

**Transportation Committee Meeting
Board Office
November 25, 2008**

Present:

CB Members

Richard Zichettello, Co-Chair
Nicholas Siclari
Rajiv Gowda
John Guzzo
Jeanine Borkowski
John Strandberg, Jr.

Sean Sweeney, Chairman, Excused

Guests

Nicole Campo, City Planning
Len Garcia-Duran, City Planning
Joe Malvasio, NY1

Meeting Called to order at 7:30 PM

Old News:

The motion that had passed to permit left turns from the center lane at Willow Road West at the corner of Forest Ave. was presented to the DOT CB1 liaison. The DOT engineers will draft an order. (The tech staff must evaluate safety)

New:

Nicole Campo and Len Garcia-Duran, representatives of The Department of City Planning, presented a proposed text amendment to the Zoning Resolution to require indoor, secure, long-term bicycle parking in new multi-family residential, community facility, and commercial buildings. The proposed text amendment would provide for bicycle parking and storage both at home and in the workplace, with standards that serve the needs of cyclists while providing flexibility to accommodate the needs of development. The amendment would affect the new construction residential units with more than 10 units and commercial and community facilities based on square footage. It would also apply to enlargements of existing construction of 50% or more or conversions. (commercial to residential)

A complete overview plus slide show of this resolution may be accessed online by visiting the city government website at <http://www.nyc.gov>, proceed to the drop down menu to City Planning.

A motion to **disapprove** the City Planning Bicycle Test Amendment was made by Mr. Guzzo and seconded by Mr. Strandberg.

Voice Vote Taken: Vote passed 5-1 to disapprove the amendment.

The reasons for disapproval cited were:

- Undue burden to property owner especially considering the economic climate and the acute crisis for funding construction. Use of space is not cost effective. Any living/work space is a premium.
- Liability for property damage or theft is not addressed.
- Feasibility of implementation-Note the recent tree requirement based on frontage fiasco.
- “Cart before the horse” There are serious hindrances regarding the utilization of bicycles as an alternative to commuting, shopping etc. by car. Staten Island is hazardous for bicyclists due to lack of bicycle lanes, narrow roads and intolerant motorists.
- The City should **make a good faith effort** to encourage bicycle use. For example building parking for bicycles in City Housing Projects, City Agencies and High Schools before legislating property owners to comply. Other sites suggested were park and ride locations and the Staten Island Ferry. Enforcement of Vehicle and Traffic Laws would help.

The application will be presented at the January 5th 2009 Land Use Hearing and the full board on January 13th 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Zichettello
Co-Chair