

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2010**

ATTENDANCE:

D. ABRAHAM	J. ARMER	W. BLUM
S. BURZIO	J. COHN	N. COX
D. GIULIANO	J. LEVIN	A. MCKNIGHT
T. MISKEL	G. REILLY	R. SLOANE
M. VERRET		

EXCUSED:

D. KUMMER	H. LINK
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ABSENT:

J. IGNERI	V. MILNE	M. MURPHY
R. OBERLENDER	R. RIGOLLI	J. THOMPSON

GUESTS:

L. DEPALMA-REP. FOR HON. MARTY MARKOWITZ, BROOKLYN BORO PRESIDENT
I. LORE – PARK SLOPE 5TH AVENUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
M. SZPICEK – PARK SLOPE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
M. CAIRL – PARK SLOPE CIVIC COUNCIL
T. MAGUIRE – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
D. STEIN - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
L. NG - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
B. SCHALLER - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
C. HRONES - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
A. RASHID – NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
A. INGLESBY - NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
J. SEIDLER P. KATZ E. MCCLURE

*****MINUTES*****

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, Stephen Burzio.

Progress report from representatives for New York City Transit on 1) the ongoing Rehabilitation of the Culver Viaduct structure running between 4th Avenue and 2nd Place, and 2) plans to reopen the eastside entrance to the 4th Avenue subway station at 9th Street.

The project was awarded in March of 2009.

- Phase 2-A is to start in January of 2011 for four months. North bound local service between Church Avenue and Smith and 9th Streets will be out.
- Then Phase 2-B between May and November of 2011. Normal service but Smith and 9th Streets Station will be closed for 9 months for rehab.

- Phase 3A – November 2011 for 4 months – southbound local service will be out between Smith and 9th Streets and Church Avenue.
- Phase 3B – Close to normal but some service disruption at Smith and 9th Street.

The project will be completed in 2013.

Q. What will be in Smith & 9th Street renovation?

A. Full station rehabilitation. No elevators and not yet clear on security cameras.

Q. Status of “G” train at the end of the project?

A. Will stay at termination at Church Avenue assuming the MTA has the budget.

Q. What about “F” Express service?

A. Will study viability during the course of the project.

As to Item 2 – the MTA reopening the 4th Avenue eastside entrance. The MTA says there is no further information at this time. They will let the committee know soon.

Continued discussion with representatives for the Department of Transportation on the department’s ParkSmart program currently in place along portions of 5th and 7th Avenues in Park Slope.

In June, the committee asked the Department of Transportation to return with feedback regarding the program from merchant groups, civic association, etc.

The pilot program which began in spring of 2009 was successful. By this spring more spots were available and there was more turnover. There is still high parking occupancy. (See hand out). The proposal is to make the project permanent for spring of 2011.

The peak rate is now effective from noon to 4:00pm. DOT wants to extend the time to 7:00PM. The rate is 50 cents for 20 minutes and they propose to increase the rate to 75 cents for 20 minutes.

Q. Maximum time?

A. Usually one hour on Avenues – 2 hours on the side streets.

Discussion followed on one hour versus 2 hours.

DOT: Issue relates to turnover. If you increase to 2 hours, you need to increase the rate to maintain turnover. They are trying to maintain turnover which is good for shopping.

Q. What impact has there been on adjacent non-metered areas.

A. Side street occupancy is already very high.

Q. After meter pole removal will spaces be marked.

A. No.

Q. Two hours is reasonable. Is a compromise on pricing possible?

Q. Will programs apply after 7:00pm?

A. Not being pursued.

Point: Then one hour paid from 6:00pm allows parking for the whole evening, so no real restaurant issue.

Longer duration may erase gains if rate does not go up.

Motion was made by Bill Blum and seconded by Jerry Armer to endorse the proposed program as presented with the one hour maximum duration and rate at 50 cents for 20 minutes. Other details in handout.

VOTE: 11.....YEAS 0.....NAYS 1.....ABSTENTION
MOTION PASSED

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on September 28, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

Presentation by CB6 Planning Fellow on the draft report developed from our online survey of bicycle infrastructure and usage in the district.

The report was prepared and presented by Peter Katz of the CB6 staff and is to be reviewed and considered later. The report was distributed and the committee was requested to provide comments based on the survey which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Jerry Armer commented that it was odd that the Court Street segment is only 5 blocks long and is the third most used.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

The minutes were recorded by Bill Blum.