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## DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET

Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2022  
Time: 10:00am

### MINUTES

#### **NYPD (10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, Midtown South Precinct, Midtown North Precinct, Traffic)**

- Precincts Issues:
  - **10<sup>th</sup> Precinct:**
    - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **W 41<sup>st</sup> Street & 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue**
    - Top three major crimes: **Are up in every category**
    - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Homelessness; Open Air Narcotics Use**
    - On-going: Deli 215 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue & P.S. 11 320 West 21 Street: **These two locations coincide. The attention the deli gets is because of the school.**
    - Update: Motorized Scooters and bikes on the sidewalk of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and west 40s: **This is a new issue and will alert traffic**
    - On-Going: 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and West 40<sup>th</sup> Street – Squeegee\Narcotics: **NCO's have made arrest more on W 39<sup>th</sup> Street than W 40<sup>th</sup> Street but are aware of the situation**
  - **13<sup>th</sup> Precinct**
    - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **None at this time**
    - Top three major crimes: **Grand Larceny; Robbery; Burglary**
    - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Noise, Homelessness, Bikes**
    - On-going: people living in damaged vehicle at 144 West 15th Street: **NCO spoke with the occupants**

of the vehicle and told them again they need to move and if not we would try to get the vehicle towed

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- **Midtown South Precinct:**
  - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **W 34<sup>th</sup> Street & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue; W 30<sup>th</sup> Street & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue**
  - Top three major crimes: **Grand Larceny up 51%; Felony Assault up 28%, Robberies up 17%**
  - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Homelessness, Narcotic & Noise**
  - Ongoing: New Midtown Business Recovery initiative: **Still ongoing**
  - Ongoing: Crime Reduction Overtime: **Still ongoing**
- **Midtown North:**
  - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **W 47<sup>th</sup> Street & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue; W 55<sup>th</sup> Street & 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue**
  - Top three major crimes: **Grand Larceny; Assault; Robberies**
  - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Homelessness; Bikes on Sidewalk**
  - On-Going: NYPD Vehicles Double Parking on West 54th Street: **No more complaints have come in**

#### **FDNY/EMS**

- Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days:
- **October 29th there was a second alarm fire at the Travel Inn Hotel on W 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, it is being investigated. It is believed to have started with a homeless encampment below at track level with the Empire line. Amtrak PD is patrolling the area.**
- **Lithium Batteries is a huge issue with fires. Currently there is no legislation on the batteries.**
- **Continued surveillance to for a full vacates at 201-203 W 14<sup>th</sup> Street. It was due to a foundation collapse last month.**
- EMS – Station #7

#### **DHS & Homeless Outreach (DHS, Breaking Ground, Goddard, Urban Pathways)**

##### **District Report**

- DHS Report: **Asylum & Migrant seekers being bused in have slowed down.**
- **Chain Theater: 312 W 36<sup>th</sup> Street – Routine Check-in/Clean-up**

- Breaking Ground Homeless Outreach Report: **(see attached report)**
  - On-going: West 35<sup>th</sup> Street (9/10 Aves):
  - On-going: 556-60 W 52<sup>nd</sup> Street:
  - On-Going: West 41 Street:
  - On-Going: 38<sup>th</sup> Street (9/10 Aves):
- Goddard: Homeless Outreach Report: **We currently have 411 people on caseload. We added 14 people to case last month. Made 12 permanent placements and 23 transitional placements and at 56 permanent placements for the year and 121 transitional placements for the year.**
- Urban Pathways: Port Authority Bus Terminal Report

## DOT

- New: Overnight roadwork on West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue: **There is no overnight work allowed per Holiday Construction Embargo which started today. Will send an inspector out**
- On-Going: Sidewalk & Street Lamp at 443 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street: **The lamp was restored and the owners took it upon themselves to fix the sidewalk**
- On-Going: Ped\Bike Lane Safety Issues along 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue sidewalk  
Construction: Did receive complains from the BID and did address it.
- On-Going: Parking regulation change on West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street (10/11<sup>th</sup> Avenues): **The parking regulations was changed to the alternate Street cleaning rule regulations. The change was complete in October, 17th and the new regulations are from Tuesday to Friday. 9 Am. To 1030, Am. It's on the south side of the street. The sign is up**
- On-Going: Bike Ambassador Program Request: **It is fully booked this year**

## DSNY

- **Enforcement Report**
- **8th Avenue Traffic pattern may pose a little bit of difficulty in the snow especially with the bike lane, obviously down to two lanes that's going to hold us up a little bit on response time.**
- **Homelessness: W 39<sup>th</sup> Street from 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Ave: 4-5 tents on the left hand side after the auto body shops and on the right hand side you had numerous individuals along the exit to the tunnel, and further down was a tremendous encampment. We cleaned one block yesterday from W 39<sup>th</sup> Street 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Avenue 5 am. – 12pm.**
- **Another encampment that's really an eyesore is on Twelfth Avenue, W 47<sup>th</sup>/48th Street**
- **Commissioner Tish announced the new TNT program. It's an intensive cleaning program partnered with other city agencies uh years ago. It was called the elevenfold areas. Another areas uh dead end streets, under overpasses along highways uh parks. So uh**

sanitation has a new program out, they're trying to hit these areas.  
Make the city a little bit cleaner

## DOB

- **On-going:**
  - 343 West 47 Street – New Building Plans: Inspectors went out on 10/26 & 11/08. **A few violations were issued, there sidewalk shed permit expired and the lighting was inadequate**
  - 317-319 West 35 Street: **Stop Work Order remains in place and there is no activity at the location**

## DEP/DDC

- **DEP**
  - Top three DEP 311 complaints: **The month of October and your district we received 278 total calls Service request calls/complaints; the top five: construction before after hours: 73 calls; dog barking noise: 26 calls, and construction equipment: 25 calls; air complaint, odor fumes, vehicle idling: 21calls; lead kit residential, 14 service request calls**
  - On-Going: Loose and noisy manhole covers on West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street (7/8 Aves). Infront of 255 west 23<sup>rd</sup> Street: **will make a request for this location.**
- **DDC**
  - Project Updates:
    - MED598B – Trunk Water Main West 30<sup>th</sup> Street – Mike Whitfield – Completion Date: 2022: **Began paving Ninth Avenue from West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street to West 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Monday night. West 30<sup>th</sup> Street: portion of the paving is complete. You will be seeing our contract is still in the area today where the we we're, we're compressing the storage area that right across the street from your office on W 33<sup>rd</sup> Street. West 30<sup>th</sup> Street: on Ninth Avenue, between 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and W 31<sup>st</sup> Street free. So you will see him. You'll see the MFM. Machinery, but a lot of the work that has to be done from now forward is not our work.**
    - MED-645 – Water Main Installation 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Ave and West 20<sup>th</sup> St./West 21 Str – Sayda Noboa-Torres – Completion Date: Summer 2023: **CCL for Project is on West 20<sup>th</sup> Street between 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. At the moment the construction crew is excavating, doing an hand excavations for water**

**Main and Con Edison pipes, and this is on the mid-block on West 20<sup>th</sup> Street almost reaching 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

- **HWPEDSF4 - Multi-Site Ped Ramp at West 34 Street 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue 33-34 Street– Myriam Benjamin- Completion Date: Tentative – **Summer 2023: Because of the Holiday Construction Embargo work has stop and will not begin until January.****

#### **DPR**

- **New: Sidewalk reconstruction at DeWitt Clinton Park: **Work seems to be 99% complete but still needs to speak with DOT****
- **Park Manager General Report**

#### **Con Edison**

- **Current work locations within CD4: No Reports on locations**
- **Are still providing relief to anybody with past you bills through May of this year. But to do that you have to be enrolled in our energy affordability program one hundred and fifty, and that is just going through December 31st. December 30th. First is your cut off to get enrolled in the program. Well, one, if you're eligible for the program, please enroll, and that's if you receive snap other government assistance, most likely. Then you are eligible for the program.**

#### **PANYNJ**

- **Lincoln Tunnel - Cashless Tolling: **All Electronic Tolling – As disclosed in the recent Port Authority Press release, the Lincoln Tunnel will go cashless on Sunday December 11th. The work & the transition will occur on early Sunday morning and there will not be any impact to traffic.****
- **Tree Plantings: 38th Street trees – 6 of the 7 trees have been planted. When installing the easternmost tree (the 7th tree), an underground structural obstruction was found. The tree is being relocated to the west so that it will be clear of the obstruction. The tree planning will be completed this week.**
- **Other Facility\Operation Updates: **Unscheduled buses coming from the boarder has reduced. Last week three buses arrived and tomorrow one buses is to arrive. The National Guard are present every day.****

#### **DANY**

- **Curb gun violence in the borough of Manhattan, having another gun by back. That will take place on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10am – 4pm. Garden Baptist Church at two twenty-three Seventh Street**

#### **DFTA**

- **As our agency continues to advocate for all the New Yorkers. It's critical. We use words that are inclusive, and do not in any way malign the agent community. It is also duty to be keenly aware of age. Biased stereotypes to that, and the agency has decided to formally shift away from the use of word as would like senior, and**

instead use neutral terms, like all the adults or all the New Yorkers. Will no longer be using the acronym DFTA, and will be using NYC Aging.

#### MTA

- • Vent work ongoing on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave moving northward, causing partial sidewalk closure. Currently between 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> street both sides of the Avenue.
- Vent work starting in January on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave between 23-25th streets both sides of the Avenue will be doing a walk through with Penn South and will invite CB4.
- Ongoing work on 14<sup>th</sup> street 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Accessibility will be updating community on this in January.
- Complaints from the councilmembers office about a trailer left on 20<sup>th</sup> street we are working on having it removed.
- Complaint about bus layover on 23th and 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. We are monitoring this and working a permanent layover solution for these buses.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Street Substation update. We are onboarding the contractor and will be reporting to the CB in December when we will discuss the formation of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee for Construction of the Substation on 28<sup>th</sup> Street (NACCS-28)

#### **Next DSC meeting: Wednesday, November 16th, at 10am**

The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 AM and will last approximately an hour and a quarter. As always, it is important for everyone to attend so that productive multi-agency dialogues may occur. Please contact the Board Office regarding questions about the meeting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Midtown Homelessness Outreach Report**  
**Breaking Ground Street-to-Home Manhattan**  
**November 16, 2022, Update**

***Catchment Area***

Breaking Ground Street-to-Home Manhattan's catchment area extends from the north side of 23 St to the south side of 59 St, East river to Hudson river.

***Neighborhood Homeless Outreach Efforts***

BG S2HM conducts street outreach to homeless individuals in the Chelsea and Hell's Kitchen neighborhoods daily—visiting encampments, hotspots, and chronic clients with the goal of linking street homeless individuals to housing and other vital services.

***Joint Operations***

S2HM outreach teams conduct weekly joint outreach operations with Times Square Alliance and New York City Relief. S2HM also conducts joint outreach operations with street medicine teams and other outreach providers on an as-needed basis. Last month S2HM Outreach conducted a walkthrough of some of the encampment locations with DHS to assess homeless activity in the area. There have been no recent joint outreach operations with NYPD.

***Current Areas of Concern***

BG S2HM continues to provide homeless outreach services at all the areas of concern identified in recent months. Highlights for the four weeks ended Monday 11/14 include:

***Columbus Circle***

Outreach teams report that this area has been mostly free of homeless activity for the last several months. On occasion unknown individuals are encountered bedded down overnight and early morning. Increasing cold weather and heavy police presence has discouraged panhandlers as of late.

***58th St and 59th St under West Side Hwy***

Previously, outreach teams, case managers, and supervisors had a daily presence here for many months due to the proliferation of complex encampments. More recently, this area has been largely free of homeless activity, with only a single individual returning regularly. Fencing was placed shortly after which continued to deter influx of homeless activity. The area will continue to be monitored for activity. The one remaining frequent visitor to this area is in regular contact with outreach.

***59th St and 9th Ave***

A large encampment has developed this area, which has repeatedly been moved by the inhabitant between 58th Street and 60th Street on this avenue. Breaking Ground outreach staff are making frequent contact with this individual as well as collaborating with Uptown Goddard to coordinate efforts to assist this client in preparing to accept placement.

***57th St and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave***

This location has been frequented by numerous homeless individuals; however, after several recent 2 placements by outreach, activity has been greatly reduced.

***DeWitt Clinton Park***

Outreach has been canvassing and reporting on this location frequently. A few clients are regularly observed passing through, as well as an individual who is a frequent visitor to this park. Rapport will continue to be built with these individuals around accepting placement services.

***52<sup>nd</sup> St bet 8th Ave and 9th Ave***

This location, which was formerly home to a large encampment, has been cleared of homeless material. Only transient homeless activity has been observed.

***51st St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave***

This location used to be a hot spot but currently one homeless individual continues to bed down at this location on a somewhat regular basis. Outreach teams visit this location regularly to engage and build rapport

***8th Ave bet 42nd St and 59th St***

Outreach teams canvass this long stretch of 8th Ave daily and offer services to the numerous homeless individuals regularly encountered. Overnight staff typically engages clients bedded down at night between 42nd St and 45th St as well as between 47th St and 48th St. Many individuals engaged on this stretch come and go which makes rapport building quite difficult. Caseload clients, less frequently engaged in the area, tend to be connected to transitional housing services or in the referral process.

***42nd St bet 7th Ave and 9th Ave***

Outreach has continued to engage the numerous homeless individuals regularly encountered on this block. The population here is highly transient, and outreach engagements are often with unknown clients.

***8th Ave bet 39th St and 42nd St (PABT)***

S2HM visits this area regularly and reports steady homeless activity across morning, day, and evening shifts. A caseload client of concern maintains in an encampment here and routinely declines outreach services. Over the last several months, overnight staff have encountered relatively few clients bedded down, mostly unknown individuals.

***8th Ave bet 33rd St and 35th St***

Outreach teams frequently canvass these two blocks of 8th Ave, which have historically been very active with panhandling and drug-related activity. Outreach teams continue to note significant presence around the nearby Duane Reade (34th St and 8th Ave) and McDonald's (8th Ave between 34th St and 35th St).

***8th Ave bet 31st St and 33rd St (General Post Office)***

Outreach teams visit this location often and encounter a varied number of homeless individuals. Many of them are well-known to outreach staff and are engaged in the housing process or are working with other service providers. During the day, numerous individuals rest on the post office stairs. Recently, this section of 8th Ave has been less active at night.

***Chelsea Park***

Outreach teams visit this mainstay of homeless activity multiple times throughout the day every day. During the day, there is a steady flow of transient homeless activity and at night handful of highly entrenched homeless individuals bed down regularly. In order to address a variety of obstacles toward housing, S2HM coordinates with several other social agencies to provide services to the homeless

***11<sup>th</sup> Ave and 48<sup>th</sup> St.***

An encampment exists at this location that is occupied by an individual who has been highly entrenched



on the street. Our outreach teams have been working with them toward accepting services over a long period of time and have been frequently monitoring their safety in the meantime

***34<sup>th</sup> St. bet 8<sup>th</sup> Ave and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave***

Although homeless activity has decreased in comparison to the past, homeless individuals continue to be encountered, especially near the corner of 34th St and 8th Ave.

***41<sup>st</sup> St bet 10<sup>th</sup> Ave and Dyer Ave***

Homeless activity at this location fluctuated but has since decreased dramatically. Following increased S2HM outreach efforts and collaboration with community stakeholders, the location remains clear of encampments.

***39th St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave***

Outreach teams visit this area weekly and are working to connect the individuals randomly observed bedded down here to housing and other services.

***39th St bet 10th Ave and 11th Ave***

Activity has greatly reduced in this once highly active encampment site. Outreach teams and case managers visited this location weekly and have reported a decline in homeless activity.

***38th St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave***

This once prominent encampment location has since been removed and a welcome location to unknown homeless individuals who are resistant to transitional housing services. Outreach teams are working to build rapport with these individuals to explore housing options available to them.

***Dyer Ave bet 34th St and 36th St***

Outreach teams visit this active panhandling location often due to fluctuating homeless activity. More recently, a couple of clients bed down here overnight have received placement. Outreach teams regularly find placement for individuals who frequent this area and are working to locate appropriate placement for other individuals although drug use has remained a barrier in them accepting housing.

***31st St and 32nd St bet 6th Ave and 7th Ave***

While these blocks have historically been a popular homeless location due to their proximity to the St Francis Church complex, the population bedded down here is significant. Overnight teams visit this location nightly and are working to connect clients to caseload services and transitional housing opportunities.

***30th St bet 9<sup>th</sup> and Dyer***

Staff are continuing to work to connect the few individuals observed infrequently bedded down here to housing and other services.

***23rd St bet 7th Ave and 8th Ave***

Outreach teams visits this encampment multiple times daily. While staff and supervisors have been working on housing with the entrenched clients bedded down at this location, S2HM management has joined with DHS and community leaders in exploring collaborative solutions.

***6th Ave bet 23rd St and 29th St***

S2HM remains vigilant around the persistent illegal vending and the homeless population attracted to this area, particularly between 23rd St and 24th St. Several individuals who regularly frequent this location have been working closely with outreach teams to overcome barriers to housing.

**Outreach Team Placements**

Placements for the four weeks ended Tuesday 11/15:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Client's Street Location</b>	<b>Placement Facility Type</b>	<b>Borough</b>
10/14	39 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
10/19	34 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
10/20	26 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Safe Haven	Bronx
10/21	25 <sup>th</sup> bet. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave	Safe Haven	Brooklyn
10/21	45 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
10/25	42 <sup>nd</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Safe Haven	Brooklyn
10/26	33 <sup>rd</sup> and 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave	Safe Haven	Bronx
10/27	45 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
11/03	45 <sup>th</sup> and Broadway	Safe Haven	Bronx
11/09	45 <sup>th</sup> and Broadway	Safe Haven	Bronx
11/09	44 <sup>th</sup> and Broadway	Safe Haven	Manhattan
11/11	35 <sup>th</sup> and Dyer Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan

Breaking Ground Placements Year to Date = 25 Permanent and 106 Transitional