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TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

May 2020

The Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board #2, Manhattan held its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Video Conference.

Board Members Present: Shirley Secunda (Chair), Ritu Chattree (Vice Chair), Joe Gallagher, Janet Liff, Ed Ma, Daniel Miller, Lois Rakoff, Antony Wong, Adam Zeldin.

Board Members Absent with notification:

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Public Members Present: Joseph Flahaven.

Public Members Absent with notification: George Haikalis.

Public Members Absent:

Other Board Members Present: Carter Booth (CB2 Chair), William Benesh, Katy Bordinaro, Coral Dawson, David Gruber, Jeannine Kiely, Betty Kubovy-Weiss, Michael Levine, Eugene Yoo.

1. Resolution requesting a temporary extension of the bicycle lane on 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) from 8th St./Greenwich Ave. to Canal St. during the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Whereas during the coronavirus pandemic, NYC's essential workers are cycling as a safe and healthy way to reach work, and the number of cyclists is steadily increasing; and

Whereas Community Board 2 Manhattan (CB2) passed a resolution in April 2020 asking for immediate, temporary bike lanes to provide safe passage for our essential workers; and

Whereas 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) can provide an important link from downtown up to midtown and then connecting to Central Park and reaching 110th Street; and

Whereas there is a northbound bike lane on Church St. that connects to 6th Ave. at Franklin St. and continues up the east side of 6th Ave. to Canal St., there's a protected bike lane on the west

side of 6th Ave. from Greenwich Ave./8th St. to 36th St., and the NYC Dept. of Transportation (DOT) is completing the 6th Avenue parking protected bike lane from 36th to 59th Street. A protected bike lane extension from Canal St. to Greenwich Avenue/8th Street would provide a much-needed continuous direct route from downtown to uptown; and

Whereas buses turn left onto Watts St. on the west side of 6th Ave.; and

Whereas there is a fire station on the west side of 6th Ave. and Houston St.; and

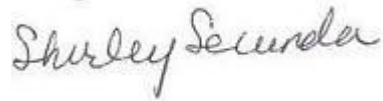
Whereas there are examples in NYC of protected bike lanes switching street sides; and

Whereas there is excessive speeding on 6th Ave. from Canal St. to 8th St., which one less travel lane would alleviate;

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 requests that DOT install a temporary protected bike lane on the east side of 6th Ave. from Canal St. up to either Dominick St., Houston St. or W. 3rd St., at which point the bike lane would continue up the west side of 6th Ave. and connect to the protected bike lane beginning at Greenwich Ave./8th St.

Vote: In favor: 8 Full Board Members, 1 Public Member.
Abstention: 1 Full Board Member.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley Secunda, Chair
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Community Board #2, Manhattan