

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6  
TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MARCH 21, 2013**

**ATTENDANCE:**

D. ABRAHAM	J. ARMER	W. BLUM
J. COHN	D. DECOSTANZO	D. GORDON
S. LONIAL	E. MCCLURE	G. REILLY
R. RIGOLLI		

**EXCUSED:**

E. ANDERSON	M. CHIRICO	D. GIULIANO
K. KRASE	A. MCKNIGHT	T. MISKEL
M. PETIT	M. SILVERMAN	R. SLOANE
J. THOMPSON	M. VERRET	

**GUESTS:**

C. HRONES – REP. FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
A. INGLESBY – REP. FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRNSPORTATION  
T. WRIGHT – REP. FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
R. WONG – REP. FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

N. MUSAMECI	J. COLANGELO	B. GRAY
H. LORD	K. KRANCOURT	L. COHN
A. PAVIL	N. BUDNICK	N. VENUGOPAL

**\*\*\*MINUTES\*\*\***

**Presentation and review of a proposal by the Department of Transportation to install two new on-street bicycle parking facilities (bike corrals): (1) in front of 153 Columbia Street (between Kane/Degraw Streets), and (2) in front of 787 Union Street (between 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Avenues).**

Presentation was made by Chris Hrones and Fubar Kishoni of the NYC Department of Transportation.

Proposal of bike corrals:

- Two already exist in CB6
  - They are to provide bike parking and daylighting.
  - Can be done on demand at times with a maintenance partner
  - There is no typical bike corral – each one is customized for the location.
1. Request by Brooklyn Greenway Initiative on Columbia Street.
    - Would take up 1 parking space
    - BGI will maintain planters as well – they double as traffic calmers
    - Can fit 4 bike racks
    - Columbia Street has been changing – more people, more bikes

- Businesses on block signed in support, as did landlord of property and Carroll Gardens Neighborhood Association.
2. Request by Rose Water Restaurant on Union Street.
- On Union and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - Does not remove parking because it is at a loading zone which is being shifted slightly.
  - Will be adjacent to a new City Bench.
  - Testimony of owner, John Tucker was read, which asked the Community Board for full support.

Q: What type of trucks use the loading zone and will it affect that size?

A: Loading zone is shifted but will be exact same amount of space. The fire hydrant nearest it was larger than typical so not even a full legal spot of parking is lost.

Q: Neither of these locations are daylighting at end of block?

A: Daylighting is not the only purpose and not a requirement.

Jerry Armer made a motion to support two proposed bike corrals at 787 Union Street and 153 Columbia Street. The motion was seconded by Doug Gordon.

#### **MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Presentation and review of a proposal by the Department of Transportation to install a new pair of bicycle lanes on Union Street (eastbound) and Sackett Street (westbound) between Van Brunt Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.**

New bicycle facilities at Union and Sackett Streets presented by Kim Nycourt of the Department of Transportation.

Community request for a bike connection across Union Street Bridge (at Council Member Lander's Participatory Budget Hearing). It will provide greater connectivity between Brooklyn Greenway and Grand Army Plaza.

Currently: Degraw Street bike lane stops at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue – can't cross the canal. Union Street bike lane has no paired lane west of the canal.

Proposed:

- Contraflow lane on Union Street between Nevins and Bond Streets
- Already 25% of cyclists ride contraflow.
- Similar to newly installed contraflow lane in Chicago, also now part of Federal ASHTO guidelines.
- Nevins to Union Street via sharrow, same with Bond to Union Streets
- Continue Degraw bike lane to Nevins Street
- Sackett Street standard class 2 bike lane to Van Brunt Street

Q: Why not parking protected bike lane on Union Street?

A: Road bed configuration does not allow it. Department would rather continue existing bike lane. Parking protected works better on wide streets.

Q: One block is near precinct.

A: DOT will work with NYPD and probably add sharrows on that block.

Bill Blum made a motion to fully approve DOT request for Union and Sackett Streets bike lanes as presented by the DOT. Gary Reilly seconded the motion.

**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation and update from representative for New York City Transit on the ongoing Culver Viaduct Rehabilitation work, including an update on the reopening of the Smith-9<sup>th</sup> Street subway station, rehabilitation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue subway station, etc.**

Andrew Inglesby of NYCT gave an update on the Culver Viaduct rehabilitation.

- Structure is painted and rehabbed nothing falling at Smith/9<sup>th</sup> Street any longer
- All work at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue station should be done by May, thanks to money from Borough President Marty Markowitz and Assembly Member Joan Millman.
- Looking to get tenants in new street level storefronts at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue by 2014.
- Full rehab of Smith/9<sup>th</sup> Streets will be done soon, very soon.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> week – it will be open.
- Currently doing final work on station agent area and mezzanine.
- All remaining viaduct work will be done by the end of 2013
- Soon issuing RFP for the storefronts.

Q: Bike storage area at base of station since Red Hook is transit isolated?

A: No feedback yet with stations operations but MTA will inquire for follow up.

Update: 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue station

- Planning phase of repairing stairs – may take out 1 if not 2 at a time to speed up completion – starting in June. Whole job would take 6-8 months.

A motion was made by Jerry Armer – we support the DOT extension of Greenway as presented by DOT at the February meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Blum.

**VOTE: 9.....YEAS 0.....NAYS 1.....ABSTENTION WITH CAUSE**  
**MOTION APPROVED**

A motion was made by Bill Blum to ask DOT to further study and get community input for

- Conover Street one way NB from Beard Street to Sullivan Street;
- Beard Street one way WB from Van Brunt to Conover; and
- Reed Street one way EB from Conover to Van Brunt.

**VOTE: 8.....YEAS 1.....NAYS 1.....ABSTENTION**  
**MOTION APPROVED**

A motion was made by Eric McClure and seconded by Doug Gordon to adjourn.

The minutes were submitted by Dave Paco Abraham.