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Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills
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Christine L. Haider Chairperson / **Susan Seinfeld** District Manager

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: All Board Members
RE: Transportation Committee
FROM: Bernard Haber, P.E. & Chris Petallides, P.E. –Committee Co- Chairs
DATE: November 12, 2015

On Monday, November 9, 2015, the Transportation Committee met. Present from the Committee were Bernard Haber and Chris Petallides, Committee Co-Chairs, Christine Haider, Board Chair, Ocelia Claro, 2nd Vice Chair, Eileen Miller, 3rd Vice Chair, Susan Cerezo, Mel Meer, Allan Palzer, Henry Euler, Christina Scherer, Joan Garippa, Larry Gresser, Robert Liatto, Sonya Fierro-Gladwin, Joseph Sollano, Jyothi Sriram, Ed Doster and David Schachner, community members and Susan Seinfeld, District Manager.

The Committee addressed three speed bump approvals and two one-way proposals received from DOT.

- **West Drive between 38 Road and the Bend in Douglas Manor.**
This location was tabled from the August meeting in order to survey more residents. We learned from DOT that the locations suitable for speed bumps were only found further north of the location requested by a resident. The Douglas Manor Association also objected the placement of speed bumps in this landmarked district. The Committee voted not to approve speed bumps.
- **Commonwealth Blvd. between Cullman Avenue and Union Turnpike.**
This includes part of CB 13 near the Glen Oaks School Campus. This was tabled from the August meeting to order to get more information from DOT. DOT is contacting CB 13 also and speed bumps may be placed in either district. There were 17 homes surveyed, 10 approved of a speed bump and only one was opposed. The Committee voted to approve speed bumps.
- **191 Street between 42 Avenue and Station Road.**
18 homeowners were surveyed. Five residents approved of a bump and there was no opposition. Henry Euler spoke on behalf of the Auburndale Improvement Association. The civic approves of the placement of a speed bump. Although the number responding was low, since the Civic Association agrees that a speed bump was warranted, the Committee voted to approve.

- **194 Street between Northern Blvd. and Station Road One-Way northbound.**
102 homeowners were surveyed. 16 approved of the change, 10 disapproved. Due to the low response, the committee members agreed to obtain an opinion from the Auburndale Civic Association. The issue was tabled.
- **215 place between Northern Blvd. and 46 Avenue One-Way southbound.**
Residents requested a one-way northbound. The DOT approved a one-way southbound due to the direction of adjacent streets. They also approved the one-way to extend to 48 Avenue. We re-surveyed homeowners about their opinion for a one-way southbound. 11 people answered out of 26 surveys sent. Eight agree to the one-way southbound and three were opposed to the southbound direction. The Committee decided to table their decision. Since the one-way is to be extended to 48 Avenue the office will send surveys to the additional homeowners from 46 Avenue to 48 Avenue.
- **53 and 54 Avenues between Springfield Blvd. and 217 Street one-ways.**
This matter was tabled at the prior meeting. DOT was to study whether or not “No Left Turn” signs into those avenues at set times of the day are feasible. DOT has not responded with the results of the study. The issue was tabled again until a response is received.

Mel Meer discussed the traffic back-up on 221 Street between Northern Blvd. and 39 Avenue during rush hour. He suggested that where the street widens to about four or five car lengths before Northern Blvd., that DOT could make two lanes, one for a left turn only and one for a left and right turn in order to move the traffic. A letter will be sent to DOT requesting the same.

Susan Seinfeld read the NYCT Northeast Queens Bus Study summary and recommendations. Mr. Haber asked that the members be sent the link to the report, and that the summary and recommendation be copied for the members. He asked that members review the bus routes in the area and the committee will discuss the findings at a December meeting with a NYCT planner.

The committee discussed the new LED lights the City is installing in street lights. There was a NY Times story about the brightness of the lights. There is a stalled City Council bill to limit the LED to 3,000 Kelvin, install shades to reduce glare, dim lights in residential areas and suspend further installation until specifications are refined. Discussion ensued about the benefits of the lights, long life and increased visibility and reduced maintenance.

Mr. Haber discussed the DDC Shore Road project that is scheduled to start. Susan Seinfeld reviewed other projects in the district and new projects due to start soon, the retaining wall installation on the Cross Island Parkway and the renovation of the Douglaston Parkway Bridge over the Cross Island parkway.

Ms. Seinfeld also reviewed four pieces of legislation introduced in the City Council dealing with the MTA. Members agreed that some were worthy to support. There is a hearing at the City Council on Thursday.