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Queens Community Board 11

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

Christine Haider Chairperson / **Joseph Marziliano** District Manager

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: All Board Members
FROM: Transportation Committee
Bernard Haber- Chair
DATE: March 1, 2019

On Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., the Transportation Committee met. Present from the Committee were Chair Bernard Haber, Board Chair Christine Haider, First Vice Chair Laura James, Third vice Chair Eileen Miller, Committee Member Ed Doster, Board Members Victor Dadras, Mary Donahue, Henry Euler, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Barbara Gillespie, Roy Giusetti, and Allan Palzer, Christina Scherer, Benjamin Turner. Community Associate Christina Coutinho and District Manager Joseph Marziliano were in attendance. Also in attendance was community resident Sevan Yekhpairian.

The committee reviewed the following items

1. Safety at P.S. 376
 - A. Ms. Miller read a report from the Bayside Hills Civic Association advocating for greater speed controls in that area.
 - B. The Committee will ask the DOT to conduct a study to include a “Slow” flashing yellow light, as well as a speed camera.
 - C. The Committee will ask for a DOT study to include an East/West Stop Sign at 211th Street and 48th Avenue, improved Pavement Markings, and a Speed School Zone Sign.
 - D. The Committee will ask for a DOT study to include an East/West Stop Sign at 210th Street and 48th Avenue, improved Pavement Markings, and a Speed School Zone Sign.
2. Q12 & 13 Bus Service Improvements
 - A. Ms. Gillespie read her report and the Committee agreed to petitioning the MTA for Q12 and Q13 Limited Bus Service.
3. Metro Card use on LIRR by NYC residents at intracity LIRR stations (Such as Bayside, Flushing, Douglaston, and Little Neck).
 - A. In response to Ms. Gillespie’s idea, The Committee wished to look into this request in support of and to mirror the efforts of South East Queens. A letter of request will be written to the Long Island Rail Road and local elected officials.

4. Northern Blvd. shared pedestrian/bike lane progress- CIP to Douglaston Parkway.
 - A. Mr. Haber gave an update regarding the CB11 proposed Bicycle Lane/ Pedestrian Pathway to replace the protected Bicycle Lane at Northern Boulevard between 223rd Street and Douglaston Parkway.
 - B. Since installation of the current protected bicycle lane there have been over 200 accidents, ten of which have involved the words Bicycle/Bike/ and Barrier as per statistics from the NYPD.
 - C. Mr. Haber, Mrs. Haider and Mr. Marziliano attended a meeting with leadership from the DOT in regards to the project. The DOT informed the Board that the project is feasible. The feasibility is contingent upon an 18 foot wide area which would include tree pits, sidewalk, buffer zone, bicycle Greenway, and planting. They estimate the cost of the project to be about \$10.6 million.
 - D. The DOT does not recommend the project for funding at this time, and has signaled for the Community Board to lobby the local elected officials for partial Capital Funding for the project. Partial Capital funding highlights projects under review by the Mayor's Capital team each budget season.
5. New DOT policy regarding speed bumps.
 - A. Mr. Marziliano gave an update as to the DOT's new policy regarding speed bumps. Whereas the DOT used to find potential speed bumps feasible and defer to the Community Board to canvass the local block for support of a speed bump or not, the new policy will be to cut the neighborhoods and Community Boards out of the process.
 - B. For all speed bump requests made after January, 2019, the DOT will be installing all speed bumps which are feasible. This purportedly is being done to reduce the install time of speed bumps down from three years to one. From the perspective of all 14 District Managers in Queens, there is no reason why a 90 day notification and canvassing period would interfere in a one year timeframe. The Agency's rationale for this policy is inadequate.
 - C. Community Board 11 will continue to notify residents of impending speed bumps with a new form letter which will include the location of the speed bump, the policy, and the DOT's contact information to opine.
6. New business.
 - A. The Committee will send a letter to request a feasibility study for the addition of a Ferry Stop at Fort Totten.
 - B. As per Rob Liatto, a letter of request will be sent to the MTA to restore the Q75 Bus Service.
 - C. Henry Euler raised a concern about speeding and disregarded stop signs at the intersection of 42nd Avenue and Corporal Kennedy

Street. A letter of request will be sent to the DOT for the installation of a traffic light.

- D. Mr. Yekhpairian raised the ongoing issue of the ‘No Parking During School Days’ signs that are in the immediate vicinity around Queens Borough Community College. The Board has previously supported this request which was denied by the DOT. As per Mrs. Haider, the Committee will write another letter of support and ask for a meeting with DOT leadership on this issue.

7. Proposed Bicycle Lane from CB 11 to the Flushing Main Street Subway Station. The Committee recommended asking DOT for a feasibility study of this request on 32nd Avenue or 29th Avenue.

Mr. Haber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Galatan. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by
Joseph Marziliano
District Manager
March 1, 2019*