

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

**Transportation Committee
February 11, 2026**

Location: In-Person, CB9 Office

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

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

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

Absent (Board Members): Hasaan Qazi

Absent (Community Resident Members): Calista DeJesus

Guests: David Kupferberg (NYC Passengers United); Shalva Kvital

CB9 Staff: Allison Henry, Community Associate

1. Call to order/Greetings
 - a. The meeting is called to order at 7:11 PM.
2. Approval of January Minutes
 - a. Rod Herbert asks for corrections: Language should say “insists” not “suggests.” Section 4.B.I should include mention of previous tickets (47), as should the resolution. Strike “towing...if needed” and include “...scheduled maintenance from DEP to clear catch basins.”
 - i. Chairman Norville says the committee's previous resolution for the Rutland truck parking issue was tabled at the executive board. Rod has continued to issue 311 service requests & insists that enforcement and signage is still needed, noting he even witnessed a truck driver physically removing signage.
 - b. Valerie: “couple park” should be double park.
 - c. Motion to approve the minutes as amended passes; moved by Andrew, seconded Valerie, no oppositions.
3. NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission Base Renewal License for **Union Limo & Car Service** – 311 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11213
 - a. Shalva Kvital: been in the business for 35 years, and renews every 3 years. Uber challenges local car service businesses. Insurance and renewal fees are higher for car service drivers than for uber drivers
 - b. One vehicle base car (TLC) in the fleet, other drivers and vehicles ‘float’ with Uber and other FHV services.

- c. The applicant confirms no active OR outstanding violations.
 - d. Motion to approve the license passes; moved Felice, seconded Vadim, no oppositions.
 - e. Andrew: Should the form for Base license renewal questionnaire change? It is unclear where the digital form is even located (not accessed from CB9 Website, or from TLC Livery Base Renewal guidelines) nor does it seem clear or current.
 - f. Zlati Mochkin (from CB9 Public Safety) struggled to change their committee's liquor licensing form as well, citing similar concerns.
4. Review Brooklyn Bus Network redesign – determine ideal plan and district needs
- a. Chairman Norville brings the currently proposed MTA map to the screen for group discussion. He notes this format is not perfectly conducive to group feedback though and encourages all committee members to submit comments directly to MTA this way on their online portal and to tell others in the community to do the same. We can't catch everything but communally can still flag a lot of potential issues posed by the new proposal.
 - b. Mr. Kupferberg brings up similar points from previous meetings; urging a despite to close service gaps, strengthen the core network.
 - i. B49 - Mr. Kupferberg says the board should consider 'streamlining' the route to run along Ocean Avenue.
 - ii. B48 - Route change to downtown Brooklyn.
 - iii. Question for MTA on bus throughput and infrastructure stress on Lincoln Road (Prospect Park Station Termination and Stand-by) with new routes.
 - c. Bus Planning First Principles
 - i. Minimize bus to bus transfers (for example the B16 termination at Utica Ave should extend to Sutter Road (3) station)
 - ii. Get a hard cap for stop spacing size, between 500 and 750 feet (two and three blocks)
 - iii. Request that MTA provide details about overnight service changes (not displayed correctly in the digital map). General consensus that overnight service should be maintained or expanded.
 - iv. Pair infrastructure improvements with service changes, such as the B41 and Flatbush Avenue planned corridor work.
 - v. General discussion of sources of traffic in the district including drivers from other community boards (Valerie), incorrect car ownership data due to out-of-state plates (Rod).
 - 1. Andrew says that for people passing through the district on the way to work the bus should work better, but even rush routes remain stuck in local traffic.
 - d. Paco: Can the MTA share detailed ridership by each stop in CB9 to better inform which stops we could or could not support being cut?
 - i. Chair Norville: the board can request from the MTA.
 - e. Line by Line Review
 - i. B49 consensus should stay on Bedford and not move to the marked Rogers/Nostrand bus lanes

1. Valerie: Nostrand Avenue is very crowded and congested. Paco says a bus on Bedford Avenue, when stopped, disrupts the flow of traffic, but Valerie disagrees.
 - ii. B48: General discussion about route changes and service patterns. Felice: Sullivan place stop should not be removed. Chair Norville: the MTA should restore 24-hour service.
 - f. The committee agreed to continue reviewing route-specific impacts affecting CB9, perhaps tackling one route at each meeting. Members indicated interest in developing formal recommendations emphasizing preservation of critical neighborhood connectivity, Accessibility-focused stop placement, Protection of overnight service, and ongoing community consultation. No final resolution was adopted during this meeting; continued review and drafting of formal committee input will occur at a future session.
5. New Business
 - a. Ongoing items: Create Citi Bike DOT questions for Dante prior to a meeting with DOT staff. Chairman Norville urged specificity for the questions and Andrew suggested framing it as “when you’ve had community concerns of safety issues like this at Sterling and Nostrand, how has it been resolved before?”
6. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.