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Transportation Committee Meeting
 September 12, 2022
 Community Board 11 Office

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rabbi Moshe Fuchs (Chair), Christian Amato and Debra Kawalick

EXCUSED: Lisa Soto

STAFF: Chris Kirka (Community Coordinator)

GUESTS: New York State DOT (Department of Transportation) representatives (Rudolph Tejada, Syed Rahman, Meena Kusiekose and Thomas Bayer); Greg Del Rio, Hardesty and Hanover; Richard Stevens, Hardesty and Hanover; New York City DOT (David Stein, Matt Garcia and Holly Malone); CB11 constituents (Roxanne Delgado, Kevin Daloia and Michael Kaess)

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

1. Review of [2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
2. NYState Dot Capital Project
 - i. The Project is located to the Community Board’s western border. Project spans from Bronx River Parkway and the Cross Bronx Expressway, to the Bronx River by Brady Avenue.
 - ii. It is two construction contracts. This is a high accident location and has some structural deficiencies, rather than maintaining, they would rather replace the bridge structures.
 - iii. This will add a dedicated exit ramp at East 177th street.
 - iv. This will add a shared use path/greenway connection, located to Bronx Park and the Bronx River Greenway, more suitable for bike riding. This path will connect to an existing path.
 - v. During construction 3 bus stops will be relocated, there will be some closures to the 2 and 3 trains, along with minor traffic detours overnight between Tremont and East 180th. DOT will coordinate to arrange shuttle bus service.
 - vi. DOT will assign a liaison for the project.
 - vii. The contractor is responsible for traffic and noise mitigation.
 - viii. Schedule:



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1. Southern Portion: Winter 2023-Spring 2026
 2. Northern Portion: Fall 2023-Winter 2028
- ix. Questions
1. R. Fuchs: “Why decide to build rather than maintain?”
The project has been on hold for a while, now they are moving forward, and their is major need.”
 2. R. Fuchs: “How does this mitigate traffic issues at the Sheridan?”
This makes it more expedient.”
 3. R. Fuchs: “Are we guaranteed shuttle busses and how long will this go for?”
The shuttle busses should not be a problem. The build is in 4 stages, which may cause 4 weekends without 2 train service per stage.
 4. R. Delgado: “What is the grading?”
7% by bridges.
 5. R. Delgado: “Is there tree removal?”
300 trees removed, and will be replanted.
 6. R. Delgado: “What do you mean by shared path?”
Non-motor vehicles, bikes and pedestrians.
 7. R. Delgado: “Can you provide a list of the mitigation plans and species of trees?”
DOT worked with Parks and will provide these items.
 8. K. Daloia: “What’s the width of the greenway?”
14 feet.
 9. K. Daloia: “Where will the construction workers park - can you find a dedicated space for that?”
Working with NYPD to identify areas to mitigate loss of parking and sidewalk space. All of this is going to be part of the stipulations for the contractor.
 10. Debra Kawalick: brought up the dangers of 7E on the Bronx River and Pelham Parkway, where many cross four lanes of traffic. Suggested a switch light or to review the necessity of this exit.

3. NYC DOT Parking Proposal - White Plains Road

- i. Interested in having a conversation and hearing our ideas.
- ii. They are looking at White Plains Road and Bronxdale Avenue.
- iii. They Are looking at the space referred to as the Bronxdale Avenue South Lot.
- iv. They want to move all the Permitted Spaces in the White Plains Road Lot (Across Staples, 56 permit spaces/93 total spaces) to the Bronxdale Ave South Lot which has 74 total spaces.
- v. This increases permit spaces by 18 spots and creates 93 metered spaces.
- vi. 6 planned EV charges (4 fast charges, 2 level-2 charges),
- vii. 9 zipcar spaces(3 exist presently)
- viii. Optimization: Add meters and truck loading zones in front of the businesses.
- ix. Want to add an access-a-ride clearing.

- x. Want to add a short-term loading zone of potentially 6 spaces for delivery drivers.
 - xi. C. Amato mentioned trees have not been planted in the Tree Pits. Follow-up requested.
 - 1. Email Holly about trees planted in the tree pits and also bike racks.
 - xii. Questions:
 - 1. R. Fuchs Fuchs: “Have you studied who is parking here?”
Some locals, mostly transient
 - 2. R. Fuchs Fuchs: “Meters on White Plains road go to 8pm, while others go to 7.”
It may be a historic regulation, DOT can look into it to normalize the hours.
 - 3. R. Delgado: “The presentation was not provided and not on DOT’s site. Can we have a public hearing on this?”
DOT would be happy to come back to present as they move along and refine the scope of the plan.
 - 4. M. Kaess: “Would placards be allowed to park in the permitted lot?”
DOT has varying rules on this, but under no circumstances are they allowed to be in a no standing zone.
4. Old Business
- a. Debra Kawalik: Wants the lines to be painted on the road going over the Amtrack, on Pelham Parkway by the Hutch Exit and the pot holes right there.
5. New Business
- a. C. Amato brought up Bogart and Pelham Parkway South, and the many drivers making the illegal turn at that cross street.
 - i. This is an enforcement issue.
 - 1. Holly asked for an email to put a do not enter sign.
6. Gallery Session:
- a. R. Delgado: “Not enough signage to inform folks about the bus redirection since people are not aware.”
 - i. Located at Bronxdale and White Plains Road - bx39.
 - 1. Holly asked to be email.
 - b. R. Delgado: “Bronxdale Avenue Safety Improvement” This project never notifies the community, never a record about the board voting for this. We need a hearing for this because people are not aware of this.
 - i. Holly asked to email about this because DOT spoke to businesses and the bid for this project.
 - c. Roxanne wants DOT to properly listen to the community. R. Fuchs Fuchs will reach out because this project never was approved via the Transportation Committee.
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Minutes by C. Amato; edited and formatted by staff.