Avenue (1/5/17). Inspection was done on 2/1/17 indicating trees in good condition, and not necessary at this time, scheduled for 2020.(*SEE II.G*)
- Q. DOT request for curb repair – 183<sup>rd</sup> Street between 73<sup>rd</sup> & 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue (1/5/17). Repairs have been made.
- R. DOT request “Do Not Enter” sign 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue & 179<sup>th</sup> Street (1/9/17). All signs were in good condition. **DO NOT ENTER SIGN DENIED AS UNNECESSARY**
- S. DOT request “Do Not Enter” sign 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue & 181<sup>st</sup> Street (1/9/17). All signs were in good condition. **DO NOT ENTER SIGN DENIED AS UNNECESSARY**
- T. DOT request “Do Not Enter” sign 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue & 183<sup>rd</sup> Street (1/9/17). All signs were in good condition. (*SEE IV.B*) **DO NOT ENTER SIGN DENIED AS UNNECESSARY**

- U. DOT request “Do Not Enter” sign 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue & 185<sup>th</sup> Street (1/9/17). All signs were in good condition.(*SEE IV.B*) **DO NOT ENTER SIGN DENIED AS UNNECESSARY**
- V. DOT request for speed hump – 87<sup>th</sup> Road between 148<sup>th</sup> & 150<sup>th</sup> Streets. 40 postcards sent to residents, 6 responses received. Speed humps cannot be supported. **DENIED**
- W. DOT request for speed hump 134<sup>th</sup> Street between Hoover & 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenues. This location meets criteria. **SENT SURVEY TO AFFECTED RESIDENTS. RESULTS: 17 IN FAVOR 3 OPPOSED. HOWEVER, THE REQUEST IS DENIED AS A RESULT OF INSUFFICIENT RESPONSE FROM COMMUNITY.**
- X. DOT request repair – Ponding condition 172-83 Henley Road between Devonshire Road & Kendrick Place (1/31/17). Inspection 2 days after heavy rain showed water fully drained. No repair required.
- Y. DOT request to co-name/rename street – 85<sup>th</sup> Road in Holliswood after the entrance ramp to the Grand Central to Ahmadiyya Way after the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque: Response letter sent to residents indicating procedure: formal request required with resume followed by public hearing and community board recommendation followed by City Council vote, and then DOT implementation. **DISCUSSION ENSUED IF THERE IS A PRECEDENT FOR STREETS BEING RENAMED AFTER LIVING PERSONS OR BUSINESS ENTITIES. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT SUCH A PRECEDENT EXISTS IN NYC. REFER TO AREA CHAIR FOR PUBLIC HEARING.**
- Z. DOT – One way conversion of 144<sup>th</sup> Street between Hillside Avenue & 85<sup>th</sup> Drive. Due to narrowness of street, parking is currently permitted on east curb. 116 postcards sent, 11 in favor, 17 opposed. Issues are double parked cars and side-swiping. Second mailing sent to residents and waiting for area chair input. **REQUEST DENIED AS RESPONSE TO SECOND MAIL: 23 IN FAVOR, 34 OPPOSED, 4 RETURNED WITHOUT NAME, 4 RETURNED BY POST OFFICE, IS INSUFFICIENT FOR A POSITIVE RESPONSE.**
- AA. DOT request for traffic control at St John’s University Gate #2 at Utopia Parkway. Request DENIED as unnecessary.
- BB. DOT request for traffic control at Kendrick & Henley Road (3/22/16). Request DENIED as unnecessary.
- CC. DOT request repair of ponding condition 141-53 Pershing Crescent (11/2/16). Request APPROVED. Repair to be scheduled **THE LOCATION LOOKS RECENTLY PAVED.**
- DD. DOT request for Daylighting at the corner of 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Main Street (11/28/16). Request DENIED. Reconsideration or enforcement is being requested by resident. He states that because of the fire hydrant near the corner, motorists squeeze their car and block the intersection thereby impeding visualization cars approaching northbound. (*see III-H*) **ENFORCEMENT IS RECOMMENDED.**
- EE. DOT response to Assemblywoman Nily Rozic’s request for reversing traffic flow on 171<sup>st</sup> Street northbound between LIE service Road and 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue. As 169<sup>th</sup>, 170<sup>th</sup> and 172<sup>nd</sup> are all northbound, converting 171<sup>st</sup> Street to northbound would have 4 consecutive one way streets; this would lead to high volume on 173<sup>rd</sup> Street. Therefore, request DENIED.

- FF. DOT request for installation of speed hump on Park Drive East from Union Tpke. to 136<sup>th</sup> Street. Nine speed humps were APPROVED. DOT waiting for community board response.
- GG. DOT request for traffic control at the intersection 186<sup>th</sup> Lane & 188<sup>th</sup> Street. DENIED. Study indicates unnecessary.
- HH. DOT request “School – Slow Zone” (3/18/14). 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Parsons and Kissena Boulevard. **APPROVED DONE**
- II. DOT request for stop signs on 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 188<sup>th</sup> Street & Utopia Pkwy. DOT has recently DENIED stop signs. Transportation Committee Denied speed humps. Additional consideration for “Traffic Light” is requested. **PETITION RECEIVED WITH 27 NAMES REQUESTING A SPEED HUMP. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SURVEY OF ALL AFFECTED RESIDENTS FROM 188<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO UTOPIA PARKWAY. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT IF A SPEED HUMP IS REQUESTED BY THE COMMUNITY, IT BE INSTALLED BETWEEN 184<sup>TH</sup> AND 185<sup>TH</sup> STREETS.**
- JJ. Request Daylighting, “No Standing” sign at the northeast corner of 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 175<sup>th</sup> Street. 311 request number C1-1-1363043311 (2/2/17). **APPROVED**

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

- A. Request curb repair at 73-39 183<sup>rd</sup> Street which was damaged while DOT was resurfacing the area in July, 2016. **THIS LOCATION HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY REPAIRED WITH ASPHALT. STEEL AND CONCRETE REPLACEMENT IS REQUIRED.**
- B. Request “No Entry” signs northeast and northwest corner 183<sup>rd</sup> & 185<sup>th</sup> Streets. **DENIED (SEE III. T AND U)**
- C. Request street paving repair on Edgerton Road – Complaint#1-1-1363594521 and Edgerton and Tudor Roads depression Complaint #1-1-1363322754.
- D. DOT request 198<sup>th</sup> Street reverts back to two-way operation between Hillside and Foothill Avenues. Residents must go two traffic lights to get back to their homes. Last DENIED in 1998. **APPROVED**
- E. Request NYPD enforcement of speeding on GCP service road westbound between Parsons Boulevard & Main Street from 7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m. **APPROVED**

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

- A. TLC request Letter of No Objection for ambulette company Orion Transportation, Inc., 179-05 Union Turnpike. **APPROVED when letter for vehicle parking is received at CB8.**
- B. TLC request Letter of No Objection for emergency medical transport company, AVA Ambulette Corp., 179-05 Union Turnpike. **APPROVED when letter for vehicle parking is received at CB8.**
- C. DOT request speed cameras Park Drive East between Jewel Avenue & 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. **INDIVIDUAL REQUEST DENIED. NYPD ENFORCEMENT IS REQUESTED.**
- D. DOT poor road conditions southbound overpass on Kissena Boulevard at LIE Service Road. **INDIVIDUAL. DOT STUDY IS RECOMMENDED FOR REPAVING AND STREET MARKINGS.**
- E. All entrances and exits on Clearview Expwy. to GCP are full of potholes. **INDIVIDUAL THESE REPAIRS ARE CURRENTLY BEING MADE.**
- F. DOT request 4-way stop signs 152<sup>nd</sup> Street & 84<sup>th</sup> Drive. **INDIVIDUAL APPROVED NEAR SCHOOL.**

- G. DOT request street bench on Highland Avenue between 162<sup>nd</sup> & 164<sup>th</sup> Streets. Director Highland Academic Pre-School and Pre-K. **APPROVED**
  - H. DSNY – Request street cleaning west side of 188<sup>th</sup> Street from Henley Road to Hillside Avenue. **INDIVIDUAL APPROVED**
  - I. DOT request Daylighting southwest corner 184<sup>th</sup> Street & 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Member Transportation Committee. **APPROVED**
  - J. DOT request repaving **INDIVIDUAL**
    - 1. Parsons Boulevard from LIE to Jamaica Avenue. **DENIED**
    - 2. 164<sup>th</sup> Street from LIE to Hillside Avenue **APPROVED FOR DOT STUDY FROM GRAND CENTRAL PARKWAY TO HILLSIDE AVENUE.**
  - K. DOT request replacement of street markings on 164<sup>th</sup> Street, LIE to Hillside Avenue. **INDIVIDUAL APPROVED FOR DOT STUDY FROM GOETHALS AVENUE TO HILLSIDE AVENUE.**
  - L. Request “No Parking” at 161-48 Normal Road (sharp curve) to allow passing access to service vehicles. **INDIVIDUAL APPROVED FOR DOT STUDY**
  - M. DOT request crossing lines and STOP markings on pavement **MEMBER TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**
    - 1. 168<sup>th</sup> Street north and south, and on Goethals Avenue east and west **APPROVED**
    - 2. 168<sup>th</sup> Street & 82<sup>nd</sup> Road at the stop sign **APPROVED**
  - N. DOT Request “Stop Here” street marking **INDIVIDUAL**
    - 3. On 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue at 185<sup>th</sup> Street and 188<sup>th</sup> Street. **APPROVED**
    - 4. On 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 185<sup>th</sup> Street and 188<sup>th</sup> Street **APPROVED**
- VI. New Business
- Grand Central Parkway Interchange Phase IV presentation by DOT has been scheduled for May 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Jewish Center before the scheduled CB#8 May meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 9:20 pm