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January 6, 2020

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Transportation Committee Members – Present

Osman Chowdhury

Jake DeGroot

Jordan Levine

Kristen McGowan

Thomas Mituzas

Steven Raga

Transportation Committee Members – Absent

Sheila Lewandowski, Chairperson

Denise Keehan-Smith, Chairwoman, CB 2

Bessie Cassaro

Mary Torres

Santiago Vargas

Committee Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager

Guests

Aileen Sheil, Representing Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer's Office

Ivan Ruiz, Representing Willdan Energy Solutions

Carol Antunez, Representing Revel Transit

John White, Community Affairs Manager, representing Revel Transit

Andrew Kile

Thomas J. Mituzas, welcomed everyone to the Transportation Committee Meeting. He reported that Chairperson, Sheila Lewandowski, was ill and not able to attend the Transportation Committee Meeting this evening. He proceeded to facilitate the meeting with specific instructions provided by Ms. Lewandowski.

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager, stated that the first Issue on the Agenda would be a Transportation presentation given by Revel Transit on Shared Electric Mopeds.

John White, and Carol Antunez, Community Affairs Managers, representing Revel Transit, provided the following information:

Revel Transit is a Brooklyn-based all-electric moped rideshare built for New Yorkers, by New Yorkers to make getting around fast, affordable, and more fun.

- Revel is a class B DMV registered motor vehicle, and speed is throttled at 30 mph.
- They screen every user. Age must be 21+, have a valid driver's license, and clean driving history.
- They provide the maximum 3rd Party Liability insurance permitted by the NYS Board of Insurance.

John White, representative for Revel, stated the following:

- Client's sign up in the App.-
- They need a valid driver's license and a clean driver's history for the last 5 years - (a picture is taken of the driver's license), and a selfie, and driver's must be over 21, and have a credit card.
- They locate the nearest Revel, and reserve a ride wherever they need to go. The Revel service area spans anywhere in Queens area and Brooklyn, but one needs to start their ride from Revel's service area. Community Board 2, the ride would need to begin in Long Island City, and you cannot end your ride past 39th Street in Woodside/Sunnyside. The Revel Transit area does travel from Astoria to Sunset Park, 38th Street, from the East River to Crown Heights. The ride ends in Astoria Blvd.-Steinway.

John White stated that Revel Transit launched an Equitable Access Program in June 2019, which offers riders on public assistance a 40% discount off standard pricing.

John White stated how the organization demonstrated how the mopeds work to local Council Members Office and Police precincts.

John White stated that the organization is a local employer. They now have over 200 employees. They work on 8 hour shifts.

- They offer benefits & on-the-job training in Electric Vehicle Technology.
- They pay above NYS mandatory minimum wage for hourly employees.

John White stated that Revel's goal is to provide safety.

- Two helmets are provided with each Revel moped and they are mandatory.
- They offer lessons 7 days a week at their Gowanus, Brooklyn headquarters, and
- Frequently offer weekend lessons in a variety of neighborhoods.

John White stated that Revel believes that they provide a greener way to ride and reduces car usage in cities. They stated:

- They are the largest operator of Electric Vehicles in North America.
- 51% of all car trips in NYC are 3 miles or less.
- Their trips are around 3-5 miles on average.
- 65% of users surveyed would have taken a rideshare vehicle if Revel was not an option.

John White reported that Revel Transit has received positive responses.

John White expressed that tonight Revel Transit's purpose was to introduce Revel Transit to Community Board 2.

There were many questions from the Transportation Committee. Discussions include:

There was a concern with Revel Transit attempting to take away business from citibike and the green taxicabs.

A discussion occurred regarding Revel Transit being unregulated, and that one doesn't need permission from anyone to exist. There are no regulations. Any regulations are self-imposed.

Example-Revel will not go to Manhattan but are interested in expanding.

An inquiry arose as to how Revel prevents theft of the vehicle. John White stated that vehicles are not stolen that often, and it is usually because the vehicle is left unlocked.

A question was asked how long a battery lasts. John White stated 50 miles.

An inquiry arose as to the percentage of safety with the mopeds. John White stated that there was an over 99.9% safety record in over one million rides.

Thomas Mituzas thanked John White and Carol Antunez for their informative presentation. A copy of the presentation is attached. Please see Attachment 1 – January 6, 2020 – Presentation to Community Board 2 by Revel Transit.

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

John O'Neill, DOT, was unable to attend the Transportation Meeting.
Thomas Mituzas provided the following information regarding updates:

Blissville

Bradley Avenue (Van Dam to Greenpoint) request to study signal sequencing DOT-434602-K3TB. – Still open with engineering as of 12/2/19.

- This item is still pending.

Blissville Flag pole continue discussion.

- Although the agenda indicated that funding for the Blissville Flag pole has been secured, there was no definite word on whether funding has actually been secured yet. We will await verification.

Sunnyside

39th Street between Northern Blvd. and Queens Blvd. refurbish markings DOT-424200-Z9Q7. Follow-up on when the marking will be refurbished – marking season over so we must follow up in the Spring.

- Ms. Markell Kleinert stated that no update was provided. CB 2 will follow up.

Woodside

Update on lighting under BOE at 61st Street and Laurel Hill Blvd. Lighting Unit is working to resolve this issue as of 12/2/19.

- Ms. Markell Kleinert advised that The Lighting Unit of DOT is working to resolve this issue. Last update provided was 12/2/19.

Lighting request at 39th Avenue and 58th Street for PS361. DOT – 433628-P9H7 – Review will open as of 12/2/19.

- Ms. Markell Kleinert advised that this issue is still open with DOT.

Speed Cushion request on 58th Street from 39th Avenue to Woodside Avenue. DOT433629-RSM3 – Still under review as of 12/2/19.

- Ms. Markell Kleinert advised that this issue is with DOT and is still under review. No further updates were provided.

Thomas Mituzas reported that the installation of the speed cushions on Review Avenue in Blissville have made a positive difference, slowing down truck traffic in the area. He is appreciative to DOT.

Request for Speed Camera 57th Street and Woodside Avenue – DOT-435474-Q3F1 – Approved. Follow up for install schedule.

- This issue is still under review. No further updates were provided.

Request for signal at Woodside Avenue and 62nd Street (intersection near LIRR entrance) – DOT-438539-K3C0.

- No further updates were provided. It is still under review.

Discussion of request for speed hump on 43rd Street between 50th Avenue and Laurel Hill Blvd. (DOT-379754-N4B9).

- No further updates were provided. It is still under review.

Long Island City

Bike rack request on Center Blvd. in front of the Hunters Point Library. DOT-434610-Z4G6 – open with borough engineering.

- No further updates were provided. It is still under review.

5th Street and 49th Avenue to restore parking – DOT 434606X8F0 – denied for turning radius.

- Ms. Markell Kleinert stated that a new request will be needed for this issue in the future.

46th Road and Jackson Avenue – No left turn request – DOT434607-G9J4 – study due at the end of January.

- Study due at the end of January. No new updates at this time.

Discussion of request for Traffic Study around Anable Basin.
48th Avenue to Anable Basin – 438540V4T4.

- No new updates at this time.

Glacial Rock NSA Request.

A discussion occurred regarding this issue. Parking was removed from this area. Signage was requested because people are stopping here illegally.

Request for the return of parking spots on the south side of 48th Avenue between Vernon Blvd. and 11th Street – DOT-442293-J7J6.

- No update was provided regarding this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Continue to follow up requests to review regulation changes for all 12/14 hours meters to 4 hours within CB 2.

- CB 2 will continue to follow up on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of the Mayor's Green Wave Plan

There was an attempt to have a conversation regarding the Mayor's Green Wave Plan, adding several miles of protected bike paths. The Transportation Committee wanted to know if there was any update. It was determined that as far as the Transportation Committee knew, John O'Neill, DOT, had reported that the Mayor's Green Wave Plan is a plan without any specifics at this time. A follow up was suggested to try to determine when there will be any specifics to report regarding this issue.

Discussion of MTA Bus Plan

Thomas Mituzas reported on the MTA Release of Draft Plan for redrawing Queens Bus Routes. The Transportation Committee was encouraged to attend a public workshop in which MTA will be accepting feedback on Wednesday, February 4, 2020. The workshop will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Jacob Riis Settlement at 10-25 41st Avenue, Long Island City, New York 11101.

Sink Hole on 49th Avenue and 42nd Street

It was reported that the sink hole that existed on 49th Avenue and 42nd Street has been filled.

Ms. Markell Kleinert reminded all to check the website for any current and updated DDC information.

Thomas Mituzas thanked all for attending the Transportation Committee Meeting and stated that the next Transportation Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joan Bergman/Debra Markell Kleinert

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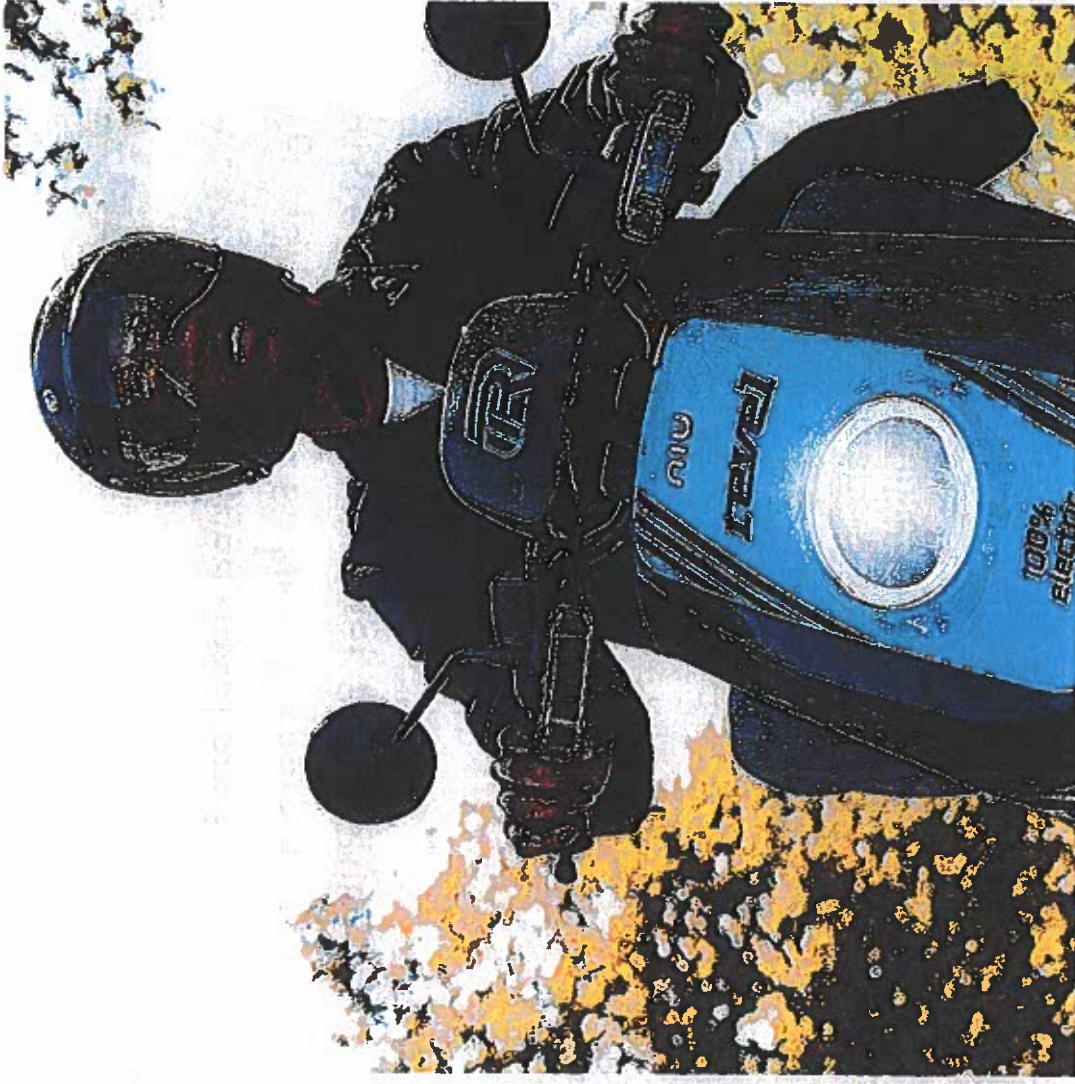
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REVEL

MOPEDS

Connecting communities

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Mopeds



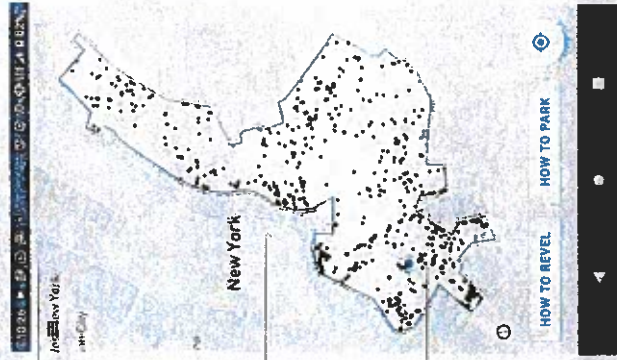
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How Revel works



Reserve and ride
wherever you
need to go!

1. Sign up in the App
Need driver's license + selfie
+ over 21 + credit card

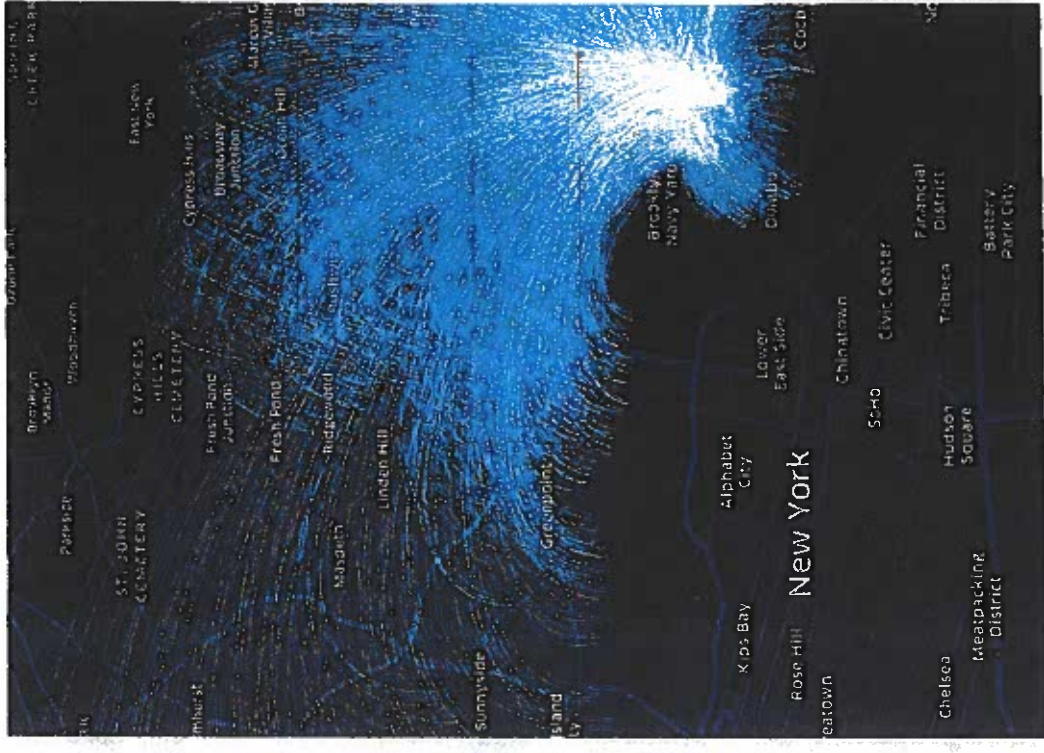
2. Locate nearest Revel

Revel is All About Equity

We want to make sure cost is not a barrier to using Revel.

That is why we launched an **Equitable Access Program** in June, which offers riders on public assistance with a 40% discount off standard pricing.

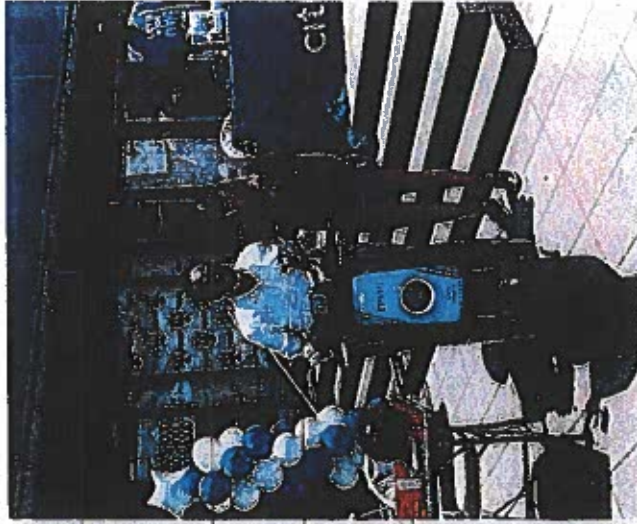
Over \$60,000 has been saved by Revel riders who signed up for the Access Program to date



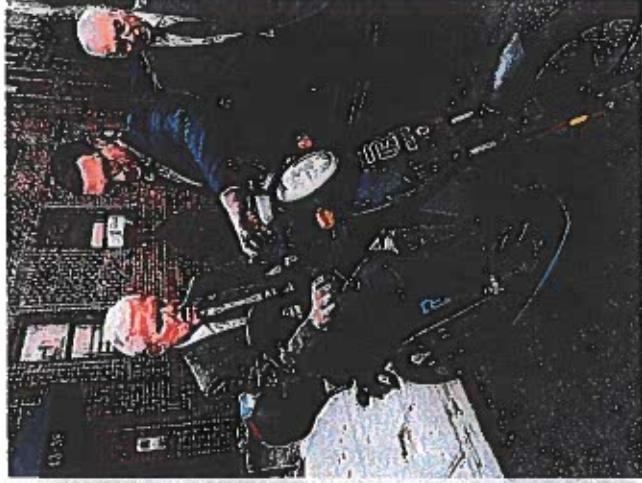
User Trips to Job Centers

Who are we?

A good community member



Participating in Councilman
Cornegy's Shared Economy
Weekend in BedStuy



Introducing Councilman Van
Bramer to the Revel in Queens



Partnering with Police Precincts
around our service area

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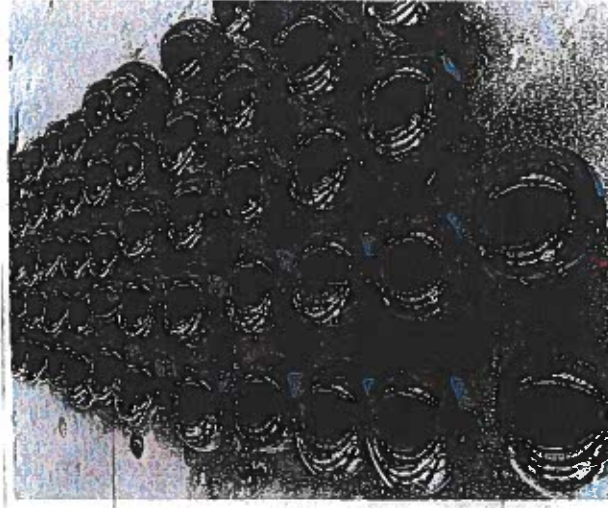
A local employer.



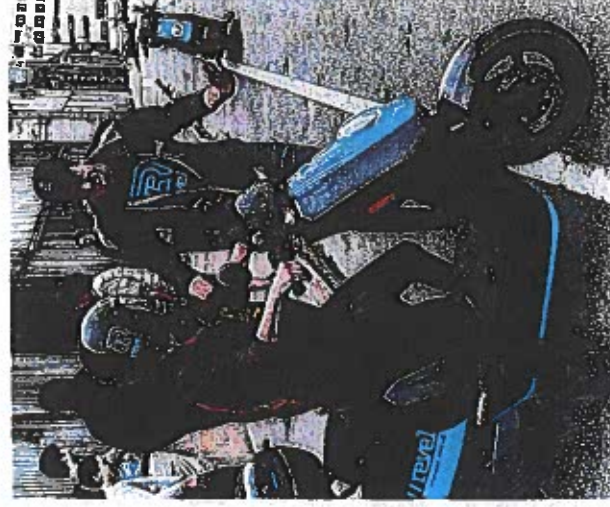
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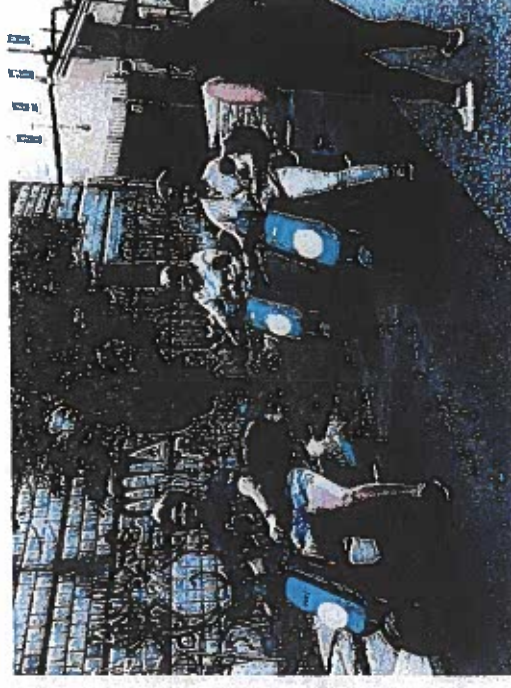
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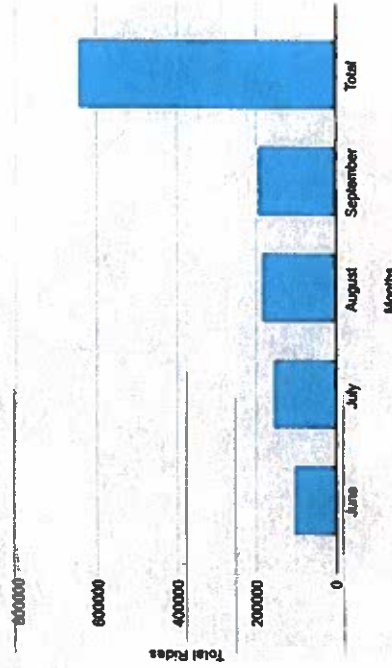
Every city is trying to break car culture. Every DOT in every city in the United States is trying to do that every day. Revel can be one small piece of a much larger puzzle - Frank Reig



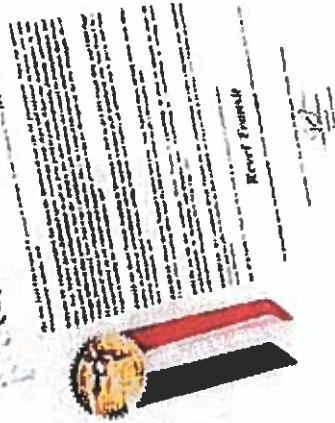
Response has been incredible

In just the first month, tens of thousands of new users joined our service

Rides June to September



Declaration



CUSTOMER REVIEWS

"Shockingly easy to use, incredible customer service, and neighborhood-to-neighborhood no-brainer. So glad it's here, it better be to stay."

"Best customer service I've ever experienced, ever."

"I never knew how much fun and exciting it would be until I got on it and I love it, I can see this company going far."

We're here to work hand-in-hand with our communities

Call or email us anytime with questions,
concerns, or if you want to take a test ride!

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