

## COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX

### MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 17, 2014, AT MANHATTAN COLLEGE, FISHBACH ROOM, 3825 CORLEAR AVENUE

#### PRESENT

Daniel Padernacht  
Sylvia Alexander  
Bob Bender  
Anthony Creaney  
Michael Heller  
Maria Khury  
Karen Pesce  
Robert Press  
James Rather  
Georgia Santiago  
I.W. Stone  
Herbert Young  
Robbie Benitez  
Elizabeth Berjarano  
Katherine Broihier  
Elizabeth Cooke Levy  
Kate Howe  
Myra Joyce  
Marina Lopez  
Mark Mannix  
Lambert Monah  
Connie Moran  
Navendri Patel  
Tobey Ritz  
Kyrolos Salib  
Stephanie Soto

#### AFFILIATION

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The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with a quorum present.

1. The minutes of the May 20th meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Replacement of power substation at Metro North Riverdale Station. This power substation is 1 of 54 on the Hudson line that converts power from Con Edison lines to the third rail for electricity used to run trains. Hurricane Sandy flooded much of the Hudson Line and the power sub-station at the Riverdale Station must be replaced. The new substation is elevated five feet above the parking lot and meets the new flood standard ABFE+4. It is a modular structure and it will be built near the old sub-station so electric service can continue. The structure is 100 feet long which includes a control room, a transformer, and battery compartment. Construction will start in January 2015 with the completion date of December 2016.

There will be valet parking during the construction phase as there will be a loss of parking at the station during the construction. It is expected that 21 spaces will be lost during the construction of the new sub-station and 27 spaces will be lost during the removal of the old sub-station. Valet parking should add up to 39 spaces during construction to counter the loss of parking during construction. When the project is completed, it is expected that there will be 5 more spaces added to the current 124 spaces.

Current waterfront access will not be affected nor will bus drop-off areas. A crane will sit on the north end of the lot. Construction workers will park on other MTA property near the station. The new sub-station was designed to blend in with the surrounding trees. The new sub-station will be trucked to the site and no trucks will remain in the lot unless they are being off loaded.

3. Safe Routes to Transit Project located at the intersections of Broadway and West 231st Street and Broadway and West 238th Street. The Chair stated that these projects were previously brought to the committee and that DDC has come back to answer many questions about the project. This project is to improve pedestrian safety near transit connections and to upgrade underground storm sewers and catch basins. Construction will commence in mid-summer and end in late fall 2014. Work will begin at the intersection at Broadway and West 238th Street and when completed DDC will begin on Broadway and West 231st Street. Ms. Soto of DDC presented a detailed Powerpoint presentation which is attached and made a part of these minutes. It includes each step of the project and its corresponding effect on the area including any loss of parking, detours, and changes in location of bus stops.

There will be water shut downs for each project which may last for one full day. Water shut down stretches will be West 238 - 240 St. on Broadway; West 237 - 238 on Broadway; West 238th and Kingsbridge Avenue; and Kingsbridge Avenue from West 238th - West 236th Streets. It was suggested that the work be done at night at West 231st Street since there are few apartments in that area compared to the large amount of stores that will be affected by a shut down during the day. No water shut downs on holidays or if school is closed as per DOE calendar (except for summer months).

The Chair asked if FDNY had been notified about any non-working hydrants. The answer was no but that they would be notified. The Chair asked about notice to the surrounding area about the water shut down. Notice will be given 72 hours before the shut down. The Chair asked about MTA notification about the project. MTA Bus Division was contacted but not MTA Subways Division. It was asked that Subways be notified because of the elevated subway. Signs and barrels will be placed at the temporary bus stops to address passenger safety during loading and unloading of buses.

Only partial roadway repairs will be done where the work is completed. There will not be a full road repair. Outreach has already begun to businesses and residents. A weekly update will be issued online and in hard copy. Work will be done before Riverdale Crossings opens. Street lights may be moved to temporary areas, but will always be operational.

Construction is to be done 8 AM - 6 PM when there will be no parking by the construction area so two way traffic can be maintained. Construction workers are not to park in the restricted areas. Special needs phone number is [718-884-3090](tel:718-884-3090), e-mail

is [SafeRoutesToTransitCCL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SafeRoutesToTransitCCL@GMAIL.COM) and the field office is located at 2775 Irwin Avenue. Residents should call 311 for any other questions or information.

Ms. Katherine Broilier, Executive Director of the Kingsbridge BID said that she did a survey of the businesses in the area - 18 are restaurants, 1 supermarket, 1 meat market, 1 pharmacy, and 1 laboratory. She was concerned about the water shut down and believed any changes will hurt those businesses. She asked that the water shut off be done at night at this area.

After discussion the chair put the question to a vote of night water work at the West 231st Street area. The vote was 11 - 1 - 0 Heller, Young, Padernacht, Press, Stone, Bender, Santiago, Creany, Alexander, Pesce, and Khury in favor with J. Rather opposed.

A letter will be sent to DDC to request that the water shut off work be done at night for the West 231st and Broadway area work only.

4. Old Business. Michael Heller congratulated Mr. Padernacht on his tenure as Traffic and Transportation Chair.
5. New Business. Myra Joyce, a community resident, asked to be a community member of the T&T committee. She has attended three consecutive T&T meetings. A note will be sent to the Board Chair recommending Ms. Joyce as a Community Committee Member.

Board member Bender mentioned that the new lane markings on the Broadway corridor to calm traffic have worn away. A request to have the lane markings will go out to DOT. Other areas mentioned were the crosswalk at Broadway and Mosholu Avenue and West 242nd Street. Board member Santiago said that the metal curb cuts on Broadway in Marble Hill need to be fixed and will send a letter to DOT about the traffic by Saint Stephens Church. Board member Rather asked why the 50 Pct. does not come to T&T meetings, and was told that the 50 Precinct is attends the Public Safety committee and the full board meetings.

Chair Padernacht welcomed the new Traffic and Transportation Chair Michael Heller.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Minutes submitted to T&T Chair Padernacht for editing by Vice-Chair R. Press