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## Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills  
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

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### COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: All Board Members  
FROM: Transportation Committee  
Chris Petallides –Co- Chair  
DATE: June 26, 2013

On Monday, June 24, 2013, the Transportation Committee met. Present from the Committee were Chris Petallides, Allan Palzer, Joan Garippa, Steve Behar, Andy Rothman, Susan Cerezo, Henry Euler, Christine Haider, Christina Scherer, Joseph Sollano, Sonya Fiero-Gladwin, Laura James, Mel Meer, Jyothi Sriram, Robert Liatto, Community member Ed Doster, Community Assistant Christina Coutinho, Queens DOT Deputy Commissioner Dalila Hall and her staff members Al Silvestri, Naim Rasheed and H. Joon Park.

1-Commissioner Hall and her staff presented a Curbside Management Proposal to eliminate the 4-7 pm eastbound “No Standing” regulations on Northern Boulevard between Utopia Parkway and the Clearview Expressway. Mr. Rasheed gave a powerpoint presentation regarding the current conditions along Northern Boulevard between 4-7 pm and the proposed condition showing parking allowed on the street. The proposal extends from Parsons Boulevard in CB 7 to the Clearview Expressway in this board. The request was originally made in 2011 by Council Member Koo and DOT did not recommend a change.

At a Town Hall meeting in December 2011, Mr. Koo and business owners made the request to the First Deputy Commissioner. Since then, DOT has been surveying the area. They monitored how the traffic would be affected by the change and found that the change did not result in an unacceptable level of service. This means that the change from three to two lanes would lead to only a few seconds of delay for drivers traveling eastbound. CB7 had approved the proposal and the signs will be removed between Parsons Boulevard and Utopia Parkway as early as late summer. Any change would be monitored for any “epic failure” over a 6-8 month period. Ms. Hall pointed out that congestion grows eastbound after the Clearview Expressway and that the restrictions east of there would not be changed.

Members raised concerns that current conditions showed trucks parking in the current “No Standing” zones from 4-7 pm, and that if cars were also parked, then trucks may double park pushing vehicles into one lane of traffic. It was also pointed out that buses take up space along the curb. The committee made a motion to approve the Curbside Management Proposal between Utopia Parkway and the Clearview Expressway. The motion did not pass.

2- The committee reviewed several items brought to the attention of the Board.

- a- The committee reviewed the following requests approved by DOT:
  - Speed bump on Glenwood Street between Northern Blvd. and 41 Drive. Thirty one residents were contacted, ten are in favor and three opposed the hump installation. The Westmoreland Association expressed strong support. Although via email a majority of committee members agreed, at the meeting it was said that part of the street was in Nassau County so the committee voted against the installation.\*\*
  - Speed bump on Oceania Street between 48 and 50 Avenues. 28 residents were contacted, only 7 answered, five approved of a speed bump, two were opposed. Members thought the street was too wide to install a bump and voted against it.
- b- Lt. Heffernan of the 111 Precinct had asked for a street name change for Alameda Avenue, which has two outlets on Northern Blvd. He suggests calling one West Alameda and the other East Alameda. The committee thought that this was unnecessary but Commissioner Hall said that the Dept. of City Planning should be contacted by the Precinct if they wish to proceed.
- c- DOT asked the Board's opinion to remove "No Standing" regulations in front of the Francis Lewis Plaza at Crocheron Avenue and Francis Lewis Blvd. Members who visited the site were confused as to exactly where the signs would be removed. The committee tabled this item in order to obtain clarification.
- d- Mel Meer had requested a bus stop shelter in front of 35-12 Bell Blvd. but he withdrew the request after seeing that there were too many curb cuts at the location.

\*\* Addendum

The Committee was again polled on June 26<sup>th</sup> regarding the Glenwood Street speed bump request since the District Manager presented a map that showed that the street is in NYC (only at the corner of Northern Blvd. does the street merge into the Nassau County line). The committee members voted to approve the speed bump.