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**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**February 5, 2008**

Guest speaker: Bronx Commissioner Constance Moran, DOT

- I) Parking issues:
  - A) What are the regulations about Department of Education employees having special parking privileges and/or around schools?
    - 1) Commissioner Moran said that years ago an education program (Title 1) allowed certain teachers who traveled between schools special parking privileges. This program does not exist any more. The space in front of schools is for buses to load and unload. She said she would send a letter of explanation.
  - B) What are the procedures to have certain parking signs removed or changed?
    - 1) The Commissioner said the Community Board could send her specific sites/address requesting changes. Her office were investigate the sites/ address for possible changes.
- II) Street Cleaning:
  - A) What is involved in changing the times for street cleaning?
    - 1) The Commissioner said this was a Sanitation matter.
- III) Traffic Calming Devices:
  - A) What are the requirements for the placement of speed bumps in residence area and in front of schools?
    - 1) The Commissioner asked that the Community Board to send her locations of possible sites for speed bumps. The Department engineers would do a site survey to see if the site meets the requirements for a speed bump.
  - B) What are the requirements for the placement of School Zone Yellow Traffic Lights?
    - 1) The Commissioner reported that these lights are a special pilot project and she looking for sites in the Bronx's. The Community Board could send a list of possible site to her office.
- IV) Lighting Issues:
  - A) The intersection of East Gun Hill Road and Bainbridge Ave need some additional street lighting.
    - 1) The Commissioner reported that she had already requested that a nighttime lighting survey of the area be done. This should take about six weeks
  - B) The area along 204th St. and Bainbridge Ave has light bases with exposed wiring.
    - 1) The Commissioner said she has talked with the 52nd precinct about this problem. It is a theft of city services. The contractor is looking into a different way to secure the base of the light fixture. The Department of Transportation is responsibility for all lighting in the city even the lights in the parks.

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- V) Snow Removal:
- A) What is the Department of Transportation's policy on removal of snow and ice from subway station and bus stops/shelters?
    - 1) The Commissioner said that Sanitation is responsible for cleaning bus stops. After the last ice storm, she talked with the Bronx Borough Commissioner of Sanitation about his responsibilities.
- VI) Mosholu Parkway:
- A) The Commissioner said she would look into the issue of ownership of underpass on the parkway.
  - B) Flooding Problems around Bainbridge between Mosholu Parkway Eastbound and Westbound lanes
    - 1) The Commissioner said she would ask Departmental engineers to look into where another catchment area was needed. In addition, curb cuts/handicap accessible curbs will be checked as well as bus turn streets curbing would be checked.
- VII) Commissioner Moran reported that April to November is when crosswalks are painted.
- A) The Community Board should request a copy of sites to be repainted and could then submit list of sites not on the list.
  - B) Commissioner Moran said that Library Lane is a Department of Transportation project. She is working on a proposal and work would be done in two stages.
- VIII) Follow-up on Community Board's letter about The Bronx New School:
- A) The street the school is on, Van Courtland North, is too wide for a speed bump.
  - B) It could be a test site for a School Zone Yellow Traffic Light.
  - C) The Department of Transportation was not aware that the school closed the street for a play street. The Community Board should send an official request that the site have a closed off play street. The request should state that the school has neither gym nor playground. The Community Board learned that there is a Special Events Department that fixes street conditions before special events (i.e. bike rides and marathons).
- IX) The Community Board learned that construction contractors do work for the city and those that do not follow the rules (i.e. do not follow proper safety rules, leave material mess etc.) can and are cited by the Environment Control Board. Contractors with too many citations can be prevented from getting a work permit from the city.
- X) In response to a question about trucks parking on Paul Ave, the Commissioner said the truck enforcement unit of the police department should be called in for enforcement of the no trucks should park in a residential neighborhood rule. About trash conditions existing on the Kingsbridge underpass, the Commissioner said she would send a list of underpasses that the Department of Transportation was responsible for cleaning.