

**CB12Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**June 1, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

**Committee Members Present** –Chair, Debby Nabavian; Assistant Chair, Omar Tejada; Richard Allman, Mary Anderson, James Berlin, Robin Cruz, Gerard Dengel, Bruce Robertson

**CB12:** Daryl Cochrane, Maria Luna, Isidro Medina

**Public:** Natalie Espino MBPO; **DoT:** Jennifer Sta. Ines, Lyle Blackwood, Jackie Lazaro, Jesse Cabrera, Mabel;

**MTA:** Howie Levine; Kiana Díaz (CM Rodríguez), Phil Bethel, Jack Fogle, Dimitris Koutoimbas; Jerry Culligan.

**1) Call to order 7:07 pm**

a) Chair: potential special July meeting to hear plan for elevator replacement at 190<sup>th</sup> A station.

**2) DOT Presentation - Draft Plan Citi bike Station expansion in CB12**

CB12 expansion part of Phase 3 (2019-202) of Citi bike network build/expansion. Summer 2020 installation will cover W. 155th street to W. 184th street summer 2020. W. 184th – W. 220<sup>th</sup> will be summer of 2021. Presentation at NYC.gov/bike share. There are various price plans including 5 / month for NYCHA residents and SNAP recipients. Riverside Oval area shows as pending due to other projects being planned and implemented.

**a) Questions and comments**

- OT/ Will we have a higher amount of ebikes because of the large elevation change in our hilly neighborhood? DOT Jesse Cabrera A/ Lyft does provide those and will make effort to get them uptown.
- OT / Do sidewalk stations remove parking spots? DOT A / 13 sites are roadbed stations (on map as squares) and only these remove parking. 17 sidewalk stations (on map as triangles) have no loss of parking.
- JB /Neighborhood has limited parking is limited, and would like not to have parking spots removed. How many parking spaces were removed? DOT A/ 13 roadside station with 25 docks. Each dock is 2.5 feet 65-70 feet long (about 4 spots). In some instances station sizes can be decreased.
- DN / On the Mitchell Square location is street presumed to be one way as proposed earlier in year? DOT A / Station planned to be along the bike lane and takes into account the coming street changes.
- DN / If there is an issue can a Citi bike station be removed? DOT A / In cases where there's e.g. a construction project, we relocate it then return once completed. Other instances of shifting stations has occurred to due to interference with a building's operations such as garbage collection. It is also done based on needs.
- DN / what happens if a particular station isn't high utilization? DOT A/ Stations can be rebalanced (such as 19 docks vs. the standard 25) based on usage.
- GD/ Can a chart be made showing a visual of these stations and the parking loss coming from them? Also, can reporting on usage be shared? Citi bike has monthly and quarterly reporting on their website. Our final surveys are not final due to COVID in assessments of the parking loss. We use 20 ft as a parking spot calculation.
- OT/ What prevents a road dock from being converted to a sidewalk dock? DOT A / sidewalk width, utilities, tree pits cause the determination of either option.
- BR / on W. 157th street and Morgan where is the dock exactly? DOT A / W. 157th street going west. BR – That's a heavily trafficked area w many issues, so will need to address further.

- GD / Re the post-COVID world, what is being done to protect the public? DOT A / lyft sanitizes the bikes and the contact points frequently and also does more frequent sanitization near medical facilities.
- DC / How much space is being left for ADA access on sidewalk stations? DOT A/ We leave 6 feet of access, ADA requires 4'.
- DC / How far from the corner of 183rd and FWA will the station start? DOT A/ We try to site station as close to the intersection as possible to provide site lines for both pedestrians and automobiles.
- DC / You mentioned ride time limits of 30/45 minutes - going downtown could take more time? DOT A/ you can dock and redock to extend times for further trips.
- IM/ Happy to see this since we have a high obesity rate from a health standpoint. Parking is very challenging in our neighborhood and parking loss should be kept at a minimum, particularly near small businesses.
- IM / It would also be important to create access for those without credit cards, as this limits access for some members of our neighborhood. DOT A / lyft is trying to work out a system that does not require a credit/debit payment structure. It's not available currently but we will mention this to lyft as it's something that comes up frequently.
- ML / Can the dock on W. 157th be reconsidered, as that is not a good location.
- Jerry Culligan: only four spots near the hospital. You need more near the hospital since it's a high traffic area. W. 161 street station and Broadway could be a narrow location. Riverside oval which is pending should be addressed with that neighborhood.
- Dimitris Koutoimbas: thanks DOT for finally expanding. Is this expansion going to be complimented by additional physical cycling infrastructure? DOT A/ as we expand Citi bike we also look for opportunities to expand the physical infrastructure. As we go forward, always looking towards adding more protected bike lanes. Those will make their way through CB12 if they occur.
- Jack Fogle: Signage on RSD is causing issues with EMTs could that be addressed? DOT: Yes we can link up with Jack.
- Phil Bethel: would love to see a denser network with more stations since we are at the edge of the system. Approximately 75% of our community does not own an automobile.

1. **MTA - update on operation surging COVID-19 (service, cleaning, ongoing projects.)**

Howie Levine: Subway is suspended between 1am - 5am for cleaning and disinfecting. Enhanced bus service during that time. For essential workers we have created a program for them to get a for hire vehicle at no cost. We also created an app to figure out eligibility. We now require all riders to wear masks in the system. We are piloting hand sanitizer at some stations as well as UV lighting for cleaning. Our elevator station work continues to be on time. We plan to resume the shuttle service supporting the elevator closures after the pandemic.

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- RA/ Saw a report that said the sanitizer being used by the MTA is not meeting certain standards. MTA: sanitizers are all EPA approved. Ensuring that it's killing any virus I would have to get back to you.
- MA/ another incident not being allowed to board the front of the bus since I have a walker. I told her if she didn't open the front door I would file a complaint. Who should complaints go to? MTA: apologies this has happened twice. The buses have the signage saying this. The front is still available for this purpose. What is the most helpful is to get the bus number and time. Send this to Ebenezer and he will send to me (Howie).
- BR/ To Mary's point is calling 311 an option? MTA: 511 is number for MTA complaints.

- DN / when does 190 elevator replacement kickoff? MTA: Those are on schedule for September.
- IM/ SE and SW corners 181st st nick/Broadway buses. Front bus door access is difficult due to street vendors. People with disability have difficulty accessing the front of the bus. MTA A/ Vendors are not allowed to be parked near a bus stop. If a vendor is causing this issue it might be DOT or NYC DCA need to be made aware.
- Natalie Espino MBPO: On Mary's point we have been receiving this feedback across Manhattan. Under Access a Ride users could be penalized for not using this service. Due to the pandemic can this be adjusted? MTA: will look into it, can't imagine that during pandemic it would be the same policy. In terms of front boarding issue on buses we want to ensure our drivers are following the policy. Let us know as you hear more of that with a bus number and time/date we can address the specific driver.

### 3) Old Business

- DN / Oval project one way south bound issue is still outstanding. I have asked DOT to return to our September meeting to provide a more in-depth background on why this was the recommendation.
- OT: Is there an update on HRD lighting issue stretching to dyckman. DOT: Lyle to request update from Con Ed on the lighting update.
- OT: W 178th street off the GWB traffic project? DOT: Will look into the possibility of this project being completed this summer.

### 4) New Business

- DN: Members have asked about street co-naming. This will be coming up in October. Considered twice a year by our committee.
- BR: Could we have Citi bike/DOT back in the summer to speak about 157th street? DN A/ Don't want special discussion outside of committee process, can address concerns of W 157<sup>th</sup> station through feedback on plan presented tonight.
- DOT/ stations around the Oval are pending based on the oval project.
- DN / Said that she had asked DOT to inventory past projects that have addressed safety and traffic issues in past. DOT Lyle/ in 2018, DOT made a presentation which added pedestrian safety measures on 158<sup>th</sup> and Broadway. Also did signal timing changes, addressed left turn from Broadway. There is a capital project pending that could address the issues on Morgan between Broadway and 157th street. We will give you a heads up on upcoming projects as well between now and September. Chair Deborah: You made the changes because people were being hurt. Can we get a before and after (post implementation) report of impact of the project?

### 5) Meeting completed: 9:13 pm