

Traffic & Transportation Committee, Manhattan CB12 – October 2019

Committee Members Present: Nicholas Martinez (Interim Chair), James Berlin, Danielle Jettoo, Bruce Robertson, Mary Anderson, Robin Cruz, Omar Tejada

Committee Members Absent: Gerard Dengel (Excused)

Board Members Present: N/A

Public Members Present: Edith Prentiss

Public Attendees: Karissa Nostrand, Robin Kolap, Paul Williams, Dan Wagner, Marcel Dejon, John Higgins, Ryan Desso, Luis Diaz, Jonathan Pervela, David Maggiotto, Sanda Harris

1. Call to Order

Nick welcomed everyone to the monthly Traffic and Transportation meeting and briefly went through Robert's Rules to kicked off the meeting.

2. NYC DOT presentation on upgrades along St. Nicholas Avenue between 162nd - 168th Streets

- Kimberly DOT. Update on Dyckman St lanes. Will be moving forward on the north side of the double bike line. Handed out flyers.
- Karissa DOT made the presentation on this topic.
- Omar CB asked what the effect on Broadway was from converting St Nicholas to a one way on Broadway considering the heavy traffic of the hospital. DOT responded that it's minimal since south bound traffic in peak hours was 60 cars an hour. Considered low usage.
- Danielle CB asked what the difference between types of bike lanes is.
- Robin CB asked the impacts outside of Broadway to traffic, but DOT said its minimal since its 60 cars an hour during peak times.
- Danielle CB asked about effects on parking. DOT said overall project will gain parking.
- Jim CB made a comment in liking the design and listening to the communities' input.
- Edith CB noted there is no connection to the crosswalk to reach McDonalds on the north side of 170th St. DOT said they can/not make that change without a high cost in redesigning the whole area.
- Paul Public comments. Said M3 uses the northbound lane where the protected lane would exist between 169th and 170th on St Nicolas. DOT said they spoke with MTA and they signed off on this design.
- Ryan Public Comment. Gristedes construction will cause issues on Broadway has that taken into account? DOT said they work with construction permits to review these issues.
- David Public Comment. We're other protected lanes thought of in this process. DOT said they thought of numerous options.
- Nick CB Chair asked if there had been analysis done on vehicle type usage in the area? DOT has reviewed this and ensured all vehicle types were taken into account especially emergency vehicles.
- DOT is looking for a resolution in support of this plan from the committee.
- Danielle CB asked if concerns raised will be addressed. DOT said concerns raised are dealing with other government entities aka MTA, FDNY.
- Nick CB chair asked for our questions to be answered by DOT for our next meeting in order for us to better craft a resolution. DOT agreed.

3. MTA Update on all Elevator Rehabilitations

- Nick CB chair reading of resolution draft requested from prior meeting related to the improvement of the shuttlebus at 184th Street.
- Committee voted to approve. 3 in the public voted to agree none disagreed.

Committee Members

o Yes: 7
o No: 0
o Abstain: 0

Public Members

o Yes: 2
o No: 0
o Abstain: 1

- Howey MTA mentioned this would be a shuttle usage which would have a review period for continued use.
- Jim CB made a comment about the review period occurring during the warmer buses while the increase will occur during the colder winter months.

- Mary CB said seniors are most in need. They have said the shuttle is unreliable on timing. They can't wait 20-30 minutes. Instead they either take a cab or another mean of transportation. Ridership should not be used as a metric since it's unreliable. MTA said installing of benches is done by DOT.
- Danielle CB asked if is there a minimum number of riders needed to sustain this shuttle? DOT: no there isn't.
- Nick CB Chair asked if signage can be put up so it can be clear and do the stops make sense. Jim CB said the signage cannot be seen. Howey MTA said it wasn't deliberately designed to fail. Howey MTA has no answer on signage.
- Edith CB raised concerns on needing the time schedule and the signs.
- Marcel made a public comment related to whether or not someone on the MTA board said this was a waste of money thus it should be noted that it can be removed.
- Mary CB raised concern on M3 not stopping in front of Coogan's because the sign does not note this as a stop. When it is. M101 bus is not stopping above 190th Street. When there is one more stop further north. M101 downtown on 193 St. Nicholas Avenue has a sign that says it's a stop, but the drivers are staying it's just a rest stop and not allowing them to board there. MTA noted these issues. Also, requested not to hold these issues until the meeting but rather have Richard send these ASAP so they are addressed quicker.

4. 157th Street and Riverside Drive Ramp

- Lyle from DOT was not able to meet due to a conflicting meeting with another board and said he would be back next month with a full report. Karin from the public presenter direct image of the issue. Kimberly is here in his place and noted the concerns. Lyle will do a full DOT presentation next month.
- Haven Plaza committee update
- Sandra Columbia said the 17 free parking spaces were taken and that people are interested reduced spots.
- Call to committee members would like to be done through the board as well as businesses so members are presented.
- Sandra used the CB board, northern business and other community organizations to leave flyers so people can get this information. As well as trying to use word of mouth as much as possible.
- Goal 8-10 members for a diverse.
- Requirement work, live or run a community organization.
- Work on establishing a time which would work for all members.
- Expectation is for the first meeting to occur in January.
- Sandra provided the letter for call to committee.
- Sandra introduced Luis Diaz as the director for the plaza. He is considered the bridge between the community and Columbia. Nick mentioned leaving the flyers as well as they are both in Spanish and English.
- Sandra mentioned there are multiple events/programming coming to the space and are partnering with local artists.

5. FY'21 Capital & Expense Budget Priority Rankings

- Committee reviewed both budget and capital rankings.

6. Old Business

- Danielle CB asked if DOT reviews no Standing spots as they could have aged out. DOT said the reason for the increase has been to add additional pedestrian visibility for automobiles. But she will take our concerns. Nick CB chair asked for the board to compile a list of locations to provide to DOT.
- Jim CB mentioned reading an update on a resolution to restore removed bus stops from an upper Manhattan redesign which has heavily impacted our community. Nick CB chair asked for a vote. We all approved. One from the public voted in support.

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7. New Business

- DEP sewer email commented on. To be discussed in detail the following meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.