

Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
September 12th, 2016

Committee Members Present - Chair, Yahaira Alonzo, Wanda Garcia, Mary Anderson, Anna Barberis, James Berlin, Gerard Dengel, rabbi Yosef Kalinsky, Deborah Nabavian

Excused –

Community Board Members:

Public –

Meeting Began Transportation 7:13 pm

1. DOT request of NO STANDING: Laverne Collins presenting – concerns parking in front of Isabella ; vehicles blocking the drive way and blocking visibility; Isabella got signs with 125 lbs weight to deter the parking, the drivers move the 125lb signs and when confronted they say they have a right to park there; there is currently no signage of NO STANDING. At the meeting with precinct on July 13th – Isabella was told that they are unable to provide full enforcement until the sign gets changed; need board support for a resolution.

James agrees with resolution but suggest adding police enforcement to resolution.

Mary – agrees- she seen many serious blockade

Vote on resolution:

Vote on modifying resolution to add police enforcement committee– T&T (8-0-0) Public (5-0-0).

2. Sandra Harris –columbia University:
 - a. Another resolution for phase 2 – street scape around nursing school – 168th street between Audubon and St Nicholas – and Audubon between 168th and 167th and 167th between Audubon and St. Nicolas; all the same material, same design, no seating at this expansion, (scheduled to complete phase 1 on Broadway). Hope to start phase 2 in March 2017- upgrade includes sidewalk, trees and planters.

In the future, the committee asked Columbia to do more of a formal presentation.

Resolution to approve – T&T (6-1-0) Public (4-0-0).

- b. Plaza project – only submitted an application on. August 31sr, for plaza at 168th street that curves onto Haven Avenue. Until 169th street- presenting for update. Need application to be accepted first. Committee and public concerns: parking spaces, patient access, 169th street would need to reverse one way; Mary Anderson – asked that Columbia really involve all the community in the creation of the plaza if approved;

3. DOT – informational presentation - to discuss rehabilitation of the Broadway bridge- Johannine Kidder – verticals lift bridge- opens up to marine traffic(6 times last year); current bridge built in 3 contracts ; 16,000 vehicles in a day; replace roadway deck, fender system, electrical systems, submarine cables; install bicycle lanes, rehabilitate mechanical system; install auxiliary power source. Plan is to do it in 3 stages; discussed traffic impact- transit operation suspended; advance notice will be provided; completion of project 2021. Committee and public discussion of poor choice of aerial cable; worried about access to hospital- detours; also noise level; like to see a plan on access to hospital; will fix lighting ; DOT suggested comments and follow the profession on Facebook Bridges and Twitter; Will come back early next years itch updates and Lyle can have updates if we want it.
4. MTA – Kyle - improVing BX 6 – select bus service; bus speeds improves, customer satisfaction improved; safety improved ; greater ridership; off-board fee collection; 25,000 people per day. Community engagement already started; can give. Feedback at NYC.gov/brt
Evan from NYC transit – BX 6 is slow – 56 minutes for 5 miles; split service – one select, one local; select stops determined by number of people.
Kyle - 155th street and St Nicholas very congested; 155th St viaduct very congested; looking at signal timing;
Next steps- more community outreach, more traffic studies; select buses will start spring or summer 2017.
Comments – taking service away from local service and putting on select service.
Accommodating the Bronx; really going to impact seniors- especially in winter. Public member suggested they talk to educators and parents going to beagle tend because6 big high schools.
Resolution to approve select bus service: T&T (1-4-2) Board (2-0-1) Public (0-6-0).
5. Report from Lyle – DOT- Margaret Corbin Circle – something is going to be done about pedestrian ramp but not finalized.

Meeting adjourned 9:58 pm.