

## **Traffic & Transportation Committee, Manhattan CB12 – June 2019**

Committee Members Present: Nicholas Martinez (Interim Chair), James Berlin, Gerard Dengel, Bianca Guerrero, Danielle Jettoo, Bruce Robertson, Mary Anderson, Omar Tejada

Committee Members Absent: Robin Cruz

Board Members Present: Richard Lewis

Public Members Present: Edith Prentiss

Public Attendees: Paul H., V. Samuel, A. Selly, Carolyn O'Neill, Sam Hurl, Mev B. Crew

Start 7:09 PM

1 - Call to Order- Opening Remarks and introduction made by Nicholas.

2 - Safety and Site Lines on Hillside Avenue at Fort George Post office.

Edith Prentiss Public Member- Safety issue in regards to mail trucks blocking cross walks which does not allow for seeing when to cross such cross walks.

- Jim Berlin CB Committee: Agrees. Only our elected officials can do something about this safety issue.
- Maria Blanco Public – 14 Bogardus Place. Mail trucks also block fire hydrants and double/triple walk. Has spoken to post office general and to elected officials. No one has responded.
- Sam Public: Has tried talking to the post office and they have been rude
- Resolution: Edith has draft and will update. Vote:
  - Committee: 8-0-0
  - Public: 3-0-0
  - Present resolution/draft at District service cabinet meeting on June 20 that includes elected, NYPD, DOT, etc.

3 - Bus Service For A Train Stations at 184th and 190th Street Station.

Jim Berlin CB Committee: Introduction of resolution to provide bus shuttle service for seniors, disabled, and mothers/aids with baby carriages between the upper elevated street of Fort Washington to Overlook terrace during elevator repair shutdown.

- Gerard CB Committee: Add an hour parameter, e.g., 6am to 6pm.
- Edith: Reach out to Columbia Hospital for support with their shuttle service. Someone should speak to Fern who is coordinating with the council member on this request.
- Mary Anderson CB: To reach out to Fern for support.
- Paul Public: Many people use that elevator to reach the church and as a form of public transportation to the upper level of the hill.
- Resolution: Presented by Jim.

Vote count:

- Committee: 8-0-0
- Public: 2-0-1

#### 4- Application for Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPS)

Nicholas Committee Chair: Proposal from NYC Planning to update public signage which clearly states the use of it. Adaption of international symbol for public access.

- Edith: Print should be more pronounced for ease of reading. Uniformed don't usage. Those spaces should be accessible.
- Richard Board Chair: Can a list of (POPS) be provided? (Question to be asked)
- Nicholas: Will bring this up at the committee meeting on Wednesday.

#### 5- Old Business

168 Subway Elevators: Richard Lewis to give committee his research regarding surface elevator installation to enable accessible access, per his prior site visit

None

#### 6- New Business

-Danielle Jettoo CB: Transferring from a Train to a shuttle bus back to a train. From shuttle to train no transfer was provided. MTA should acknowledge and provide clearer representation.

- Mary Anderson: To bring it up at the board committee meeting on Thursday.

-Gerard: Do we have a forum on congestion pricing?

-Jim: State passed this we have missed our opportunity to have a public session on the topic.

-Caroline O'Neill, Park Terrace West public - topic MTA's Access-a-Ride: You call at least 1 day in advance to get a paratransit vehicle. If late they needed to notify you. Which ran late constantly. Two new advanced reservation programs were introduced in 2017 and allowed for quicker pick ups via green and yellow taxis with far less delays at half the cost. "e-hail on demand" lets Access-A-Ride users summon taxis or car services from an app, but was limited to first 1,200 riders, less than 1 percent of registered Access-A-Ride users. The other "advanced reservation e-hail" relies on phone and has proven limited and unreliable.

-Nicholas: Edith who should we reach out to for support.

-Edith: To put together a list of officials and electeds we need to lobby for action.

Meeting completed: 8:30pm