



The City of New York

Queens Community Board 11

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

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

Resolution: Opposition to the DOT Proposed Bicycle Lane on Northern Boulevard from 223rd Street to Douglaston Parkway

On June 5, 2017, Community Board 11 was given a 20-minute presentation on a proposed barricaded bicycle lane in the bed of Northern Boulevard from 223rd Street to Douglaston Parkway which eliminated north side parking and one of three westbound travel lanes. The Board voted 18 to 11 and one abstention to approve the proposal. Twenty six of the forty members present saw the proposal for the first time and did not realize the substandard safety details of the DOT plan and the impacts on the community. After our July 17 Transportation Committee meeting, where members were informed of the safety issues and impacts, they voted 16 to 3 to send a comprehensive letter to DOT. On July 20, 2017, the letter was sent with each Board member getting a copy, explaining our concerns, providing photographs, sketches and details of the safety shortcomings and impacts on the community of their plan.

Whereas, the process of presenting the ‘Bicycle Lane Plan’ on May 17, 2017 to the Community Board Transportation Committee and then having a public hearing on June 5, 2017 was in retrospect, a poor one. The issues and alternatives were not fully thought out. The process was too quick and lacked complete community input. Most of the Board members saw the DOT proposal for the first time at the hearing. They had no time to study the details before the vote”.

Whereas, despite our comprehensive July 20, 2017 letter, DOT informed us that they are planning to move forward with their Plan. There was no delay to make a detailed review of the safety issues or the impacts on the community. They told us on August 11 their bike lane is going forward regardless of the community’s many requests to hold off on the implementation of their plan.

Whereas, on September 11, 2017, the Board voted 31 to 3 and 1 abstention to rescind our June vote to approve. Despite our vote, on September 18, 2017 DOT began construction of their bike lane which is now nearing completion.

Whereas, we live in a democracy where the will of the people rules and government entities are subject to the will of the people. The Community Board is the sounding board of the will of the people.

Therefore Be It Resolved That, Community Board 11 strongly opposes the arbitrary action by the New York City Department of Transportation of the construction of the unwanted bicycle lane in the bed of Northern Boulevard.

Community Board 11, Queens voted on this item October 2, 2017 with a vote of 30 in favor 3 opposed and 1 present.

Resolution adopted October 2, 2017.