

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

**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 12, 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): Yaakov Pearson

Absent (Community Resident Members): None

Guests: Maria Doubrovskaja, Hector Robinson, Rod Herbert, Alicia Boyd

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**Agenda:**

- I. Welcome/Greetings
  - a. Meeting is called to order at 7:42 pm, March 12th, 2025. The meeting start was delayed because of being locked out from the board office.
- II. Emergency Item
  - a. Alicia Boyd presented concerns about the dangerous condition of cars blocking Washington Avenue sidewalk between Lefferts Ave and Empire Blvd.
    - i. Adjacent to the middle school and bus stop, there is a car wash and U-Haul trucks blocking safe passageway for pedestrians because car owners are parking illegally. Ms. Boyd has filed over 20 tickets to 311 and says 71st precinct has not issued one single ticket. She requests the board send an official letter to the precinct covering 4 topics - U-Haul trucks parking illegally, cars being parked in a no parking zone, cars blocking the hydrants, and cars parking on the sidewalk.
      1. *Felice Robertson makes a motion for CB9 to send a letter to the 71st precinct requesting enforcement along this block of Washington Avenue, specifically to address Ms. Boyd's concerns noted above.*
      2. Paco Abraham seconds the motion.
      3. **Motion is approved by common consent.**
- III. DOT Presentation — Automatic Public Toilets (APT)

- a. DOT rep Diana Soriano introduced two colleagues Teresa and Will from the concessions and franchises department to go over a plan to bring APT (automatic public toilet) to 513 Flatbush Avenue, between Lincoln Road and Lefferts Avenue.
- b. JCDecaux CSFF already provides the city with bus shelters, newsstands, and APTs. Multiple APTs already exist citywide, all at no cost to the taxpayer as they're maintained with revenue from advertising on the street furniture.
- c. APTs are open 8a-8p, self-cleaning, ADA compliant, and offer 15 mins per use. They're also maintained twice daily by staff. There are 7 APTs currently operating (Plaza de las America, Grand Army Plaza, Madison Sq Park, Corona Plaza, Williamsburg bus depot, and Valentino Pier (which has the newest model of APT)).
- d. This site was chosen because of high pedestrian foot traffic near the park and to further help prevent cars from illegally parking on the sidewalk.
- e. Group discussion about the mechanics and operation of the APT. Questions asked about how much revenue it generates (expect \$1.2B over lifetime) and facility's life expectancy (Madison Sq Park model has been installed since 2008 and continues to work).
- f. Questions were raised if local community groups can have some of the advertising space like Link NYC kiosks and Rod Herbert made suggestions for protecting the APTs with bollards.
  - i. *Calista DeJesus makes a motion for CB9 to support the APT as presented, and consider bollards surrounding the location, as well as adding changing tables and family friendly amenities inside.*
  - ii. *Andrew Magnus seconds the motion.*
  - iii. **Motion is approved by common consent.**

#### IV. Dining Out NYC Application Review

- a. The Bobbed Bandit - Committee reviewed the presented material and found no issue with the proposal.
  - i. *Andrew Magnus makes a motion for CB9 to support the dining out application without modification.*
  - ii. *Calista DeJesus seconds the motion.*
  - iii. **Motion is approved by common consent.**
- b. Agi's Counter - Committee reviewed the presented material and found no issue with the proposal.
  - i. *Calista DeJesus makes a motion for CB9 to support the dining out application without modification.*
  - ii. *Valerie Fleming seconds the motion.*
  - iii. **Motion is approved by common consent.**

#### V. School Safety Plan Letter Review

- a. Chairman Norville recapped the status of the BK-Kingston Ave school safety project. Despite the transportation committee's recommendation, the full Board

voted to remove protected bike lane entirely. However, local schools are asking for it however and DOT questions how much of the plan is viable without the protected bike lane elements, as that part of the design gave physical space for much of the safer crossings. Local Council member Rita Joseph and Assemblymember Brian Cunningham have also signed letters of support.

- i. Group discussion about the plan and the school letters and the typos within them. Rod Herbert raised concerns about why the plan was made and how it is funded as Brooklyn Ave is no longer on the most recent Vision Zero priority corridor list. Andrew Magnus questioned why we even need a discussion if the CB resolution is already settled.
- ii. Chairman Norville said DOT may be coming back at some point soon with an update to their plan, or at least a clear response to our board's vote. Also, principals from local schools could not attend this meeting but will be invited to the committee's April meeting.

VI. District Traffic Calming Plan

- a. Exploring known problems / high-incident areas was tabled for time.

VII. New Business

- a. Brief presentation about youth in education opportunities and an upcoming job fair.
- b. Guest Maria Doubrovskaya (speaking for residents at 99 Ocean Avenue) raised concerns about buses idling at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue when the subway is down and the MTA runs additional shuttles. She said it has been going for years and MTA is aware of resident concerns but fails to change behavior.
  - i. *Benny Rosenberger makes a motion for CB9 to send a letter of concern to MTA, and cc NYPD for enforcement, about the buses failure to shut off their engines beyond idling time legally allowed. Also asked about adjustment the alignment of where buses line up so as to not envelop the residents of Ocean avenue.*
    1. *Andrew Magnus recused himself from voting.*
    2. **Motion is still approved by common consent.**

VIII. Adjourn

- a. MOTION - Ethan Norville made a motion to adjourn at 9:31pm. Calista DeJesus seconded the motion. **Motion passed by unanimous consent**