

Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

January 5th 2015

Attendance: Committee Members Present – Yosef Kalinsky, James Berlin, Terriell Peters, Mary Anderson, Anita Barberis. Absent – Wanda Garcia, Yahaira Alonzo

Board Members – Arlene Shulman

Public Members: Deirdre Parker, Betty Haanager

Meeting began at 7:10pm

Deirdre Parker –

- Wireless will be installed in all of the underground subway stations within CB12 within the next few months
- MTA fare increases will be made in 2015 and again in 2017 – 4% raise increments for subway and busses. New fares will come into effect in March 2015. In January the MTA Board will decide between two proposals – which they have had a number of public hearings over the last few months. The main difference between proposal #1 and #2 is that in #1 the price would rise to \$2.75 but include an 11% bonus with \$5.50 purchase, whereas in #2 the price would remain at \$2.50 but no bonus. This is a similar dual proposal decision that will be made with regards to Bridge and Tunnel fares. For further information visit here –

<http://web.mta.info/mta/news/hearings/2014FareTolls/index.html>

Fare Type	Current	Proposal 1	Proposal 2
Base	\$2.50	\$2.75	\$2.50
Bonus	5% with \$5 purchase	11% with \$5.50 purchase	NO BONUS
Effective Fare w/ Bonus	\$2.38	\$2.48	\$2.50
Single Ride	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$2.75
Express Bus	\$6.00	\$6.50	\$6.00
Express with Metro Card Bonus	\$5.71	\$5.86	\$6.00
30-Day Pass	\$112.00	\$116.50	\$116.50
7-Day Pass	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$31.00
7-Day Express Bus Pass	\$55.00	\$57.25	\$57.25
Access-a-Ride	\$2.50	\$2.75	\$2.50

- Mary Anderson – we need to train bus drivers to bring people to the curb to let them off. Also on the M3 and M4 – many busses idle at the end of the route in upper Manhattan and return in bunches.
- Snow removal – MTA is responsible for clearing the stairs and 3 feet beyond that, bus stops are under DOT to remove snow. If a station has snow on the steps contact Deirdre and she can contact someone to remove it as soon as possible.
- Update from the DOT:
 - We hope to add the update on the Hudson Heights Slow Zone for February’s agenda. As with the Inwood Slow Zone, we would present the details of the implementation – location of signs, markings, speed humps.
 - Arlene – in the Inwood Slow Zone the entry pillars that were originally placed on the street and took away parking spots were relocated to the sidewalk. Let’s keep this in mind when the Hudson Heights Slow Zone is presented to us.
 - Speed humps for Upper Riverside Drive East between 158th and 165th Street
 - The speed hump request came from within DOT from its Chief Engineer of Traffic Planning & Management. Since no one was present to argue in favor of the speed hump we tabled the discussion.

New Items to consider for future meetings:

1. Street resurfacing – the city has allocated \$10M towards capital improvements. Need to follow up with DOT to get schedule of these improvements
2. In addition to asking MTA to have dispatchers check in on bus drivers to make sure that they are following all MTA rules and protocols and to create a sense of “someone is watching”, we should remind the public that if a passenger sees something wrong, then you need to take down the bus driver’s name and bus number, time of offense etc. and pass along that information to the MTA
3. Maybe consider having meetings in locations other than the CB12 office in order to elicit more community input from people who don’t come out to the board office
4. Committee members charged with looking around CB12 to see if there are areas we want to examine in the coming months

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm