

**Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225**

**Transportation Committee Meeting
December 3, 2025**

Location: In-Person, CB9 Office

Chair: Ethan Norville; Vice Chair: Andrew Magnus; Secretary: Paco Abraham

Attendance (Board Members): Ethan Norville; Felice Robertson; Khurshid Abdul-Mutakabbir; Andrew Magnus; Vadim Gaboys

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Calista DeJesus; Paco Abraham; Valerie Fleming

Absent (Board Members): Hasaan Qazi

Absent (Community Resident Members): None

Guests: David Kupferberg; Theresa Westerdahl; Cheryl Bernard; Cat Buccello

CB9 Staff: Allison Henry, Community Associate

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting is called to order at 7:03 PM. Vice chair Magnus runs the meeting as chairman Norville is arriving in person late but watching the live stream.
2. Approval of November minutes
 - a. Review of past meeting minutes.
 - b. Felice Robertson asked if draft minutes could be sent out earlier, at least 24 hours ahead of the meeting. Vice chair Magnus notes these were sent out previously via the committee's WhatsApp chat but agrees it's important to send them ahead of time. Group discussion about omitting highlights (but keeping bold for action items) and tidying up committee member names
 - c. Valerie motions to approve the November minutes conditional on including the amendments as discussed. Vice chair Magnus seconds. **Motion passed by unanimous consent.**
3. Public Speakers List
 - a. David Kupferberg (NYC Passengers United) – Redesign has been in “draft” status for three years and remains paused. He raised concern that MTA is attempting redesign “cheaply” without addressing service gaps adequately. Kupferberg notes that none of the 18 Brooklyn community boards supported the 2022 draft & recommends delaying the final plan and issuing a new draft plan, paired with proper investment.
 - i. Committee discussion about specific changes proposed for CB9, i.e. the B49 proposed shift away from Bedford Ave which would affect the senior-heavy buildings (Ebbets Field Houses, Tivoli Towers) who may not be able to take new service lines on adjacent avenues. Felice Robertson

makes a motion that CB9 send another letter to MTA asking for updates, referring to our 10/23/25 resolution against the B49 service change and asked for updates about any other lines impacted within CB9. Calista DeJesus seconds. **Motion passed by unanimous consent.**

- b. Theresa Westerdahl speaks on multiple items.
 - i. Expressing continued frustration for the neighbors near Sullivan & Ludlam place where DOT's improperly marked [car share spots](#) are still resulting in cars being ticketed. She also asked to be made aware of any correspondence CB9 had with DOT on this issue.
 - ii. Acknowledging NYC's recently announced pilot to offer bicycle parking sheds across the city, she requests a full bike parking storefront be put in the MTA site to be developed by Empire/ Ocean/ Flatbush. Group discussion about the city's announcement, lack of details, whether we should get ahead of it and make specific site asks or not, and pros/cons of bike parking in general. Calista DeJesus made a motion that CB9 ask DOT for a representative to come and explain the newly announced parking program, answer questions, and take our feedback. Vice chair Magnus seconds. Seven votes are in favor, with one vote against. **Motion passed 7-1.**
- c. Cheryl Bernard speaks on multiple items.
 - i. Questions about potential changes to Flatbush Ave bus lane. Vice chair Magnus notes CB9's section of the existing Flatbush bus redesign is phase 2 and has yet to be finalized, but phase 1 in Downtown BK began.
 - ii. Eastern Parkway seems to have large trucks on it, and she notes they are illegal there. She requests CB9 write a letter to DOT adding more signage to make truck drivers aware. She also requested CB9 write a letter to the NYPD asking for targeted enforcement against illegal trucks on Eastern Parkway.
 - 1. Paco Abraham made a motion that CB9 send a letter to DOT requesting signage enhancements on Eastern Parkway to reduce illegal truck usage. Chairman Norville seconds. **Motion passed by unanimous consent.**
 - 2. Vice Chair Magnus makes a motion that CB9 send a letter to NYPD requesting more police enforcement on Eastern Parkway to reduce illegal truck usage. Paco Abraham seconds. **Motion passed by unanimous consent.**
 - iii. Bernard Asked for an update on Citi Bike stations and data of usage. The committee directed her to check Citi Bike's website for a map (as well as Google Maps) along with online open data sites such as <https://www.citibikedata.nyc/> & <https://citibikedata.com/> to show CB9 stations & usage.
 - iv. Asked for clarity on the bike lane proposals from DOT on BK & Kingston Avenues because of confusion at the general board meeting. Led to a group discussion about the merits of the existing proposal and the revised versions CB9 put forward thus far. Some preferences were made: for raised crosswalks over large-scale daylighting to avoid parking loss, if

bike lanes are needed at all, car dependency for residents in the community, need for vehicle parking, feelings that some voices of the community are not being listened to by the Board, and what ways CB9 can hold on to credibility with city agencies so they are listened to rather than disregarded.

4. Citi Bike Stations and Placement Assessment

- a. Group discussion about Sterling St/ Nostrand Ave and New York Ave / Maple St Citi Bike docks. Worries about the Sterling/ Nostrand spot where ambulances come to 308 Sterling St building often and block traffic across the street because of the Citi Bike docks. Members brainstormed if the dock should be scaled down, removed entirely, moved to the other side of the street, or if the white plastic bollards could be repositioned to allow for vehicles to pass even when emergency vehicles are on site.

5. New Business

- a. Undiscussed items will be formally pushed to next month's meeting, including:
 - i. Illegal Food Truck Vendor parking on sidewalk by Washington/ Lincoln/ Flatbush intersection.
 - ii. Continued discussion about usage of Citi Bike stations at Sterling St/ Nostrand Ave and at New York Ave / Maple St. Chairman Norville asks for people to come with specific data and examples for us to consider any specific action in future motions.

6. Adjournment

- a. Motion – Vice Chair Magnus made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Vadim Gaboys seconded the motion. **Motion passed by unanimous consent.**