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Resolution Addressing DOT's Proposed Changes to West 155th Street

WHEREAS the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) and Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has proposed to remove an eastbound lane towards the Bronx on West 155th Street and its viaduct and to introduce Select Bus Service (SBS) to the Bx6 bus route; and

WHEREAS the DOT and MTA came before the Manhattan Community Board 10 (CB10) Transportation, Historic Preservation, and Landmarks Committee on April 11, 2017 to suggest these changes would mitigate both eastbound and westbound traffic along West 155th Street and in the Bronx; and

WHEREAS Manhattan Community Board 10 organized a public hearing on May 4, 2017 to gather community feedback on the proposed plan from DOT/MTA; and

WHEREAS Manhattan Community Board 10 supports the proposed introduction of Select Bus Service for the BX6 bus route; and

WHEREAS CB10 condemns DOT's proposal to remove one of the two eastbound lanes in exchange for a third westbound lane, as it would pose a detrimental impact on traffic and further induce traffic along the West 155th Street corridor; and

WHEREAS CB10 affirms that DOT has not performed adequate traffic studies or conducted any substantive community outreach to understand how traffic would be adversely impacted as a result of their plan; and

WHEREAS DOT provided CB10 with very short notice of the plan and the intended implementation plan. DOT requested to present on this topic in April 2017 and asserted that the plan would be implemented as DOT originally contemplated it in June 2017. Since DOT's presentation at the CB10 Transportation, Historic Preservation, and Landmarks Committee on April 11, 2017, DOT has since postponed implementation of their plan until July 2017 or possibly later; and

WHEREAS CB10 recommends that DOT conduct a traffic impact study and a walkthrough with CB10 during morning and afternoon rush hour times and especially during the summer months when New York Yankees' baseball games increase traffic along West 155th Street, the Macomb Dams Bridge, and in the Bronx; and

WHEREAS Manhattan Community Board 10 is committed to promoting effective vehicular traffic across the district and urges DOT to incorporate these recommendations into their proposals for West 155th Street and the viaduct. Manhattan Community Board 10 reserves the right to provide additional feedback to DOT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board 10 supports the MTA introduction of the BX6 SBS service, but strongly condemns DOT's proposed removal of an eastbound lane on the West 155th Street viaduct and voted on this resolution at the general board meeting held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 as follows:

YES <u>35</u> NO <u>1</u> ABSTAIN <u>0</u>