

Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting

May 1, 2017

Committee Members Present – Chair, Yahaira Alonzo, Asst. Chair, Debby Nabavian, James Berlin, Robin Cruz, Gerard Dengel,.

Excused – Mary Anderson, Anita Barberis and Yosef Kalinsky

Community Board Members: Richard Lewis

Public – Residents from CB12M

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:20PM.**
2. **W. 219th and W. 220th street two-way to one way changes.**
 - a. DoT affirms feasibility of recommendations regarding two way to one-way switch for West 219th (which will go west) and West 220th (which will go East) Streets. Their proposal however, does not include a traffic light at W. 219th & Broadway, and instead prohibits left turn from W 219th Street onto Broadway (southbound).
 - b. Public shared why they originally asked Community Board for this change: extremely unsafe conditions for pedestrians / families with young kids who cross Broadway to go to back and forth to school each day. Cars making turns from Broadway and onto Broadway, double parked cars, cars driving against direction of traffic when lanes blocked, mid-block K turns, etc. and cars driving around school buses are all problems.
 - c. Public and committee members expressed concern about the lack of traffic light at W. 219th. Many comments made about impact on vehicular traffic on the two blocks as well as on W. 218th which often is not passable.
 - d. DoT suggested that they could implement the initial safety measures as contemplated in original resolution and outlined in their September 12th letter, then do an immediate traffic study to look at vehicular impacts.
 - e. Alan Sash of Broadway Car Wash agrees suggests and requests that the portion of the block from Broadway through the car wash entrance be made a no parking zone. Car Wash currently uses right most lane of W 220th for car queuing.
 - f. Committee expressed desire for broader more in depth look at whole area. Committee discussed pros and cons of delaying whole project so that a broader study could be conducted versus moving forward with the pedestrian safety changes (one-way changes + speed bumps + left turn prohibition from W 219th St) and then taking on study and recommendations relative to vehicular issues.
3. **No one in attendance from Small Business Association to present on W 181st St. meters.**
4. **Presentation on Broadway (W 155th to W 170th St) Proposed Corridor Safety Improvements.** Presented by Alicia Posner
 - a. Broadway is a “Priority Corridor” and has 5 Vision Zero Priority Intersections. There are serious problems of vehicles not yielding to pedestrians and the resulting serious injuries and fatalities. There are places with conflicting left turns,

lack of medians and mismatch of pedestrian patterns and crosswalk, long crossing distances and accessibility issues.

- b. Proposals include some reduction in travel lanes from 3 to 2, median widening, better markings, additional pedestrian islands, signal timing improvements, additional left turn signals, additional stop bars.
 - c. West 157th and W 158th, Edward Morgan would get special treatments, including lengthening left turn bay, new crosswalk, more time to turn at 157th
 - d. W. 165th and W 168th also would get special treatment. W 168th changes would include various safety measures where St Nicholas and Broadway converge.
 - e. Create pedestrian island for W 169th St.
5. **Resolution in opposition to proposed changes on Amsterdam between 155th and 162nd presented and approved.** All T&T committee members present voted for resolution as did CB12 member Richard Lewis, and one public attendee.
6. **Mr. Elvin Soto not present to present regarding conditions on St. Nicholas**
7. **Meeting adjourned at 10PM.**