



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder – District Manager William Rivera

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

January 9, 2025

Board Members Present: Shante Chamblee, Isabelo Adames, Brent Woodie, Henry Pelayo, Juan Torres, Robbin Kelly, Sarwar Jahan, Derrick Holman (non-committee member)

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.

II. SLA Applications

- A. Mirador Restaurant (1452 Westchester Ave Ave), Renewal**
Renewal approved as per the recommendation of the 43rd Pct and PS&T committee.
- B. Brisas Tropicales Restaurant (1360 White Plains Rd), Renewal**
Renewal approved as per the recommendation of the 43rd Pct and PS&T committee.
- C. Raj Dally Inc - The 6 (1026 Castle Hill Ave), Method of Operation**
Method of Operation request denied as per the recommendation of the 43rd Pct and PS&T committee.

III. Speakers

- A. Lissette Renta-Lorenzo, Street Re-naming Application**
Applicant Lisesette Renta- Lorenzo presented a street re-naming request in honor of Mr. Kenneth Giordano, owner of Willie's Steakhouse. The request was approved by committee and Ms. Renta-Lorenzo was advised to submit her request on her non-profit letterhead including Mr. Giordano's biography and a collection of signatures in support from family members and neighbors.
- B. Mary Suditu, Regional Structures Engineer – DOT, Rehabilitation/Replacement of Five Cross Bronx Expressway (I95) Bridge**
- **Project Purpose:** To address geometric and structural deficiencies and prolong the service life of five bridges between Boston Road and Rosedale Avenue; To address identified safety deficiencies within the project limits; Improve community multi-modal connectivity within the project limits
 - **Project Objectives:** Address structural deficiencies, including seismic performance, and achieve at least 75 years of service life for the bridges in this Project, except for Boston Road over Cross Bronx Expressway. The service life for the Boston Road Bridge is to be extended 40 years to minimize the overall life cycle costs of the bridge; Address operational and geometric deficiencies within this section of the Cross Bronx Expressway to improve trafficflow and reduce the number of weaving movements; Improve the vehicular connection between the southbound Bronx River Parkway to the westbound Cross Bronx Expressway; Improve multimodal accessibility within the project limits to address identified safety deficiencies and community connectivity.
 - **Existing Bridge Conditions:** Deck Spalling; Substructure Spalling and Cracking; Steel Girder/Beam Deterioration; Steel Girder/Beam Damage from Impact; Superstructure Steel Deterioration; Frozen/Locked Bearings
 - **Project Needs:** Structural Deficiencies: Constructed between 1947 and 1958 and approaching the

end of service life; Exposed to deicing salts in the winter; Corrosion and deterioration of the steel and concrete elements in the substructure, superstructure, and roadside safety Components.

Seismic Deficiencies: Designed to the codes in place approximately 70 years ago and no longer meet current seismic design requirements.

Geometric Deficiencies: Non-standard geometric design features that contribute to frequent crashes, congestion, and delays: Low Vertical Clearances; Poor Stopping Sight Distances; Minimal Shoulder Widths; Nonstandard Horizontal Curvature; Nonconforming Acceleration Lane Lengths.

Missing direct connection between the Southbound Bronx River Parkway and Westbound CBE.

Improve Public Transportation Access and Pedestrian/Bicycle Connectivity: Limited public transportation access and pedestrian/bicycle connections to communities on both sides of the Bronx River.

- Public Outreach/Stakeholder Coordination: Elected Official Briefings; Community Board Meetings (Bronx 3, 6 and 9); Walkthroughs with Community in June 2024 and November 2024 3rd Walkthrough anticipated December 2024; Public Hearings – Spring of 2025; Coordination with Community Groups. Ongoing Public Outreach throughout Project duration.
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): NYSDOT is evaluating the Project's potential effects on social, economic, and environmental topics, such as: Stormwater Management; Coastal Resources; Ecology and Wildlife Resources; Parks and Recreational Uses; Historic and Cultural Resources; Potential Construction Effects; Traffic; Air Quality; Noise; Land Use; Social Effects including Environmental Justice; Wetlands; Surface Waters and Rivers; Floodplains
- A proposed ramp would provide a direct connection between the southbound BRP and westbound CBE reducing traffic volumes on local streets and the CBE Service Roads.
- Various proposed alternatives and connections displayed and discussed in presentation.
- Community Benefits: This Project is the foundation for the future of the Cross Bronx Expressway. Infrastructure Service Life: Provide long service life by replacing/rehabilitating the five bridges; Enhanced Safety: Geometric improvements would address identified safety issues along the CBE. New ramp from southbound BRP to westbound CBE would improve local street traffic congestion. New signalized intersections at E177th St and Bronx River Avenue allowing for safer passage about the neighborhood and Installation of roundabout at Sheridan Boulevard to calm vehicles, reduce injuries, and more effectively move traffic.
Enhanced Connectivity: The proposed post-construction use of the traffic diversion structure and the shared-use path on the CBE would improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity for residents in the surrounding community throughout the project limits, many of which are historically disadvantaged.
Enhancement in connectivity allows for healthy exercise habits to aid in addressing health disparities.
- Anticipated Project Schedule: Public Outreach: Ongoing; EA Initiation: 9/12/2024; Draft EA Available for Public Comment: Spring 2025; Public Hearings: Spring 2025; Publish Final EA and Findings: Summer 2025*; Anticipated Contract Award Date: Winter 2025*; Anticipated Construction Start Date: 2026*; Anticipated Construction End Date: Option 1 - 2030*, Option 2 - 2032*
- Project Team Phone: (718) 482-6483; Email: Rehab5CBEBridges@dot.ny.gov
- Extended Q&A with committee following presentation, no vote was held.

IV. Notifications

A. DOT Dining Out NYC Unit Applications are Currently being Reviewed

Visit DiningOutNYC.info for more information

B. BXC9 Repository Site for Documents pertaining to the cleanup of Sites A and B found at 1931 Lafayette Avenue

C. Construction Notice for 1779 Westchester Ave (12 month timeline)

D. DOT-668486-R4W9 - Street Lighting - Castle Hill Avenue and Randall Avenue

"The survey determined that existing street lighting is adequate as per the Division of Street Lighting standards, conforming to the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA). Street Lighting did identify light outages that are scheduled for maintenance."

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