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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Chair:	Edgar Ramos
Meeting Date:	May 01, 2025
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	The Bedford Community Room 211 East 203rd Street, Bronx, NY 10458
Members In Attendance:	✓ Edgar Ramos ✓ Lowell Green ✓ Andrew Laiosa ✓ Stephen Bogart Lebow
Minutes done by:	Edgar Ramos

Minutes:

I) Edgar Ramos read the Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the meeting

II) Introductions/Attendance - Quorum was met

III) Review of Previous Minutes

a) Minutes for the April meeting were voted on and agreed upon.

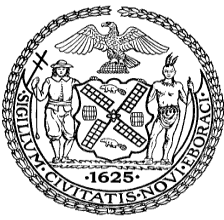
IV) Follow-up from Previous Month

a) Data compiled by the Board's staff on Citi Bike Usage by Station on page 4.

V) New Business

a) NYPD Transit Bureau District 11 (TD11) Updates

1. The new TD11 Sergeant Varghese provided crime data, where he reported no major crimes YTD. However, they are finding AirPods being stolen to be a current trend.
2. You can now text your 311 and 911 complaints, but when arrests are made, the DA's office does not follow up and release the suspect.
3. Sergeant Varghese informed us to stay behind the yellow line at the edge of the platform, and there has been an increase in attention towards the Kingsbridge D line entrance at 196th Street.



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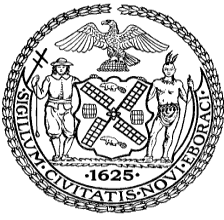
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4. TD11 officers also conducted outreach to limit Subway Surfing on the 4 Line, and they informed us to stay awake when riding the trains.

b) Department of Transportation (DOT): Citi Bike Phase 3.5 Norwood Expansion presentation: bit.ly/4mAbXuS

1. The bikeshare program started in 2013 and has seen over 252 million rides, with 44 million trips in 2024. The program consists mostly of local short trips with Single Ride, Day Pass, Annual, and Plus plan options for NYCHA Residents. Starting in May 2021, Citibike expanded into CB7.
2. A new area was surveyed for new citibike docking stations in Norwood and north of Moshulu Parkway. Most docking stations were suggested on sidewalks or non-parking areas. Very few street locations were added, which limits the parking loss. In total, 14 Stations were proposed, and the plan is available online for review.
3. Q&A:
 - a. Board members asked if the repair program increased their support in the outer fringe area and if parking was taken into consideration in their suggestion of new stations.
 - b. Members asked about reviewing some old stations where sidewalk footprints have changed, and the number of docking stations at Harris Field.
 - i. It was suggested that docking stations be added at the end of Woodlawn Cemetery and north of 233rd and Cemetery.
 - c. Further, members asked if they can keep track of complaints of unsafe riding and better posts of the citibike price.
 - d. Members then asked DOT to take into consideration the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory, where bikes could be added to the open plaza area once the design is complete, and about the use of youth employment for bike servicing.



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c) Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA): Metro-North Railroad Botanical Garden Station Improvement Plan Presentation: bit.ly/43exd1C

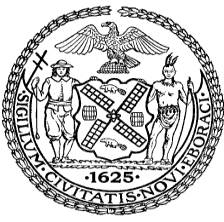
1. There will be ADA Improvements on the Metro-North New Haven Line at Botanical Gardens, Woodlawn, and Wakefield stations, including platform and elevator improvements.
2. These improvements will lessen the impact on the Botanical Garden during special events, and work will be done simultaneously at all 3 stations, with southbound first followed by northbound.
3. Temporary platforms will be used since the upgrades will be aggressive.
4. Efforts are being made to lessen the impact on the community gardens located at the station during construction, and attempts are being made to upgrade the Façade back to its original appearance with modern, durable materials.
5. Board members asked for proper lighting east of the station to eliminate the use of hypodermic needles at the location.

VI) Next Meeting Date: June 5, 2025

VII) Discussion on Next Agenda -

- a) Budget Recommendations and Kingsbridge Armory Topics

VIII) Adjournment - Meeting adjourned by Edgar Ramos



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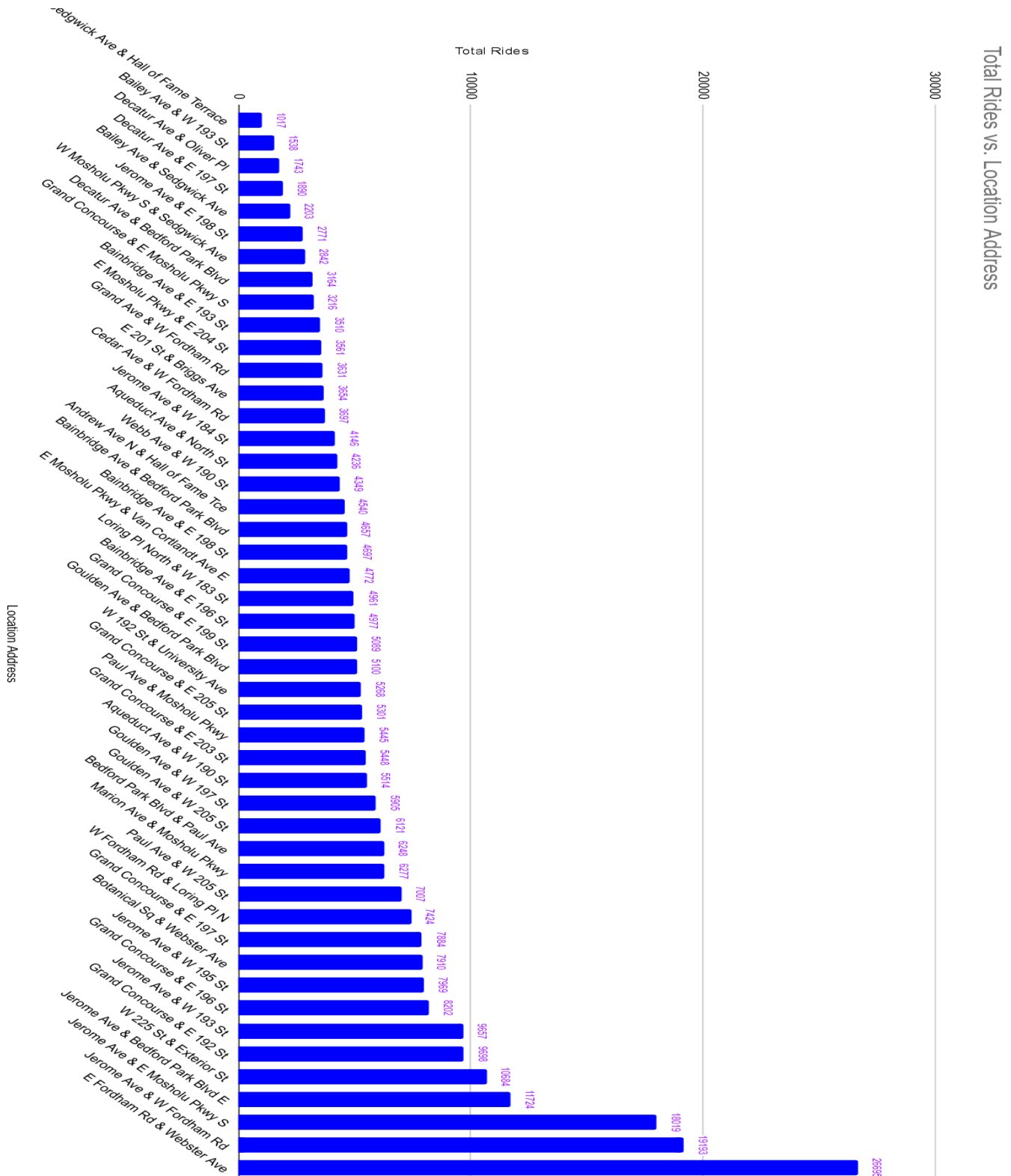
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