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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: September 30, 2013

On Monday, September 23, 2013, the Transportation Committee met. Present from the Committee were Bernard Haber, Chris Petallides, Andrew Rothman, Joan Garippa, Henry Euler, Susan Cerezo, Mel Meer, Allan Palzer, Ed Doster, Steve Behar, Joe Sollano, Jyothi Sriram, CB11 staff member, Christina Coutinho and three residents.

The committee reviewed several items.

- 1) A proposed speed hump on 36 Avenue between 218 and 219 Street was denied because installing a speed hump on 36th Avenue would only divert the drivers to 38th Avenue.
- 2) A proposed speed hump on 36 Avenue between Bell Blvd. and Corporal Stone Street was denied because the problem in regard to traffic is the double parking of vehicles for drop-off and pick-up at P.S. 41. Additionally it was stated that there is a speed hump on 36th Avenue between Bell Blvd. and 216 Street.
- 3) A request was made by a resident to remove a bus shelter at the northeast corner of Springfield Blvd. and Union Turnpike. The removal of the advertisement from the bus shelter was recommended, not the removal of the shelter. Removing the advertisement will allow westbound Union Turnpike drivers wishing to turn North on Springfield Blvd., to see pedestrians crossing Springfield Blvd. A motion was made to remove all the advertisement from the bus shelter and all members were in favor.
- 4) A request to remove overnight parking restrictions (10 pm – 5 am) on the west side of Francis Lewis Blvd. from 35-30 Francis Lewis Blvd. south to 36-34 Francis Lewis Blvd. Mr. Haber stated that the signs were put in place many years ago to help prevent drag racing on Francis Lewis Blvd. Senator Tony Avella is supporting this request and the DOT is asking for CB11's recommendation. The residents stated that because of the recent development of multi-family homes in the area, parking spaces are scarce. The Francis Lewis Plaza has many vacant stores. The stores close by 8:00 pm and CVS closes at 10:00 pm. Henry Euler stated that the Auburndale Improvement Association supports the proposed request. A motion was made to recommend the elimination of the 10 pm – 5 am parking restrictions on the west side of Francis Lewis Blvd. from 35-30 Francis Lewis Blvd. south to 36-34 Francis Lewis Blvd. All members were in favor.
- 5) Mr. Haber stated that the right lane of the exit ramp for the Long Island Expressway on the southbound Clearview Expressway is sometimes backed-up past Northern Blvd. Mr. Haber drafted a letter to the NYS Dept. of Transportation requesting a study to help mitigate the continual traffic congestion by considering the following:
 - a) make the exit to the LIE two lanes.

- b) widen the deceleration lane to two lanes for additional storage or lengthen the deceleration lane.

A motion was made to approve the drafted letter to the NYS Dept. of Transportation and all members were in favor.

- 6) Steve Behar stated that several parents are complaining to him about the lack of traffic control at the public elementary schools in the district. He said that cars double park to let their children run to the school curb. He requested that the 111th Precinct have enforcement at each school. Christina Coutinho stated this is an issue that Susan Seinfeld has brought up at each District Service Cabinet meeting to the NYPD, along with Councilmember Mark Weprin's Chief of Staff.
- 7) Allan Palzer stated that P.S. 94 annex building on Little Neck Parkway and Annadale Lane is in need of traffic markings to aware vehicles to slow down. He is requesting "School Crossing" signs or school crosswalk markings. Secondly, he stated that there are several large sewer trucks passing over and damaging the Little Neck LIRR tracks. Mr. Haber stated that this is the only ingress and egress. Lastly, during Long Island railroad rush hours, on the south side of the Douglaston train station it, appears that restaurant customers are illegally parking at the roundabout. This issue was given to the 111th Precinct Community Affairs for enforcement.
- 8) Steve Behar stated that 46 Avenue between Springfield Blvd. and Cloverdale Blvd. is a one-way street and residents are complaining about the flow of traffic to access Northern Blvd. Members recommended that a letter will be drafted and forwarded to DOT requesting a traffic light at 220 Street and Northern Blvd.
- 9) Jyothi Sriram stated that she made a request for "All-Way" Stop signs at 41 Avenue and 234 Street. This location is the east corner of school P.S. 98 and the roadway leading to the Douglaston LIRR station. DOT conducted a traffic study and determined that additional traffic controls are not recommended for this location. Members requested that an appeal letter be forwarded to the DOT.
- 10) Joe Sollano stated that between Horace Harding Expressway and Northern Blvd. at Douglaston Parkway and Marathon Parkway, the truck restrictions signs were taken down several years ago and never replaced. Members requested a letter for be forwarded to the DOT requesting the replacement of these signs.