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TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Chair:	Edgar Ramos
Meeting Date:	June 1, 2023
Meeting Time:	6:30PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/emHQ1t3Hub8
Members In Attendance:	✓ Edgar Ramos ✓ Erick Ascencio ✓ Daisy Perry
	✓ Lowell Green ✓ Andrew Laiosa
Minutes done by:	Edgar Ramos

Minutes: Meeting Started via Zoom, run by Edgar Ramos quorum was met

I. State Guidelines Read: By Edgar Ramos

II. Attendance

- Committee Attendance taken and quorum was met.

III. Review of Previous Months Minutes

Committee voted on May Meeting Minutes and Approved

IV. Follow up from Previous Month

- Prior to continuing with the meeting, a moment of silence was observed for Nora Furey who was a long time Community Board 7 Member

V. New Business

- DOT Rene Luciano started presentation on Fordham Road — Inwood Bus Priority Update on the 2008 Rollout of first SBS route on the 12 Bus Route. Fordham Road a Vision Zero recognized thoroughfare. Bus Lane is active 7am - 7pm with a 2 hour window for



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deliveries. Speed on the line has reduced over the years since 2019 overall, and more so in the business corridor down to 4 miles per hour. Caused primarily by vehicles in the bus lanes, parked and making deliveries. 3 Main recommendations have been established by MTA. DOT has had 20 meetings since March of 2022. Elected officials and CBC6 has shown interest in the changes proposed by DOT. The survey determined people were interested in parking and deliveries Arthur Avenue customers were also surveyed for recommendations. was informed on sign attached to Traffic Signal. Camera monitoring and ticketing has been used causing 16, 000 tickets creating faster speeds along the corridor, however, not enough to be satisfied with needing further attention. Parked vehicles are still the greatest slowing the route. Suggesting the bus lanes to be moved away from the curb creating a bus travel lane to improve route speed. Traffic Studies were performed on various topics, parking, pedestrians, and bus movement. DOT made themselves available for suggestions, ideas or comments on the changes being proposed during the summer. Question on availability of the curb for deliveries. Further congestion on Fordham Road is not feasible because of the need of Fordham Road as a Thruway to the East Bronx and vehicle traffic. Cost of these suggestions, has it been studied? Will there be a Study to see if these changes are making a positive effect? Have tractor trailer delivery been taken into consideration in these studies.

- DOT has replaced graffiti covered signs by Jerome Avenue.
- DOT has transferred pothole complaint on Gun Hill Road and Jerome to DEP for repairs.
- DOT Chargin Stations in Parking Lot having vendor issues, but being addressed.
- MTA Presentation on Accessibility Upgrades at Mosholu Parkway Meegan Molina at MTA and Brian Leona. Having elevators installed at Mosholu Parkway for ADA accessibility have had work and studies already in process. Elevators to be completed by 2024 work in



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different stages. Being built on firm ground. Quality concerns of the elevators being installed. Questions on accessibility to the platforms and paying of fare. Question on sitting park being affected.

- MTA questions will be followed up in future meetings.
- Presentation from TD 11 Officer Benedith. Stay aware while riding, try not to fall asleep. Be cautious being by doors on the train. Most are crimes of opportunity.
- Traffic Operations gave us an update of Vision Zero task force ticketing over 12,000 vehicles in the North Bronx. Questions about Car Washing vans blocking parking and travel laned. and Parking of Commercial Vehicles in residential areas need to be enforced.

VI. Old Business

VII. Agenda Items Suggested for June

- Congestion Pricing.
- Quality of Life issues with ghost plates enforcement.
- Questions on Get Around vehicles.

(Add Lowell Green Suggestions)

VIII. Adjournment

- Adjournment at 8:51