

# Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

<p><b>Committee Members Present</b> - Chair, Yahaira Alonzo, Mary Anderson, Anita Barberis, James Berlin, Jennifer Chung, Robin Cruz, Gerard Dengel, and Debby Nabavian, <b>Excused</b> – Wanda Garcia, Yosef Kalinsky <b>Public</b> –</p>
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### 1. Presentation by Craig Fisher on the **Rehabilitation of the viaduct on Riverside Drive between W. 153<sup>rd</sup> and W. 161<sup>st</sup> Streets.** Project to start summer 2018 thru the fall of 2020.

- Restore the bridge to a state of good repair.
- Start at the southern end and run to the north at 161<sup>st</sup> street.
- 2 sections. 155<sup>th</sup> street is the dividing line between north and south.
- Scope of the project:
  - Replace the deck of the structure – sidewalks and roadways.
  - Rehabilitate the steel frame that supports that.
  - The street lights and traffic signals conduits also replaced.
  - The steel frame is encased by concrete protective coating – some will be removed. And the steel will be painting.
  - Working through preliminary designs. Will present to Landmarks the designs.
- Federally funded project.
- Coordination with City Agencies are also taking place – Police Department, Fire Dept., Sanitation, DEP, and DOT just to name a few.
- Historic stone and period specific lighting will be removed, but will be restored and reinstalled.
- Southern Section:
  - Concrete barrier structure along the railroad will be removed. Replace with a friendlier barrier. One that doesn't interfere with opening of car doors.
- There will be some weekend work. And some work at night.
- The bus stop will be temporarily relocated because the sidewalk where it stands will be replaced. The walk will not be significant. At most 1 block and for a short time.
- Construction impact:
  - Noise monitoring. And construction will be done during the day.
  - Vibrations will be produced during deck removal. But it will be done with cranes to reduce the vibrations.
  - Air quality: Contractor will comply with DEP rules – filter and low sulfur fuel.
  - Paint contains lead. Paint removal will be done in compliance with OCHA regulations – containment and vacuum equipment.

- Lighting – lights will be coming down. Temporary lighting will be placed. Areas will be highlighted.
- The work will be done in 4 work zones:
  - In the zone where the work is adjacent to the buildings. Maintain a single lane of traffic in each direction; with 1 reversible lane to follow peak periods of traffic.
  - The work adjacent the buildings – pedestrian structures ADA compliant. And the work in the north & south direction will be done 4 stages so that no large portion will be taken out of service at once. The contractor will work on 1 section at a time.
- During construction there will be continued community outreach in order to address concerns of the residents.
- Access to the buildings will be maintained.
- DOT will have a staffed field office.

Concerns:

1. Parking. Parking will be dramatically reduced for 2 years.
  - a. There is a parking garage in one of the buildings which is almost empty and the charge is about \$200 a month. That's a lot of money for our residents in that area. Outreach to the community to find out about parking concerns.
2. Reversible lane – how is it going to be implemented: There will be a period in which the lane will be shut down. This will ensure that the lane is clear prior to re-opening of the lane.
3. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON Riverside Drive Oval. There will be spillage of traffic onto Riverside Drive. Riverside Drive Oval is dangerous because there is no crosswalk along the oval. There is a pedestrian safety problem around the Riverside Drive Oval. This area will also need traffic control here. In fact, the DOT should look at this intersection before any work takes place.
  - a. Has there been an investigation of this intersection in the past 18 months? Not sure.