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— Vision Zero Taskforce

MINUTES

Date March 10, 2015

Location: 215 West 125th Street, 4th Floor—New York, NY 10027

Chair Maria Concepcion Garcia

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- **Board Members in Attendance:** Maria Garcia, Ashely Emerole, Karen Horry, Barbara Nelson, Deborah Gilliard
- **Board Members Excused:** Troy Gethers, Daniel Parcerisas
- **Board Members not in Attendance:** Daniel Clark

Presentation Item: SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS NEAR LENOX AVENUE AND 145TH STREET

- NYCDOT
- NYC Transit Authority

- Summary of the presentation item: **NYCDOT presented a pedestrian and traffic safety improvements proposal for input in the area of Lenox Avenue and W 145th St to create safer pedestrian crossings, shorten crossing distances, increase pedestrian space, and calm traffic. This proposal includes:**
 - A new concrete median between W 145th St and W 146th St along Lenox Avenue with parallel parking on both sides. A new pedestrian safety island at Lenox Avenue and W 146th St
 - A widened concrete median with median tips extended through the crosswalks along Lenox Avenue between W 144th St and W 145th St.
 - At W 147th St and Lenox Avenue, high-visibility crosswalks would be installed to improve visibility of pedestrians at the intersection
 - At W 145th St and Adam Clayton Powell Jr Blvd, NYCDOT is proposing restricting the southbound left turn in order to reduce confusion and congestion for motorists, while improving pedestrian safety.
 - Along W 145th St between Adam Clayton Powell Jr Blvd and Lenox Avenue, NYCDOT is proposing the striping of parking lanes, a painted flush median near Lenox Avenue, and an extended left turn lane in order to clarify and calm traffic.
 - NYCDOT is not planning to implement this plan without working with the community board.
- Description of committee's action on the item e.g. (Resolution, or Letter of Support)
 - **The goal of the presentation was to provide a forum for public input/ response / comments / recommendations** between from the committee public and agencies about the project. **Public input sheets were provided and statements from meeting participants received** to transfer to the agencies for response. All information is collected as part of the final report for this project that will be shared and sent to the agencies.

- Result of the Discussion: agency Goal is to
 - COMMUNITY INPUT AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Suggestion to have a community walk through of the project area sometime during the summer.
 - AGENCY FOLLOWUP: Project package links to the presentation should be posted description on the NYCDOT website: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/pedestrian-projects.shtml>
- Next steps for District Office on item
 - Uploaded presentations; and committee meeting minutes and reports can be found on the CB10 website www.nyc.gov/cb10 (right side of homepage) under Priority Topics. Future project meetings and community walk through to be announced. Provide copies at the General Board Meeting.

Business Session/Voting Items: N/A at this time

- Topic of Discussion: **Lenora Davidson** from the Mayor’s office, gave a brief overview and handed out some paperwork regarding the **Mayor’s Office PlaNYC Committee** that is mandated to do the long term planning for the city around sustainability, resiliency, and equity. Mayor de Blasio has charged the committee with going out into the community a lot earlier in the process in this planning phase to talk about what you think you’re community should look like 10 or 20 years from now. A report due on April 22nd, which is Earth Day, is the first day we’re looking to get input and feedback, but we’ll be back. This is an ongoing conversation. Left some information, a contact information and surveys that you can fill out. You can go to nyc.gov/ips. The CB10 Transportation Committee could not attend a simultaneous meeting regarding this information as Part of the I 97 Plan process.
- Letter of Support Response N/A as the projects were presented for public input and/or information.
- Community Input and Committee Recommendations: Committee Chair to collect surveys if received.
- Voting Item: YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN ___ **N/A at this time**

Announcements:

- **Description of Announcement** N/A

Items Going before the Executive Committee: Monthly report

**Next Committee Meeting / Tentative Agenda Items:
SBS M60 SELECT BUS SERVICE UPDATES FOR COMMUNITY BOARD 9 AND 10
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES**

The New York City Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority will give an update on the M60 Select Bus Service on 125th Street and discuss next steps for the extension of bus lanes.

<p>Community Board 9 Thursday, April 2, 2015 6:30PM 16-18 Old Broadway (b/w 125th and 126th Streets)</p>	<p>Community Board 10 Tuesday, April 14, 2015 6:30 PM 215 W. 125th Street (b/w Frederick Douglass and Adam Clayton Powell Blvds)</p>
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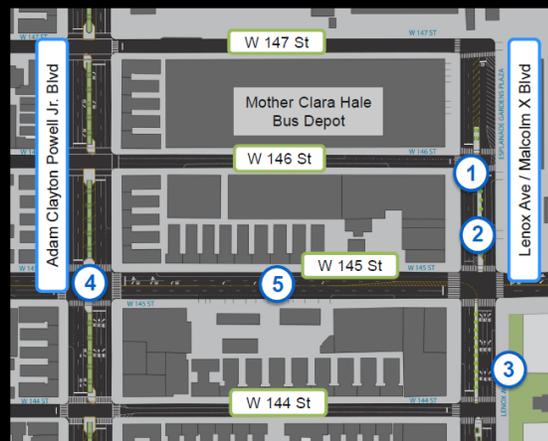
Report

[Existing Issues: Lenox Ave, W 145 St – W 147 St

High crash corridor, with 61 injuries between W 144 St and W 147 St (2009 – 2013, NYPD Crash Data)

- 15 pedestrian injuries
- W 145 St - 51 injuries, 3 severe
- 5% of Manhattan intersections had more KSI (Killed or Severely Injured), and 2% had more injuries
- Significant traffic volume to and from the 145 St Bridge
- Double northbound left turns at W 145 St
- High pedestrian volumes
- Subway entrance/exit (3 train)
- Midblock crossing
- Bus traffic
- Renovated Bus Depot
- Idling in median
- Underutilized road space north of W 145 St

Proposal Summary



	Change in Parking Supply
Lenox Ave 145 St – 147 St	+ 5 spaces
Lenox Ave 143 St – 145 St	- 2 spaces
Total	+ 3 spaces

1. Construct concrete median and islands on Lenox Ave between W 144 St and W 147 St
2. Add 5 additional parking spaces between W 145 St and W 147 St along Lenox Ave
3. Remove rush hour curb regulation on east side of Lenox Ave between W 143 St and W 145 St, restoring 16 parking spaces between 4pm and 7pm
4. Ban southbound left turn and expand north side concrete island at Adam Clayton Powell Jr Blvd and W 145 St
5. Stripe parking lanes, painted median, and left turn bay along W 145 St

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• PUBLIC INPUT/ RESPONSE / COMMENTS

- I don't agree with the traffic changes in the 145th street area. It would lead to hardship in both travel and pollution. Please do not add any bike lanes to the vicinity
- Blocking: Access-A-Ride, school buses, city buses, gas stations, Esplanade parking lots, transit driveways ; Senior Day Care center, Natural Occurring Retirement community.
Hours: Work: 7-9am. After work: Fridays 3:30pm to 6pm. Yankee stadium (park) baseball games, basketball tournaments; Areas of concern: Lenox Ave. / 7th Ave. 144th –W147th Pollution area –COPD, Asthma.
- Two lanes to one lane a no, no. Between 145th and 147th and Lenox Ave. Idling in front of 700 and 720 Lenox Ave. Street signs stating no idling and no horn blowing. No median.
- Concerns on U turn 144th and 7th Ave, buses and tractor trailer will go down 144th street. Churches shelter in this area. Buses and trucks will turn on Lenox in front of a park; children will be going to the park, causes security issues.
- Who is requesting these changes? The community NYPD, the Mayor's office? What time of the year were these studies done? Cold weather is when there is less traffic and pedestrians. Come back with the warmer weather to see the difference. 145th -147th one lane is a bad idea. Too many double parked cars; they can't continue to park on the sidewalks. Restricting left turns on 145th will increase the turns on 146th street causing more traffic. One lane from 145th -147th is the only way to travel up 147th. For many Esplanade residents over 3,000. U Turn at 144th – 7th Ave. there is a school at 144th between 7th Ave. Children cross there.
- Please repair ramps on the south west corner of 146th and Lenox. Restore bus stop at the 146th street and Lenox heading downtown. The left turn from Lenox onto 145th is dangerous for seniors crossing to bus stop headed south.
- Traffic through 146th street with buses and big storage house traffic
1. 720 Lenox Ave; 2. School bus waiting; 3. **Send proposal by email.**
- My concern is that my community has lots of kids and adults with asthma and some on oxygen. Are you all concerned about the diesel fumes from large trucks contributing to people's illnesses? We know you can't stop all trucks but maybe minimize or reroute some trucks. Maybe we won't have to inhale all this pollution. Concrete medians will block the flow with the traffic. Esplanade has three parking lots. 1. 145ths and Lenox next to the bus stop; 2. 146th street on the corner; 3. Right on the corner of 147th street. Two lanes for traffic will not work on Lenox Ave. No U-Turns from 144th onto Lenox Ave. which is a playground on Lenox Ave. from 145th street to 143rd street.

Project package: Links to the presentation and the posted description on the NYCDOT website Posted on the website here: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/pedestrian-projects.shtml> · [Download a slideshow about the project \(pdf\)](#).

- **Minutes Prepared by:** Maria Concepcion Garcia, CB10 Transportation Committee Chair