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TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

April 2026

The Traffic and Transportation Committee of Manhattan Community Board 2 met on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the CB2 Conference Room at 3 Washington Square Village and via Zoom.

Committee Members Present: Jeannine Kiely (Chair), Janet Liff (Vice Chair), Amy Brenna, Susan Gammie, Benjamin Listman, Lois Rakoff, and Shirley Secunda.

Committee Members Absent with Notification: Stella Fitzgerald, Rocio Sanz, and Antony Wong.

Committee Members Absent: none

Public Committee Members Present: Joseph Flahaven

Public Committee Members Absent with Notification: Dan Miller

Public Committee Members Absent: none

Other Board Members Present: Valerie De La Rosa (CB2 Chair), Carter Booth and Donna Raftery.

Elected and Agency Representatives: Kate Scherer (Lower Manhattan Borough Planner, NYC DOT). Nicole Barth with State Senator Erik Bottcher.

MINUTES

NYC DOT's Proposed Bike Facility and Network Improvements on Lafayette/ 4th Avenue, Astor Place, East 8th Street and West 13th Street

At our meeting, NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) presented [Bike Facility and Network Improvements on Lafayette/4th Avenue, Astor Place, East 8th Street and West 13th Street](#) to improve pedestrian safety, create additional pedestrian space as well as upgrade the quality and

connections of the bike network. The project seeks to improve pedestrian safety, create additional pedestrian space and upgrade the quality and connections of the bike network.

DOT would implement these changes after the planned April 2026 repaving of these streets.

Background. There currently is no southbound protected bike lane south of Union Square and limited east-west protected bike lanes. To address this deficiency, in April 2025, CB2 unanimously passed a resolution in support of expanding the two-way bike lane on Lafayette Street from Prince Street to Astor Place, widening the entire two-way bike lane, painting the bike lane on Broadway and studying other ways to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety on Lafayette Street, ([See April 2025 CB2 Board Package, pages 111-113](#)) and in August 2025, CB2 unanimously passed a [resolution in support of safety improvements on Lafayette Street](#) at the intersection with Jersey Street;

Following is a summary of the proposed DOT changes.

A. Lafayette / 4th Avenue

On Lafayette and 4th Avenue, NYC DOT is proposing several changes:

1. **Bike Lanes.** Expanding the bike lane from five to nine, 10 or 11 feet wide and making it two-way.
2. **Car Travel Lanes.** Eliminating one car travel lane along the corridor.
3. **Car Turn Lanes.** Adding left and right turn lanes to keep traffic flowing. The city will add left turn lanes on Prince, E. Houston, and Great Jones streets by repurposing four to five parking spaces per block and adding right turn lanes on Bond and E. 4th streets by repurposing approximately six parking spaces per block.
4. **Pedestrian Improvements.** Installing several pedestrian improvements including:
 - a. Leading Pedestrian Interval and Split Phase Signal Timing at left turn intersections,
 - b. Three sidewalk extensions on the east side of Lafayette (approx. around what would be 5th & 6th streets) and the east side of 4th Ave (between 10th and 11th streets and between 11th and 12th streets),
 - c. Nine concrete islands in late 2026 / 2027; and,
 - d. A signal study at Jersey Street as requested by [CB2 in our August 2025 resolution](#).
5. **Amenity Zones.** Adding an Amenity Zone between the bike lane and western parking lane, which will provide space for bike/delivery bike parking, micromobility loading zones, future trash containerization, greening and potential other uses. CB2 has asked for more renderings and examples.

The following chart summarizes the proposed changes by geographic part in CB2:

Lafayette / 4th Avenue, Summary of Physical Changes by Location

Cross Streets	Bike Lane	Car Lane	Parking Lane	Amenity Zone	Pedestrians
Prince to E 8th	Expand from 5' to 9', 2-way. Move Citibike to South of Astor Pl from Wegmans and Houston/ Prince rack to west side	Reduce from 2 to 1 lane and add turn lanes	Maintain parking on east & west sides	Add 10' amenity zone	Add sidewalk extension on east side b/n what would be 5th & 6th streets
E 8th to E 9th	Expand from 5' to 10', 2-way	Reduce from 2 to 1 lane and add left turn lane	No change, no parking	Add 5' amenity zone	No change
E 9th to E 13th	Expand from 6' to 11', 2-way	Reduce from 3 to 2 lanes and add turn lanes	Maintain parking on east & west sides	Add 9' amenity zone.	Add 10' sidewalk extension on east side b/n 10th & 12th streets
E 13th to E 14th	Need details				

B. Astor Place (Broadway and Lafayette St.)

NYC DOT proposes to convert this 41 foot wide two-way street to a one-way eastbound street and to install a **14' wide** two-way bike lane on the northside of Astor Place. The remaining space will accommodate a 22' wide travel and parking lane. This will improve bike connections between Lafayette and Broadway.

C. E. 8th Street (Lafayette St. to Ave. A)

NYC DOT will extend the existing 5' bike lane east of Lafayette St. to Avenue A (in CB3.)

D. 13th Street (Broadway to Greenwich Ave.)

Currently, cars illegally park in the delineator protected bike lane. The city will replace the plastic delineators with a two-foot concrete barrier as well as expand the bike lane from six to seven feet.

Feedback

CB2 and meeting participants shared support for many of the changes but we also heard the following feedback by use:

1. **Bike Lanes.** CB2 requested information on two-way bike lane safety and the recommended width and design of these lanes. Some residents expressed safety concerns when crossing the street. What signage or other design changes can the city implement to address safety concerns with two-way bike lanes? Some residents requested that the southbound portion

of the bike lane move to another avenue north of Astor Place, such as University Place, Broadway or 3rd Avenue.

2. **Citibike Racks.** With this redesign, CB2 wants to ensure that the city implements our long-time request to move the Citibike Rack in Petrosino Square onto the street, on the west side adjacent to the bike lane. CB2 also would like the city to move the Citibike station on Lafayette between Houston and Prince to the west side of Lafayette, adjacent to the bike lane and ensure that all future bike and Citibike racks are installed on the same side of the street as the bike lane.
3. **Travel Lanes.** CB2 heard concern about traffic flow even with the addition of turn lanes. Bus users want to ensure this redesign will speed up the northbound bus service on Lafayette. Will there be adequate space for truck deliveries and ride share drop off and pick up without blocking traffic? Will FDNY Ladder 20/Engine 13 on Lafayette St. and Engine 33/Ladder 9 on Great Jones St. be consulted?
4. **Deliveries.** CB2 heard concerns about the ability to safely make deliveries and passenger drop-offs across from a two-way bike lane and how the design will impact events at public venues along Lafayette St. And on 13th Street, can the city add breaks in the concrete delineators to permit easier deliveries?
5. **Amenity Zones.** CB2 and the public requested additional information on the Amenity Zones – renderings, design details, potential uses, and the ability to prevent illegal parking, add plantings and [bioswales](#).
6. **Outreach.** CB2 and local residents requested that DOT meet with local stakeholders including coordinating with FDNY, which DOT assured regularly is part of their redesign.
7. **Working Conditions of Delivery Workers.** CB2 and the public express significant concern about the working conditions of the e-bike delivery workers that convene in and around Astor Place.

Business Session. CB2 T&T met in business session and voted unanimously to pass a resolution that “incorporates all the comments that we heard” at our March meeting. Since this date, DOT has conducted significant outreach and will return to CB T&T at its April 28, 2026 meeting. At full board, at the request of the committee chair, the board voted to convert the resolution to minutes and to bring a resolution to CB2’s May meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Community Board #2, Manhattan