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## Queens Community Board 11

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

**Jerry Iannece** Chairperson / **Susan Seinfeld** District Manager

### COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: All Board Members  
FROM: Transportation Committee  
Bernard Haber & Chris Petallides –Co- Chairs  
DATE: January 25, 2013

On Tuesday, January 22, 2013 the Transportation Committee met. Present from the Committee were Bernard Haber, Chris Petallides, Allan Palzer, Gary Sekdorian, Joan Garippa, Andy Rothman, Susan Cerezo, Henry Euler, Christine Haider, Ed Doster, Joseph Sollano, Sonya Fiero-Gladwin. Susan Seinfeld, District Manager, Dalila Hall, Queens DOT Deputy Commissioner, Terra Ishee and Sunghoon Yoo from DOT Pedestrian Projects Group and Lyle Sclair, Bayside Village BID Executive Director also attended.

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

1-The committee reviewed the following requests approved by DOT:

- a- One-way conversion of 215 Place southbound between Northern Blvd. and 42 Avenue. 47 residents were surveyed, 17 answered, 16 approved, one disapproved. There was discussion that the street is very narrow, 25' wide with parking on both sides and two way cars passing come very close. Some members thought that it would be inconvenient for residents. Others pointed out that 214 Place is one-way. A motion was made to approve the conversion. Three members opposed, nine approved. Motion passed.
- b- Speed hump on 53 Avenue between 195 Street and Hollis Court Blvd. There are only eight residents on the block. There were four responses to our survey, two in favor and two opposed the hump installation. The committee asked that the office reach out to those residents who did not answer.
- c- Speed hump on Cloverdale Blvd. between Hoxie Drive and 59 Avenue. This is a very long stretch of roadway adjacent to Queensborough Community College. 96 residents were sent letters, only 15 answered. 11 approved of speed humps, four were opposed. Because of the involvement of the school, the committee requested that the office contact the college for an opinion.

2- DOT requested a recommendation from the CB for the placement of a City Bench in front of 242-03 Northern Blvd. at Douglaston Parkway. A question was raised if this was in lieu of a bus shelter. It was understood that a small size shelter, as not to interfere with the stores, would be installed. Dalila Hall will check with the bus shelter unit. Otherwise, there was no objection to the bench installation.

3- The committee reviewed a request for the honorary naming of 204 Street at 35 Avenue for Salman Hamdani, a NYS certified EMT and NYPD cadet who died at the World Trade Center on 9/11/01. Mr. Hamdani, aged 23 at the time, lived at 34-31 204 St. The family has since moved to Long Island.

The mother has fought for recognition of her son's sacrifice because his name cannot be placed at the 911 memorial because he was not a first responder.

US Senator Gillibrand referred Ms. Hamdani to Council Member Halloran who referred it to the Board for an opinion. A motion was made to approve the naming and all members were in favor.

4- DOT's Pedestrian Projects Group presented their proposal to reconfigure the intersection of Douglaston Pkwy. at 240 Street. Board member, Douglas Montgomery, originally made the request to have an additional crosswalk installed. DOT found this to be a location that needed work in order to create a single intersection with proper crosswalks and other safety features. The features include sidewalk extensions at the greenstreets, flexible bollards around these extensions and proper ladder crosswalks as done at all Routes to School sites. The major change will be the creation of a single intersection with a left turn from Douglaston Pkwy onto 235 Street. The committee endorsed the proposal. Copies of the proposal are attached for review by the board.

5- The District Manager reviewed the various street activity permits received:

- a- Douglaston Greenmarket
- b- St. Nicholas Annual Greek Festival
- c- Bayside Village BID September Sidewalk Sale, no street closure
- d- Halloween in Bayside, closure of 41 Avenue only
- e- Windsor Park Co-op Anniversary Celebration, closing of 75 Avenue within the confines of the co-op.
- f- Bayside Village BID Street Walk, a DOT sponsored program, closure of Bell Blvd. from 39 to 41 Avenues only on Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup> from 12-5 pm. The members asked Mr. Sclair to obtain information from the NYCT regarding how the Q13 bus would be rerouted before they give their support. Dalila Hall said that DOT would also work with the BID and NYCT.

6- Douglaston Civic Association requested 2-hour muni-meter time periods for Northern Blvd. east of Douglaston Pkwy. and on Douglaston Pkwy. from Northern Blvd. to Church Street. This would allow customers at the restaurants, the hair salon or the Art League more time without interruption. This was supported by the committee and a letter will be sent to DOT requesting the same.

7- A speed hump will be placed on 223 Street between 56 Road and 58 Avenue in front of Cardozo High School.

8- Members posed various questions to Dalila Hall including:

- a- They asked why the "No Standing" signs installed, at the CB suggestion, on 35 Avenue at Bell Blvd. are only for 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday.
- b- Request for a four-way stop sign at 209 Street and 36 Avenue
- c- Request for a four-way stop sign at 45 Avenue and 196 Street, this request has been made over a ten year period.
- d- Request for signage at 242 Street and 65 Avenue