

The City of New York

Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Eileen Miller Chairperson / Joseph Marziliano District Manager

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO:

All Board Members

FROM:

Victor Dadras – Transportation Committee Chair

DATE:

February 21, 2020

On Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., the Transportation Committee met. Present from the Committee were Chair, Victor Dadras, Board Chair, Eileen Miller, Third Vice Chair, Henry Euler, Board Members, Carmen Collado Mary Donahue, Joan Garippa, Bernard Haber, John Kelly, Robert Liatto, Allan Palzer, Stephan Popa, CB11 Community Associate, Christina Coutinho, and David Noh, representing Council Member Grodenchik.

Mr. Dadras stated this meeting was scheduled in order to prepare for tonight's Queens Bus Network Redesign Workshop at 7:00 pm at the Korean Community Services of Greater New York. He asked each member of the committee, as we went around the table, to describe which bus routes they felt they best represented, on behalf of their communities, and to describe what they each felt were the most critical issues presented in the MTA Preliminary Redesign. The committee members discussed each of the routes being affected, and what was most important to their communities. It was agreed that, at the evening's 7:00pm Workshop, each member of the committee would sit at the table representing their bus route and their community, and represent the CB11 Transportation Committee by presenting the issues that were most critically in need of discussion.

Mr. Dadras explained that the purpose of this evening's workshop event is to provide information, review comments, and constructive criticism to the MTA representatives, regarding their draft plan. Ms. Miller stated that on April 1, 2020, there will be another workshop, co-sponsored by CB11 and Council Member Grodenchik's office that will have a slightly different format, with speakers and where questions can be answered.

Mr. Popa gave a detailed presentation of the draft plan proposed by the MTA, and his preliminary comments, suggestions, and first draft of recommended revisions for our District, based upon his research, as well as the information and comments that he has been able to gather, to date. There followed a very lively, and detailed discussion of each one of the proposed new bus routes, and the committee members' initial review comments, and preliminary suggestions for issues that need to be addressed, and/or revisions considered.

Mr. Dadras stated that, following this evening's Workshop event, the committee would continue to meet and work towards a more detailed and specific report with recommendations based upon the community input received as well as more detailed review by committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Victor Dadras on February 21, 2020