

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

Transportation Committee Meeting
January 8, 2025

Location: In-Person, CB9 Office

Chair: Ethan Norville; Vice Chair: Felice Robertson; Secretary: Paco Abraham

Attendance (Board Members): Ethan Norville; Benny Rosenberger; Felice Robertson

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

Absent (Board Members): Raphaella Godoy

Absent (Community Resident Members); Yaakov Pearson, Jeffrey Grannum;

Guests: Isaiah Pecou, Suwen Cheong, Aleiya Als

CB9 Staff: Khalid Jemmott, Community Associate

Agenda:

- I. Welcome/Greetings
 - a. Meeting is called to order at 7:10 pm, January 8th, 2025
- II. Acceptance of the Minutes of December 11, 2024.
 - a. Committee members review printed minutes and approve them, as is, by common consent.
- III. Update on Surveys
 - a. Chairman Norville notes that some members of the community have had continued concern on our committee's survey regarding the Brooklyn/ Kingston proposals. People were bothered that the survey did not identify the addresses of respondents and so moving forward, our committee may ask for addresses/ zip codes.
 - b. Andrew Magnus noted some opposition as he feels opinions from other areas are also valid if they're taking the time to respond and have an interest in the area.
 - c. Chairman Norville acknowledged there is no perfect way to take feedback.
 - d. Group discussion on the surveys and data collection followed. Suwen Cheong asked how specific people's opinions were. Paco Abraham asked to what end we'll take feedback and argued our committee had already gone above and beyond any data collection method taken on a topic. Aleiya Als, resident at

Rutland & Kingston, noted her concerns about narrowing Kingston Ave and pointed out how poorly some agencies work together, specifically noting that crossings on Kingston are often difficult because of clogged catch basins and so she feared adding cyclists to the mix. Valerie Fleming agreed that many agencies were not properly talking to partner agencies in City Hall. Suwen Cheong echoed the need for interagency collaborations and also asked if DOT had taken into consideration the large number of residents likely coming with the imminent Vital Brooklyn project. She also noted that DOT ought to tap other tools beyond just using bike lanes, like raised crosswalks. Chairman Norville noted that many studies worldwide show narrower streets yield safer streets and believes that is a large part of the reason the bike lane additions were being proposed.

IV. Action on Washington Ave safety improvements

- a. Felice Robertson said she spoke with the Botanic Garden and they are willing to support our letter but preferred to do a joint letter WITH the community board, local daycare, and Washington Avenue block Association.

V. District 9 Traffic Calming Plan

- a. We decided to table discussion of a district-wide traffic calming plan until we first hear back from DOT about any response to our advocacy for a safer Washington Avenue.

VI. Lincoln Road Redesign

- a. Group discussion about the current condition on Lincoln Road between Ocean and Flatbush Avenues, and what works/ does not work currently.
- b. Discussion of surveying the community about it and if it would work more efficiently as a one way west bound street since the existing eastbound traffic already has to turn off Lincoln Road at Flatbush Avenue.
 - i. May include public and bus driver feedback etc.
- c. Chairman Norville makes a *motion for CB9 to release a survey to the community that would assess the current street design of Lincoln Road between Ocean and Flatbush and collect input about any changes the community might want to see.*
- d. Paco Abraham seconds the motion.
- e. **Motion is approved by common consent.**

VII. Adjourn

- a. MOTION - Ethan Norville made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 pm. Calista DeJesus seconded the motion. **Motion passed by unanimous consent**