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## **Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary**

### **October 3, 2024**

**Board Members Present:** Shante Chamblee, Brent Woodie, Elizabeth Angeles, Juan Torres, Robbin Kelly

#### **I. Introduction**

- A. Committee Description:** The public safety & transportation committee represents the community's interests with regards to sanitation, crime, fire-ems, quality of life, NYS liquor license application recommendations, street activity permit applications, street re-naming application, transportation and acts as a liaison between community members and the New York Police Department & Fire Departments, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, NYC Department of Sanitation, NYC Department of Transportation, & NYS Liquor Authority.

#### **1. Speakers**

**A. Jamal Wilkenson & Philip Ellison, NYPA and Transco - Propel NY Energy Project**

The NY Power Authority is the largest state public power utility in the US, it operates 16 generating facilities and 1,400+ miles of transmission lines, and generates ~25% of state's power; 80%+ of that power is clean, renewable hydropower.

NY Transco is a NY developer, owner & operator of bulk electric transmission facilities. It owns and operates nearly 120 miles of transmission lines in NY and several substations.

The Propel NY & Energy Project is an underground electric transmission project that benefits local areas & state.

NY has 11,000 miles of transmission and transmissions essential because it is a critical component to daily life 24/7-365 days; it is essential highways that transport energy; 80% of NY transmission entered service before 1980; Every \$1 invested yields \$2.40 in economic activity; It supports local, family-sustaining jobs.

The Electric Transmission System Need Improvements due to: Aging Infrastructure, Increasing Demand, Electrification, Extreme Weather, and Congestion.

Project Timeline: March 2021 – PSC Identified Need; Summer 2021- June 2023 NYISO Process & Decision; Competitive process; Expand transfer capability between LI and NYC; Bolster reliability & resiliency; Unbottle LI constraints; Facilitate clean energy goals; "More efficient or cost-effective solution"

Proposed Bronx Routing begins at the East River HDD into existing Tremont Substation. Project is for underground construction.

Required Next Steps: NYISO Selection – June 2023, Pre-Permitting Outreach & Survey Work: est. 6 mo- 1 year, Permitting (Article VII, etc.): est. 2-years (Current Stage), Construction & Restoration: est. 3-4 years (est. start 2026), May 2030 In-Service.

Benefits to the Project Include: Bolsters the area electric grid, Improves reliability and resiliency, Creates bi-directional clean energy pathways, Supports jobs and economic development, Helps advance environmental improvements and goals, Investment now and for the future.

Connect with the Team: [Info@PropelNYEnergy.com](mailto:Info@PropelNYEnergy.com); PropelNYEnergy.com; 800-347-9071.  
Letter of support requested from committee.

**B. Kaveh Aflaki and Michael Townsend, Electrify Zerega Task Force Team**

GVC Background: GVC is located in The Bronx, NY (Westchester Square). GVC has been in business for 34 years and operates approximately 240 school buses. GVC has 550 Employees: 83% Hispanic, 11% Black, 70% female, all from the local community (5-miles radius). GVC LTD was named the Best Bus Company of 2023 by the Bronx Times Reporter. GVC has a 98% safety rating over the last 10 years with the NYSDOT. GVC's Workforce Training Center, is developing workforce development to enhance its drivers' skill-set and certifying them to operate electric buses. GVC was awarded total of 49 electric school buses (25 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Clean School Bus Grant) and (24 from NYSEDA NYSBIP Program) to transition to an all-electric school bus company.

The #ElectrifyZerega! Event was attended by various community partners including:

Advanced Energy Group (AEG), Office of Congresswoman AOC, NYSEDA, ConEdison, NYPA, NYC DOT Bronx Community Boards, Empire Clean Cities (ECC), NYCSBUS, NYC MOCEJ, IEMS, KenetIQ, Trucking Association of New York (TANY), and New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

GVC is getting ready to fully operate and charge a total of 247 ESBs (NYC School Bus: 198 ESBs, GVC: 49 ESBs) by August 2025. This is the first major co-operation of the NY city-based fleet operator with a private sector.

90-Day Sprint: Further Develop Zerega Ave consortium to define scope, structure and partners for successful electrification pilot program ready to launch in less than 12 months. GVC is ready to run the ESB pilot program for the city.

**2. Liquor License Applications**

**A. Raj Dally/The 6 (1026 Castle Hill Ave), New Application (Revised)**

This application was tabled for future review.

**3. Cannabis Applications**

**A. Zil Zal Inc. (1260 Castle Hill Ave)**

This application was tabled for future review.

**4. Notifications**

A. Stage 3A-Unionport Bridge Traffic Switch on October 4th

Notice emailed to all Board Members

B. Sanitation Community Board Score Cards

<https://home.nyc.gov/site/operations/performance/scorecard-street-sidewalk-cleanliness-ratings.page>

C. Lafayette Ave Protected Bike Lane Completion Projected by Spring 2025

D. Notice of TRD and ECRD Licenses Under Community District Caps

E. SIRTQ Q2 2024 Report (Bronx CB9)

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