

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 19, 2012**

ATTENDANCE:

D. ABRAHAM
J. COHN
E. MCCLURE
M. PETTIT
J. THOMPSON

P. BASILE
D. DECOSTANZO
T. MISKEL
G. REILLY
M. VERRET

W. BLUM
D. GORDON
L. NAPOLITANO
R. SLOANE

EXCUSED:

A. MCKNIGHT

R. RIGOLLI

ABSENT:

J. ARMER

D. GIULIANO

J. HEYER

GUESTS:

J. LEVIN – REP. FOR STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER, HON. JOAN MILLMAN
F. MONDERSON – REP. FROM COMMUNITY BOARD 8

M. GOLDBERG
L. DIPAOLO
K. GORDIS
R. MILLER
A. SALZBERG
I. DUTTON
D. WILLIAMS
R. DEL CUADRO
M. RYAN
D. GOLDOFF
J. GURALNICK

T. KEANE
G. DIPAOLO
A. KAPLOWITZ
R. PETROCCIONE
J. OLTMAN SMITH
S. HOVEY
H. TEPPER
A. ZIMMERMAN
J. KING
D. DIMARTINO

S. BARRON
R. MINSKY
C. KALTRAN
H. COHEN
L. SCHINDLER
C. CRAWFORD
P. NOYES
J. HUNTINGTON
J. O'TOOLE
M. GURALNICK

*****MINUTES*****

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

Joint presentation and review by the Transportation Committees of Brooklyn Community Boards 6 and 8 on a proposal by the Department of Transportation to install a two-way bicycle lane on Plaza Street at the Grand Army Plaza.

Chris Hrones of NYC DOT provided an introduction, followed by a presentation by Josh Benson of DOT to Community Boards 6 and 8 on a proposal by the department to install a two-way bicycle lane on Plaza Street at the Grand Army Plaza.

Josh presented existing conditions on the street (a one-way bike lane with approximately 1/3 of bicycle traffic going contra-flow) and discussed the problems/concerns with the current situation.

Josh then described the previous NYC DOT 2010 design proposal for an expanded bike lane on Plaza Street and community concerns regarding that proposal (reduced effective roadway and potential impact on thru traffic, reduction of 30 parking spaces).

Josh then described the current NYC DOT's 2012 proposal for Plaza Street:

- Converts bike lane to 2-way and keeps parking where it is, adjacent to curb
- Proposed improvements (traffic calming) – 11-foot wide travel lane, speed bumps, painted sidewalk extensions.

Josh then compared the 2010 to 2012 design proposals:

<u>2010</u>	<u>2012</u>	
	X	Limited parking loss
X		Sense of protection
	X	Bike network access
	X	Limiting impact on other street users

An open discussion followed NYC DOT's presentation.

The CB 6 Transportation Committee then approved the following resolution with a vote of **12 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstentions**:

As a first step to a fully-protected Class 1 bike lane, we conditionally approve DOT's recommendation, with the proviso that DOT:

1. Look further at how to separate the bike lane from the moving traffic lane;
2. Within 6 months, completes a safety analysis study of the "before and after" of cyclist and other injuries, as well as suggestions for improvement;
3. Includes the proposal of banning a left turn by motor vehicles from Plaza Street West onto Union Street (into Grand Army Plaza) in such study; and
4. Explores the possibility of installing crosswalks at the intersections of Lincoln and Berkeley Places at Plaza Street West.

Presentation and review of a proposal by the Department of Transportation to install an on-street bicycle parking facility at the northeast corner 5th Ave. and Park Place.

NYC DOT then provided a presentation on its proposal to install an on-street bicycle parking facility at the northeast corner of 5th Avenue and Park Place.

After a brief discussion, the Committee approved a recommendation that this proposal go forward by unanimous vote.

Presentation and review of a proposal by the Department of Transportation to install an eastbound and westbound bicycle lane on one block of 3rd Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues to extend and connect pre-existing bicycle lanes on 3rd Street (between Smith Street-3rd Avenue and between 4th Avenue-Prospect Park West.

NYC DOT then provided a presentation on their proposal to install an eastbound and westbound bicycle lane on one block of 3rd Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues to extend and connect pre-existing bicycle lanes on 3rd Street (between Smith Street–3rd Avenue & between 4th Avenue–Prospect Park West).

After a brief discussion, the Committee approved a recommendation that this proposal go forward by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at about 9:15 p.m.