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## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, March 10, 2016 @ 6:30 PM**

- I. Meeting Started at 6:45pm
  - A. Attendance sheet on file
- II. Discussion:
  - A. There are 2 Subway Lines in CB7; "D" and "B" Line (The D runs 24 hours/7 days a week). Underground Stops are located at:
    1. Fordham Road
    2. Kingsbridge Road-has elevator service
    3. Bedford Park Blvd.
    4. 205<sup>th</sup> Street, which has an up-only escalator
  - B. "B" line does not run on weekends and late nights anywhere in NYC. It runs only in the Bronx for morning and evening rush hours. Underground stops are located at:
    1. Fordham Road
    2. Kingsbridge Road
    3. Bedford Park
  - C. In response to a question asked about the number of "A" trains running at rush hour (3 "A" trains to one "D" train), MTA responded to say that there were more "A" riders than "D" riders. The individuals at the meeting raised the issue that perhaps there is a need for a better look at the number of "D" riders. The Chair asked people to submit their written experiences with the "D" line. The DM said he would mention the issue when he meets with local city council members
  - D. "4" Line have elevated Stops are located at:
    1. Fordham Road, which has elevator service
    2. Kingsbridge Road
    3. Bedford Park
    4. Mosholu Parkway, Station Rehabilitated in December of 2007
    5. Woodlawn, Station Rehabilitated in November of 2005
  - E. Buses:
    1. Bronx Bus maps and a Bus Safety Tip sheet were available
  - F. CB7 has 2 marked bus lanes:
    1. Fordham Road to/from the University Heights Bridge Bus Lane. The lane is available for right hand turns as well as bus use only from 7:00 am -12:00 pm and 2:00pm to 7:00pm Monday through Friday. Motorists can be ticketed if driving in the bus lane during these restricted times. Select Bus Service and Local Service use the bus lane
    2. Webster Ave from/to Gun Hill Road to Fordham Road. The lane is available for right hand turns. Select Bus Service and Local Bus Service use this lane



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- G. The Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair had sent a letter in March of 2014 to Governor Cuomo requesting that the MTA provide bus service to LaGuardia Airport from the Fordham Road Area. The Governor never responded to the letter. The idea of the bus service was to provide people with access to jobs and the airport in Queens for only one transit fare. The DM said he would review the letter
- H. The MTA receives its funding from the State and not from the City Council

#### III. Community Concerns:

##### A. Lisbon Place and 205th Street:

- 1. Neighborhood resident express concern about where a cross walks was placed. DOT have their own standards for crosswalk placement. A curb cut in a street usually takes away at least one parking place

##### B. Bainbridge Avenue and Jerome Avenue:

- 1. As a result of the Safe Routes to Transit project an expanded sidewalk area at the bottom of the Woodlawn subway station was created, taxis that were waiting for customers on Jerome Avenue have moved to the bus stop area on Bainbridge Avenue. This was causing traffic issues. The Chair alerted the 52<sup>nd</sup> Precinct about the problem in December. The Police have been spot checking the area and have written tickets as needed. With a written ticket all documents are checked

##### C. Webster Avenue and Bedford Park Boulevard:

- 1. Going South there is a left-hand turning lane that motorists use to turn on to Bedford Park Boulevard. A motorist can turn left if traffic flow always or wait for the left-hand turn arrow

##### D. Riders Alliance:

- 1. Rebecca Bailin, Campaign Manager, announced that Riders Alliance is working on a new project to help low-income New Yorkers get assistance in getting a discounted Metro card. She was invited to come back to the Committee's June Meeting

##### E. Transportation Alternatives:

- 1. Expressed concern about the lack of a bike lane near the new DOT project at MLK Boulevard/University Avenue at 181th Street. As the project is mostly in CB5, the group was told to speak with that Board. Also, the group was advised to talk with the president of the Bronx's Community College about their concerns about the lack of a bike lane. The group announced that they would be sponsoring Boogie on the Boulevard on the last Sunday of the month this summer (May-September). The center lanes of the Grand Concourse from 162<sup>nd</sup> Street to 170<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed off to vehicle traffic

- F. The Chair announced that there will be an informational visit to Oliver Place on Saturday April 30, 2016 at 10:00 am. Meeting place is Decatur Avenue and Oliver Place. All are invited

#### IV. Next Committee Meeting is April 14, 2016