

CB12M Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting
April 4, 2022, at 7:00 PM

Committee Members Present –Chair, Debby Nabavian; Assistant Chair, Luis Jimenez; Mary Anderson, James Berlin, Robin Cruz, Jay Mazur, Bruce Robertson. **Community Board Members:** Sally Fisher
Public – Lyle Blackwood and Kimberly Rancourt DOT; Marshall Vanderpool, Aquiles Rojas, Julio Batista (NYP), Michael Hano.

1) Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

- **Welcome by Chair, Debby Nabavian.** While we do not specify agenda items, I asked DOT to provide updates on old items because there have been developments on several projects.

2) DOT update:

- The **Amsterdam School Safety project** to make a variety of safety-related improvements to Amsterdam Ave from 188th St north to Fort George Avenue / St Nicholas hopefully starting this month. DOT provided a re-cap of the elements of this project including curb extensions, angle parking on W 190th St., and bike lane improvements.
- The **Seaman Ave two-way conversion** between Dyckman and Riverside Drive is set for late spring / early summer. DOT noted that there are no changes to the plan from what was presented in 2021 as part of the two Dyckman Plaza presentations, and they request a resolution.
 - i) M. Hano: Expressed the serious concern that resolution items should be on the public agenda to give the public opportunity to weigh in.
 - ii) DKN: Agreed with Mr. Hano that this was far from ideal and thought reso would be on the May agenda; however, given the context that this change was presented at two well attended public meetings about Dyckman Plaza, the conversion drew no negative comment at the time, that DOT has not new content to present beyond what was presented twice already, the committee will discuss moving forward with the resolution.
 - iii) JB: There will be an opportunity at General Meeting to hear additional public comments.
 - iv) Chair Nabavian motions to resolve in favor of 2-way conversion, seconded by Jim Berlin with the proviso that DOT observes the changes to ensure that there are no negative impacts. Committee voted unanimously in favor, S. Fisher abstained, Mr. Vanderpool voted in favor and Mr. Hano voted against.
- DKN question regarding **milling/repaving** happening south of 180th and west of Broadway. L Blackwood reported that yes, streets in both CB12 and CB9 currently getting milled / repaved. This is work DOT can do from roughly April – to October. Also noted that there is several week gaps between milling and resurfacing to let the street settle.
 - i) MA noted how near impossible it is for anyone using mobility assistance like rollators, or with any mobility limitations, to cross streets when milled. Terribly easy to fall.
 - ii) JB agreed and suggested that DOT could perhaps utilize plates of some kind in crossings.
 - iii) M. Hano raised the issue that while signage around upcoming milling work was quite good, many people moved cars one night to great inconvenience and in some cases, cost, only to find out that the milling had been delayed. There was certainly time to inform the public that milling work had been postponed, yet DOT did not do this.
- There have been discussions about the **W 165th and Riverside Drive** intersection. Julio Batista from NY Presbyterian highlighted the issue that currently can only cross on the north side, but that this side often has significant ponding after storms, so it's hard not to have an option on the south side of the street. K. Rancourt said that DOT has been looking at this crossing for quite some time, and there are many tradeoffs that are not entirely easy to contend with (diversions, etc)
- Further discussion about the Broadway Bridge, with a potential resolution, will take place at the next meeting.

3) Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.