

**CB12Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**June 4th, 2018 at 7:00 PM**

**Committee Members Present** – Interim Chair, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair, Debby Nabavian, Assistant Chair, Edgar Roman, Mary Anderson, James Berlin, Robin Cruz, Gerard Dengel.  
**Community Board Members:** Shah Ally, Richard Allman, Eleazar Bueno, Fern Hertzberg, Richard Lewis, Ayisha Oglivie, Danielle Jettoo, Matt Levy, Chris Ventura and Curtis Young.  
**Public** – Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, Deirdre Parker, MTA NYCT; Sandra Harris and Ross Frommer, Columbia University; Paul Hintersteiner, Michael Hano, Robert Ortiz; Lisa Stepanian, Omar Tejada, David Kelso, Alison Loeb, Dhanraj Damri, Rosaly Raman and W. Wong of DDC; Rosa Margolla, Deborah Cardona, Phil Zabluchi (sp?), Sandi Galawanji, Peggy E., Darrell Williams, Felix Hiciano, Bobby DeJesus, Dimitris Koutoumbas, Irwin Berg, Amy Sears, Aidan Lam, residents from CB12M

- 1) **Meeting called to order 7:02 pm.**
- 2) **Welcome by Chair, Debby Nabavian.** Communicated that Liz Ritter would lead discussion on several agenda items.
- 3) **MTA Presentation on deep station elevator project at 168th/181st/191st 1 Train by Deirdre Parker for NYC Transit.** Joined by several members of project team.
  - A total of 12 elevators on the 1 Line at 168th, 181st, and 191st street stations will be replaced with traction (vs. hydraulic) elevators. Project includes replacement of machine rooms as well.
  - Each station will be closed for about 12 months during this renovation, except 191st which will remain open with access from the tunnel to the street on Broadway.
  - NYCT will return with shuttle plans closer to shutter date for each phase.
  - Project will begin at the 168th street station in 2019/2020, followed by 181st, and 191st street station.
  - 181<sup>st</sup> street elevator will add a stop at the northbound platform (southbound will continue to require exit at bridge level)
  - 191<sup>st</sup> Station is deepest in system. Elevators will open on both sides from street level.
  - The community raised the concern how local businesses can be involved and partake during this project. MTA responded that 20% of the contract must be allocated to MWBE businesses to execute the project, but they don't have way of knowing if MWBE's are local. Referral to Business Development committee was suggested.
  - Concern raised about ADA accessibility at these stations and throughout the system generally. MTA acknowledged ADA regulations must be followed while constructing elevators, which makes it challenging to install ramp to 168<sup>th</sup> platform. Council Member Rodriguez said he would keep fighting for this, and to find a way to do it.
- 4) **DDC Presentation re: replacement of water main project in Washington Heights, presented by Rosaly Raman**
  - Beginning soon, completion by June 2021.
  - Impacted area largely W. 170<sup>th</sup> – W 175<sup>th</sup> between Amsterdam and St. Nicholas and W. 183<sup>rd</sup> – W. 190<sup>th</sup> between Wadsworth and Audubon. Works proceeds roughly one block at a time, 9AM-4PM M-F, although locations fronting schools have shorter work hours. There can be work on Saturdays but contractor does not have plans to work on Saturdays except where needed, e.g. can't shut water to a school.

- Communications and notice handle by Rosaly, [ddcwatermainccl@gmail.com](mailto:ddcwatermainccl@gmail.com).
- FH – Emphasized that this is a high stress area – lots of seniors reside here.

#### **5) Consideration of resolution: Haven Avenue Pedestrian Plaza**

- ELR introduced draft resolution that allowed for either scenario for an Interim Materials Plaza on Haven Avenue: in favor or opposed. Whereas statements would serve both scenarios and covered concerns raised by the public with regard to parking, Columbia University's commitments to the neighborhood and opposition to area becoming a de facto campus, as well as desire by others for more public space for community organizations and the public to come together. ELR emphasized that the only way for the Community Board to speak is via resolution, so there needed to be a formal resolution one way or another.
- Given months of public testimony, T&T committee went directly to discussion.
- JB – Proposed that the consideration of the plaza's impact, and therefore success or failure could be assessed more quickly i.e. a 6 month time frame rather than one year.
- GD highlighted that DoT should be required to do follow up traffic studies (themselves) immediately.
- AO – Prior (2014) resolutions with regard to Hospital should be considered. ELR noted that they should be and would be referenced and incorporated.
- AO – Signatures collected on petition should be referenced, as well as December no action vote. ELR agreed.
- AO – There should be no resolution or vote as December was a vote already.
- Danielle raised issues of equitable distribution of resources.
- The committee put the proposed resolution for voting where the results were as follows:
  - i) 5 In-favor: DKN, JB, GD, RC, MA, 1 opposed: ELR, 1 abstain: ER (5-1-1)
  - ii) CB12: 5 in favor: SA, RL, EB, FH, RA. 4 against: DJ, CY, ML, AO

#### **6) Uptown Subway Advocates discussion on WH/Inwood's Bus/Subway Service.** Alison Loeb, David Kelso

- It is urgent that subway service uptown be addressed. Current situation is untenable. Asking for a communication channel to MTA.
- Advocate for restoration of A service to levels of 1980's and 90's
- Fix shuttle service when trains not running
- Address passenger dumping
- PA system at 190<sup>th</sup> A train station never installed.
- 9:30PM (early) closure of subways for FastTrack repairs does not work for uptown neighborhood with many theater and restaurant workers who then have no way to get home.
- A train elevators have poor entrapment numbers. Deirdre Parker responded that A train elevators will be repaired in 2021-2022 at 181st, and 190th. Upon completion of the elevator renovation, the escalators will be replaced at 181st street station.
- PA is not properly working at 190th street station
- Emergency response / sick passenger protocols be modified?
- ELR requested responses to most items before general.

#### **7) As there was no New Business/Old Business, the meeting adjourned 9:59 pm.**