

**CB12 Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting  
December 5, 2022, at 7:00 PM**

**Committee Members** – Chair, Debby Nabavian; Mary Anderson; Jim Berlin; Jay Mazur; Bruce Robertson.

**CB12 Board Members** – James Bosley, Maria Luna; **Public:** Jackie Lazaro (DOT), Open Plans: Emily Chingay and Sara Lind; Brandon Tesh, Allegra LeGrande, HK Dunston, Marshal Vanderpool, Julie Weinstein.

**1) Call to order at 7:06 pm**

- 2) Open Plans**, a non-profit advocacy group focused on making New York New York City streets livable for all, has developed a series of model community board resolutions on issues such as curbside use loading zones, daylighting intersections, safety bus transit, bike lanes, bike parking placards, public space management, and others. I invited them to come to talk to us about one Home Rule to give control of red light and speed cameras in New York City, with enforcement by DOT. NYC's speed cameras were shown to reduce injuries and fatalities dramatically. Albany allows NYC control over only 150 red-light cameras out of 13,250 signalized intersections.
- a) Emily and Sara spoke about the automated enforcement cameras that are pilot programs that require that the NYS legislature re-authorize them every two years. Also, set our speed limits. Red light cameras dramatically decrease fatalities and injuries, most people stop running lights after the second ticket, if not the first.
  - b) B. Robertson / Has DOT come out in support? A / Yes; Commissioner fought hard for 24/7 operation of the existing cameras.
  - c) J Berlin / Has always been outraged that we do not have Home Rule on our streets.
  - d) J. Bosley and J. Mazur - good idea.
  - e) M. Luna - how many cameras of the 150 are in CB12? And what is the injury and fatality data?
  - f) A LeGrande - Would like to see the integration of the secured plate enforcement and call for DOT to leverage technological advancements.
  - g) Bruce made motion in support of a Home Rule Resolution, Chair seconded. All committee members present voted in favor. CB12 Board members, 1 in favor, 1 abstain.
- 3) Old business:** Julie Weinstein spoke on behalf of River Arts residents ad hoc committee concerned about the safety of the W 158th St & Riverside upper and Riverside middle roadways, Riverside Dr. East, and Edward Morgan Place. A primary request was red light cameras at the intersection but learned that we had little control over that per the first agenda item (Home Rule). Lots of red-light running is the biggest problem, but also insufficient crossing times to traverse both upper and middle roadways. NY1 came and did a piece, and MBPO has been there as well. They also recommend a left turn signal for the left from Edward Morgan onto 158th from 158th eastbound to the Riverside upper and lower. Also concerned about e-bikes in bike lanes that should not be, making the bike lane hazardous too. Have submitted 312 petition signatures from residents and could get more. The most important for the committee to know is that this intersection is still not safe, and we must get DOT to try again to prevent more accidents.
- D. Nabavian/ follow up with DOT to request a walk-through with neighborhood/committee

representatives to examine the current situation and explore options.

**4) Other business:**

- a) Mary Anderson raised the issue of cars in bus stops, sometimes even double parked.
- b) A. LeGrande / would like to see more monthly reporting on bike lane usage, bike counts, and accidents, noted depression of bike ridership with Greenway closure. Also recommends an additional stop sign (one has been installed) on Park Terrace West near Amber Charter. J. Lazaro said she would take back this info.
- c) D.Nabavian / committee members should review <https://crashmapper.org/> before meetings about these issues and a member could update on problem areas. TBD

**5) Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.**

Meeting Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEq7YS5t-Mk>