

CB12 Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting
January 4, 2021, at 7:00 PM

Committee Members Present –Chair, Debby Nabavian; Assistant Chair, Omar Tejada; Richard Allman, Mary Anderson, James Berlin, Robin Cruz, Gerard Dengel, Mariela Graham, Edith Prentiss, Bruce Robertson.
CB12: Yosef Kalinsky, Maria Luna, Steve Simon, Curtis Young, Francisco Lopez.

Public: Natalie Espino MBPO; Wendy L Olivo, Assemblyman Taylor; Dario Quinsac, State Senator Jackson's office; Orlando Ovales, Assemblywoman De La Rosa, Kiana Diaz, CM Rodriguez. DoT: Jennifer Sta. Ines, Jackie Lazara, Jesse Cabrero, Jene Malloy, Mabel Kessler, Kimberly Rancourt. Jon Greenfield, YU; Martin Collins, Dave Thom, Dmitris Koutoumbas, D. Cardona, Zachary Cohen, Tiffany Braby, Cliff Elkind, Christina Ferrari, Cynthia Auburn, Lucia D., Stan O' Connor, Genesis Abreu, Miah Soto, Mario Cuellar, Joe Lott, Jared Fox, Richard Ortiz; Phil Bethel, HK Dunston, Adam Fran, A. Rice, Anthony Voulgarides, Ashley Sanchez, Evelin Aparicio, Katherine Sullivan, Keith Lau, Kevin Hirson, Lorial Crowder, Mr. Espin, P Courtney, Rayner Ramirez.

1) Call to order at 7:05 pm

- 2) DOT Presentation of Citi Bike draft station map CB12 (North of 184th street).** Presenting Jennifer Ines (DOT) Sam Hope (DOT) and team. DKN: the process will be similar to the first half of CB12, the public provide feedback directly, I will consolidate Board comments. The success of the bike network depends on the high density of stations, 3-5 minutes walk apart, and access to transit hubs important. Also must take into account sidewalk widths, ADA requirements, hydrants, etc. So far, this draft plan has 26 sidewalk stations, 7 roadbeds, and 2 not determined yet (around Columbia at 220th). Public comments can be made at nyc.gov/bikeshare & email bikeshare@dot.nyc.gov.
- EP: Why was ADA mentioned? Will there be Accessible bikes as promised years ago? DOT A/ Required clearance of sidewalk stations. Will get back on accessible bikes.
 - OT: Empty stations and lack of E-bikes continues to be a chronic problem. DOT A/ Will continues to relay these concerns to Lyft who manages.
 - BR: are bikes tracked? DOT: Yes. Each usage is tracked as well as station use. That helps in station placement concerns and for bike infrastructure.
 - GD: Why is Citi bike not held to similar cleaning standards as businesses? Continued use of "we will get back to you" causes concern. Asks committee to think about a penalty resolution if rebalancing of the inventory is not being met. DOT A/ It is our understanding that an SLA is in effect and we will take this back for review.
 - CY: Concerned about the station on 156th street. We provided in-depth feedback on this station and it was still placed there which feels as if this was ignored. What is done when feedback and recommendations are provided? DOT A/ for this station there were a lot of non-feasible sites.
 - FL: Would like parking impact to be mitigated. Have studies been done on the impact on local bike shops? DOT A/ Worked to preserve parking in the area. Don't believe analysis has been done on impacts on local bike shops. Feedback on transparency has been noted.
 - YK – Was reach outdone to YU?
 - D. Koutoumbas –no cycling infrastructure is being offered in conjunction with this rollout to ensure safety. Broadway is dangerous. DOT A/ Bike share team works closely with the traffic team and collects the data to make further improvements in the future.
 - D. Cardona – Resident of W 163rd, bike commuter; there is an issue with Citi Bike Station by RSD there. Questions also the logic of locations specifically the Fort George station and 163rd. DOT A/ Bike share team reviews any stations for which concerns exist. We can review these.

- W. Olivo – There are simply no bikes in the stations and few e-bikes. DOT A / Lyft has responsibility for this. find that the edges of the service area seem to empty very quickly. We expect this to be alleviated as the system expands. Also, expect e-bikes to be more available as the system expands.
- P. Bethel – more sidewalk than roadbed is a strong preference. What is the timeline for the expansion to Kingsbridge and east? DOT A/ Forthcoming after Manhattan completion.
- M Collins – Will the public have the ability to comment on proposed Columbia adjacent stations, and when will that be released? Also requested email address.
- Z Cohen – Excited about expansion, but given elevation issues, and that only N/S routes are St Nicholas and Ft Wash Ave, that leaves a vast valley between without safe bike infrastructure. DOT A/ Understood and reference previous comments on safety. Access to Hudson River Greenway.
- T Braby – Stations near Edgecomb have remained empty even when others are re-stocked – equality issue. DOT A/ The 169th street station is part of a program to provide essential workers with access.
- D Thom: Concerned with the west of Broadway between 215 and 220 as it's a barren location.
- C Ferrari, comment about outdoor dining.

3) WHEELS Environmental Justice green space initiative. Presenting Genesis Abreu. Recommends that students from the 6 schools be included on the 181st street advisory board, including an environmental study on the surrounding streets as it relates to air quality, and lastly would like to collaborate with CB12/DOT on creating a street plaza on 182nd street.

- Chair DKN: Very impressive work. No issue with including you in the next advisory meeting.
 - EP: Three senior programs use 182nd street for access. How does this interact with this request? WHEELS: We will take this into account and review it but would like a temporary plaza. We have not yet determined if it will be all day or just a portion.
 - JB: How pleased he is with the program. Compliments your efforts and suggestions.
 - OT: Echoes JB comments and noted that possibly there could be notes of the advisory meeting if you can't make it.
 - MG: Shared the same sentiments as Jim and Omar.
 - SS: Believes that a reason which could be used is a safety measure for when students need to cross the street to access the other building.
 - ML: Could this presentation be shown to both the environmental and youth committees.
 - HK Dunston: There have been other cities that have implemented similar plazas as was presented here and are a large value add to residents.
 - J. Greenfield: As a partner with the students we believe it is a very promising idea, and closely partnered with WHEELS on a 2020 letter about dangerous conditions along with Amsterdam.
 - Joe Lott: Seconds endorsing the plaza under a specific time frame during the day.
 - Jared Fox: WHEELS teacher thankful to the board for taking this presentation.
 - Richard Ortiz: Parent of WHEELS student. Commends everyone for their work and endorses the plaza.
 - Rayner Ramirez: Thanks to the board and everyone at WHEELS for working on this project.
2. Old Business
 - Broadway/Nagle/Bennet redesign: Speaking with DOT as it's not going as planned.
 3. New Business

Meeting completed: **9:25 pm**