

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

**Transportation Committee  
January 14, 2026**

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

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

Absent (Board Members): Hasaan Qazi, Vadim Gaboys

Guests: David Kupferberg (NYC Passengers United), Rod Herbert, Theresa Westerdahl, Isaiah Pecou, & at least one other person name unknown

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**Agenda:**

- I. Welcome/Greetings
  - a. Meeting is called to order at 7:05 pm.
  - b. Chairman Norville recaps our committee's previous BK-Kingston recommendation that was approved at December's full board meeting. Rod Herbert suggests the resolutions not say 'subject to change' in the header/watermark because it caused some confusion for the final vote amongst the general board. Discussion about board procedure and agreement to adjust wording for clarity moving forward.
- II. Approval of December Minutes
  - a. Review of past meeting minutes.
  - b. Paco Abraham notes a typo in mentioning a [past B49 resolution](#) from CB9. It refers to a 10/23/25 resolution against the B49 service change but should say 10/23/23.
  - c. Valerie Fleming motions to approve the December minutes conditional on including the date correction Paco mentioned. Calista DeJesus seconds. **Motion passed by unanimous consent.**
- III. Assess Citi Bike station placement and usage
  - a. Sterling & Nostrand
    - i. Chairman Norville recaps there is concern about vehicle flow at this corner because of Citibike dock placement. Ambulances frequently tend to residents of the adjacent apartment building and there are access issues, and when an ambulance or other double parks it makes it tough for other

thru traffic to flow. Committee discussion about existing dock location, configuration, and usage overall.

- ii. Andrew Magnus motions to request Citibike modify the station at Sterling & Nostrand with a less wide placement of bollards so as to allow for better vehicle flow even when cars couple park. If that is not feasible, then motion continues to request evaluation of moving the entire station to the sidewalk near the adjacent park, or the NW corner of Nostrand & Sterling, Or onto Empire Blvd instead. Felice seconds. **Motion passed by unanimous consent**

- b. Khurshid describes concerns about the Citibike station on Maple Street at the corner of NY Avenue, adjacent to the Crown Heights Library. He notes residents on the block do not like it and that there has been trash built up and unhoused person's belongings there. Paco notes a different experience he has there in passing it daily, knowing several people on the block who use the station often, and that when he spotted trash build up, he requested Citibike clean it and they did within a few days.

- i. Felice motions to request Citibike modify the station at Maple & NY Avenue so as to move it to the sidewalk or another location off of Maple Street. Khurshid seconds. **Motion passed by a majority vote of 6-1, with Paco voting against.**

- c. Theresa Westerdahl raises concerns about missing bike racks. Some were taken away on Empire Blvd while construction was happening at the corner of Bedford. Fresh concrete has been poured, and sidewalks are plenty wide for standard bike rack installation.

- i. Ethan motions to request DOT return any previously existing bike racks removed from the block bounded by Empire/ Bedford/ Sullivan/ Rogers be returned to CB9. Valerie seconds. **Motion passed by unanimous consent**

IV. Review Brooklyn Bus Network redesign – determine ideal plan and district needs

- a. Chairman Norville recaps existing DRAFT plan that MTA developed years ago for the borough and highlights biggest changes to CB9
  - i. adding a new limited route called the B10 to run along Empire/ East NY Avenue and connect Prospect Park to Broadway Junction.
  - ii. consolidation of buses on existing bus only lanes like Nostrand & Rogers Ave, so that B44 local would run same route as its SBS counterpart.
  - iii. reiterates the board already voted on resolution to maintain existing B49 service on Bedford Avenue for Ebbets Field residents.
- b. Group discussion on the plan and pros/cons. Agreement that bus shelters need lighting and bus lanes need enforcement, and all routes need frequent service... aiming for 6 minute or less gaps in frequency. Goal is to avoid residents needing to walk multiple avenues to get to routes. Felice notes she wants to see more buses and does not want to see the B48 lose its stop at Sullivan Pl/ Washington Avenue. Ethan notes we do not yet have clear consensus or timeline and so this issue will remain on our committee agenda moving forward.

V. Assess traffic calming needs in Community District 9

- a. Chairman Norville notes we have not discussed transportation issues in the Eastern end of the district enough and offers for Rod Herbert to raise some concerns. He reviews ongoing speeding problems on the Schenectady Avenue corridor. Group discussion on the topic.
- b. Paco motions to request DOT evaluate traffic calming possibilities on Schenectady from Eastern Parkway to Empire Blvd to discourage speeding vehicles, with particular attention to the intersection of Schenectady and Montgomery. Andrew seconds. **Motion passed by a majority vote of 6-1, with Khurshid voting against.**

VI. New Business

- a. Felice notes a need for transparency and asks to have previous minutes more readily available for review in meetings.
  - i. Felice motions to have the CB9 office print out all resolutions from the Transportation committee from 2023 to the present and have these available at each committee meeting to better track what resolutions have been passed and what work remains to be done. Paco seconds. **Motion passed by unanimous consent**
- b. Rod Herbert raises concerns of illegal overnight parking by commercial vehicles around the Old Boys & Girls High School Field. He outlines many 311 complaints he has made and too little action by agencies to stop the problem. He also notes that these vehicles violates alternate side parking rules and prevent sweepers from getting in, which allows debris to accumulate and catch basins to clog.
  - i. Andrew motions to request the CB reach out to appropriate agencies and ask for help against the trend of overnight commercial vehicles parking on/ around Troy Avenue and Rutland Road & the clogged catch basin issues their illegal parking causes. In particular, the motion requested improved signage by DOT and improved enforcement by NYPD (start with tickets, then moving on to towing if needed), as well as attention from DEP to clear existing catch basins which tend to flood. Paco seconds. **Motion passed by unanimous consent**
- c. Paco outlines an issue in which a local juice truck is consistently parked on the sidewalk, illegally, at the base of the triangular block bounded by Flatbush/ Lefferts/ Washington. He supports the truck operating in the neighborhood but asks the board help get the truck to park legally on the street as 311 complaints have not had any success.
  - i. Paco motions to request CB9 reach out to the owner of Voila Nutrition Juice & kindly request they not park their commercial vehicle on the sidewalk at 513 Flatbush Avenue and instead use legal parking in the roadbed to keep sidewalk clear for pedestrians as intended. Andrew seconds. **Motion passed by unanimous consent**

VII. Adjournment

- a. MOTION - Vice Chair Magnus made a motion to adjourn at 9:15p. Paco seconds. **Motion passed by unanimous consent**