

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA: THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021

I. DOT Presentation by Andrew Arcese on the 188th Street Corridor Update.

II. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. DOT presentation on 88th Street corridor – Andrew

B. DOT updated 2020 NYC Bike Maps – available in CB8 office.

C. MTA – OMNY contactless fare payment system exceeded 21Mill taps in Nov. Available in 365 subway stations or 77% of stations system wide. Scheduled to be in all stations by the end of the year 2021.

D. MTA – New subway map features 9 newly accessible stations. One available in Queens on Astoria Blvd.

E. MTA launches “live subway map” – allows subway riders to navigate subway system in real time. New map allows riders to plan trips more easily, taking into account service changes, and to see train movements. See <https://map.mta.info>.

F. MTA – Return of E train service to Sutphin Blvd/Archer Ave-JFK and Jamaica Center-Parsons/Archer Ave. was scheduled to return on November 2nd.

1.Phase II reconstruction of track upgrades should have been completed by year’s end (2020)

G. Assemblywoman Nily Rozic introduced the Furious Act Bill. The bill would amend the vehicle traffic law to allow NYC to operate speed cameras at any time in a school speed zone which the city has identified as an area of special concern for illegal speed racing. Letter of support from local community boards is requested. See below recommendations after post drag racing meeting.

1 NYPD will check with its legal team re: enforcing trespassing laws for specific parking lots where racers congregate. Special signage would have to be installed.

2. Federal Realty will look into the possibility of installing electric power fence that would close off the “Fresh Meadows Shopping Center after a certain time”.

3. NYPD will provide monthly statistics re; number of summonses issued for drag racing, tinted windows, speeding and muffler noise to elected officials Nily Rozic and Barry Grodenchik.

4. All future drag racing complaints should be reported to 911 if it falls under reckless endangerment or to 311. Emails should be sent to Officer Trotter (albert.trotter@nypd.gov), Assemblywoman Rozic (rozicn@nyassembly.gov) and Councilman Grodenchik (AGershman@council.nyc.gov).

5. NYPD is working on setting up more check points to catch violators.

H. DOT- In regard to restaurants that are building outdoor areas on city streets or sidewalks, this creates dangerous situations for pedestrians, motorists and hampers snow removal especially in winter when it gets dark early. Considerations should be given to safety concerns before permitting construction. Individual.

I. DOT – Downtown Jamaica Traffic Study has been in the works since 2015 and can now be accessed at www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/downtown-jamaica-study-final-report.pdf.

1. Hillside Ave. to North, 183rd St. to East, Liberty Ave. to South, Van Wyck Expwy. to West.
2. Union Tpk. to North, 193rd St\Farmer Blvd to East, Linden Blvd. to South, 130th St. to West.

J. MTA will do ADA compliance work on the Flushing Line and the Grand Central Shuttle from January to mid-March. Alternate service will be provided during work hours.

III. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS REQUESTS

A. DOT – Request to resurface Chevy Chase St. between Cambridge Rd. & Hovenden Rd. (9/10/20) – scheduled for 2021.

B. DOT completed its study for additional traffic controls at the intersection of 188th St. & 186th Lane – a traffic signal has been approved for this location and installed by November 30th.

C. DOT request – Traffic control device at Fresh Meadow Lane & 65th Ave. by PS 216. Traffic study indicates that “a signal or an all-way stop sign will not provide the maximum safety benefits.” DOT will continue to evaluate this location for other traffic-calming measures such as: speed reducers, traffic calming signs, speed cameras, and restriction of curbside parking spaces during school hours.

D. DOT request - All-way Stop signs at 73rd Terr. & Park Drive East. Has been assigned # DOT-476624-V1G0 (10/5/20).

E. DOT request - All-Way Stop signs Cedarcroft Rd. & Kingston Pl. Has been assigned #DOT-476820-Z6H4.

F. DOT request – Correction of Ponding condition at 189th St. & 81st Ave. Upon meeting with the flooding team on 10/8/20, it was determined that they will be able to install permeable pavements at this location. Timing of construction must be coordinated. They will need to meet with DOT on site to discuss Ped. Ramp conditions.

G. DOT request – Additional traffic control at the intersection of 67th Ave. & 183rd St. DOT study indicates that additional controls do not meet safety standards for installation.

H. DOT request – Additional traffic control at the intersection of 70th Rd. & 137th St. DOT study indicates that additional controls do not meet safety standards for installation.

I. DOT request – All-way Stop signs at 171st St. & 75th Ave. Has been assigned case #DOT-479060-H1C0.

J. DOT request – All-way Stop signs at Tudor Rd. & Surrey Pl. Has been assigned case #DOT-479077-M6S7.

K. DOT request – Repair of misplaced street signs at the corner of Kissena Blvd. & 72nd Rd. has been corrected, and new style signs have been ordered to replace the old-style signs.

L. DOT request – Survey and follow-up to public hearing on Modification of Traffic Flow on 191st St & Hillside Ave. After numerous discussions, committee meetings, public hearing, and finally a survey of affected residents on this location, it appears that there is no consensus on how to modify this location to permit resident’s access to their homes while limiting the ability of motorists to use 191st St as a bypass of a congested 188th St. during morning and evening rush hours.

1. Attached are responses and recommendations from 52 residents that were sent surveys in December.

M. DOT request – Renaming of 204th St from Francis Lewis Blvd to the dead end (west) to Melvin “Mel” Doby Way. Was unanimously approved by the Trans. Comm. as well as CB8 on 11/18/20.

1. Enclosed find a petition approving this request with 120 signatures.

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

- A. DOT request – Repair or replace cobblestones on Cloverhill Rd. Priority replacement has been requested as material is unavailable and the street has not been resurfaced since the 1920's.
 - 1. DOT should consider the motorist difficulty in getting up the hill during snow and slippery conditions when designing the resurfacing material.
- B. DOT request – Resurfacing 73rd Ave. between 179th & 185th Streets.
- C. DOT request – Update on safety improvements for 168th Pl. / 169th St. between Highland Ave. and GCP. No update since 6/17/19. Extended street markings and concrete refuge were recommended at that time.
- D. NYPD - Request additional police presence and enforcement on 164th St between Union Tpk. & GCP, in front of the church to reduce speeding and improve pedestrian safety as a result of stabbing in November in front of church.

IV. NEW REQUESTS

- A. DOT request – Traffic signal at the corner on McLaughlin between Santiago St. & Palo Alto Ave. (TC Member)
- B. TLC request – ‘Letter of No Objection’ for livery base ownership change of La Nueva Quisqueya Car Service, Inc., 87-38 148th St., Jamaica, NY 11435. Base License #B01626.
- C. DOT request safety improvements on 141st St. and 73rd Ave. The street has a planted median that stops before the intersection. Motorist traveling south on 141st St. to turn onto 73rd Ave. are turning in the crosswalk endangering pedestrians who are crossing the street. (Individual).
 - 1. Yellow broken street markings have been requested for this location DOT-487554-Q1H8 (update of this request is requested prior to transportation committee meeting).