

## **CB12 Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting**

### **April 2, 2018**

**Committee Members Present** –Asst. Chair, Debby Nabavian, Mary Anderson, Anita Barberis, James Berlin, Robin Cruz, Gerard Dengel.

**Absent:** Yahaira Alonzo

**Community Board Members:**

**Public** – Paul Hintersteiner, Preston Johnson of DoT

- 1) **Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.**
- 2) **Fort George Hill Bike Lanes**, presented by Paul Hintersteiner
  - a) Mr. Hintersteiner presented information about vehicular traffic and congestions on Fort George Hill, exacerbated by protected bike lanes. Presented scenario for redesign that would include two lanes for traffic, plus (unprotected) bike lanes and parking (add angled parking on building side too). The lack of usage of these bike lanes was cited. Mr. Hintersteiner encourages conversion back to unprotected bike lanes, to create more street width to open traffic flow.
  - b) J. Berlin noted DoT's strong preference for protected bike lanes
  - c) A. Barberis questioned utilization of bike lanes.
  - d) G. Dengel highlighted issue that data is not available on bike / pedestrian contact, because there is no requirement that a biker report contact with a pedestrian. After discussion, decided to investigate further, perhaps with Council Member office, to get more info on the issue, with potential to do resolution in future.
  - e) JB suggested that committee do resolution supporting Fort George Hill traffic study. Resolution to include traffic and bike lane utilization. Resolution should note that there has not been study for a number of years (prior to bike lanes). All committee members present voted in favor. (6-0).
  - f) Conversation between committee and DoT representative (Preston Johnson) about how much education is happening with regard to pedestrian knowledge that bike lanes are same as streets, and therefore, one should not step into bike lane without right of way.
- 3) **New Business**
  - a) Add speed hump installation request for Bogardus Place from Ellwood Street to Hillside Avenue to May T&T agenda to solicit feedback from public.
- 4) **Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.**