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## Queens Community Board 11

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

**Michael Budabin** Chairperson / **Joseph Marziliano** District Manager

To: All Board Members

From: Victor Dadras, Committee Chair

Date: October 20, 2022

Re: Various Traffic and School Safety Issues and Requests

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On Wednesday, October 19, 2022, the CB11 Transportation Committee met via Zoom to review and discuss several issues and requests.

### **Committee Members**

Victor Dadras, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair and Committee Chair

Henry Euler, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair

Eileen Miller

Christina Scherer

Jena Lanzetta

Jessica Burke

Laura James

Stephan Popa

Rob Liatto

Joan Garippa

Benjamin Turner

John Kelly

Albert Galatan

### **CB11 Staff**

Joseph Marziliano, District Manager

Jane Bentivenga, Community Coordinator

Christina Coutinho, Community Associate

### **Guests**

Dr. Janine Polla Werner, Principal, WJS

Joby Jacob

Mr. Dadras began the meeting by stating that this meeting was scheduled to discuss requests that have been made for a variety of school and traffic safety issues that have been submitted to the CB11 District Office.

Mr. Dadras introduced Dr. Janine Polla Werner, Principal of the World School of Journalism (WSJ) located at 34-65 192 Street in Flushing which is housed within the I.S. 25. school building. District 75 school, P233, is also located in this building. Dr. Werner asked for CB11's continued support of the school's previous request for 192 Street to be converted to a one-way operation. The CB11 Transportation Committee previously voted on, and approved, this request at its May 2022 Committee meeting. A letter to this effect was sent on June 3, 2022. The CB11 District Office will follow up with Queens office of the Department of Transportation regarding this request.

Ms. Miller gave the following report regarding school safety issues in CB 11 after having canvassed the local school administrations; **her notes are attached to this report.**

The committee examined a request by Tom Padilla for either a traffic signal, speed bump, or raised crosswalks on Horace Harding Expressway from 201<sup>st</sup> Street to 203<sup>rd</sup> Street. A motion was made by Mr. Popa and seconded by Mr. Liatto to request that the DOT conduct a safety study of those blocks for traffic controls. Discussion ensued and the motion passed unanimously.

The committee examined a request by Pamela Primi to co-name Glenwood Landing to Mary Breden Park. This request is to co-name the actual park, not an intersection, therefore, Mr. Dadras asked that this item be referred to the CB 11 Parks committee.

The committee examined a request by Mike Feiner on behalf of the Bayside Hills Civic Association to increase daylighting along Bell Boulevard at each mall intersection. A motion was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mr. Popa to ask the DOT to conduct a feasibility study for this request. Discussion ensued and the motion passed unanimously.

The committee examined a request by Benjamin Wee for a one-way conversion of Stewart Road northbound from the Grand Central Parkway to Union Turnpike. A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Miller to ask the DOT to conduct a feasibility study for this request. Discussion ensued and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Dadras noted that this request was in line with a request for safety concerns on Stewart Road from Carin Bail, representing the Hollis Hills Civic Association, and noted that he would reach out to her regarding the committee's actions at this meeting.

The committee examined a request for an all-way stop sign the intersection of 204<sup>th</sup> Street and 45<sup>th</sup> Road, as well as a flashing red light and a speed bump. Mr. Euler asked Mr. Marziliano what the turnaround time was on various infrastructure requests. Mr. Marziliano stated that the lead time is currently more than 6-8 months for DOT to study each request. A motion was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mr. Popa to ask for a traffic control feasibility study at this intersection. Discussion ensued and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Marziliano gave an update on NYPD parking enforcement of commercial trucks parking overnight on 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, the Grand Central Parkway, Union Turnpike, the Clearview Expressway, and Horace Harding Expressway. The 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct has been empowered by Mayor Adams' office to begin ticketing and booting operations which have been a success except for tour buses, which the office has escalated to Council Member Paladino for assistance. Ms. Lanzetta noted the location of another tour bus which parks overnight at the Clearview Expressway and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue and will work with the office to get a solution for that location.

The committee examined a request by Joby Jacob to conduct a traffic safety study on Bell Boulevard, in the entirety of south Bayside, from Northern Boulevard reaching to Community Board 13. In 2020, three people were struck by vehicles and seriously injured along this corridor. A motion was made by Mr. Popa to ask the DOT to conduct a traffic safety study of this corridor and seconded by Mr. Turner. Discussion ensued regarding traffic safety. Mr. Kelly mentioned a DOT presentation regarding the statistical results of different street safety treatments in New York City. The Pedestrian chart he referenced specifically is on page 2 of the following link:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/safety-treatment-evaluation-2005-2018.pdf>.

The motion passed unanimously.

A request was made by Mr. Liatto to for a feasibility study for a one-way conversion of 230<sup>th</sup> Street between 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Liatto. Discussion ensued and the motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted 10-20-22*