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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held in person and teleconferenced on Zoom

Transportation Committee Members - Present

Anatole Ashraf, (PV), Reilly Owens, Morry Galonoy (PV), Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos (PV), Thomas Mituzas, Laura Shepard

Transportation Committee Members – Absent

Osman Chowdhury, Oumaya Saab

Transportation Committee Public Members – Present

Patricia Pan, Corey Hannigan

Community Board 2 Public Members – Present

Fanny Chang

Community Board 2 Staff

*Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager,
MaryAnn Gurrado, Community Coordinator*

Department of City Planning

Hye-Kyung Yan, Katie Crawford

Guests

David Kupferberg, Passengers United

Christopher Penafort
Yolanda Jiminez
Marlene Dodes Callahan
Laurie Diaz
Barry Druss

Public Comments – Comments by Community Members (1 Minute) up to ten minutes

David Kupferberg, VP Bus Advocacy, Passengers United discussed the following:

The MTA release of the Proposed Final Plan Addendum on December 17, 2024. The MTA is slated to approve it at their Committee Meetings on January 27, 2025, and the Board Meeting on January 29, 2025.

- MQ92 operate between Astoria and Manhattan via 21st Street and the Queens Midtown Tunnel operate all times on a trial basis. Q32 proposed final plan to operate at all times.
- Q101, B62 no route, service, or span changes.

Laurie Diaz, Club Manager, LIC discussed the following:

Tennis and Pickleball Club is located on 13-06 Queens Plaza South. There is an increased amount of stagnant vehicles on both sides of Queens Plaza South in front of their business which do not allow clients to park. She reported 13th Street is filthy and there are no receptacles for trash. There are homeless individuals sitting in front of their business.

Dylan Brown, LIC Business Improvement District reported he is working with Laurie Diaz and discussed the issue of abandoned vehicles and long term companies leaving box trucks taking up parking and the illegal parking of vehicles on the sidewalks.

Barry Druss discussed the congestion pricing issue. Many new buildings going up in Manhattan, and many more cars will come through the neighborhood bringing more traffic than we ever had. He discussed bike racks and bike lanes.

Department of City Planning to present Street Mapping Actions.

Katie Crawford presented the Long Island City Neighborhood Plan (Attachment #1)

- Announced this is the exact presentation she provided to the Land Use & Housing Committee in December.
- She discussed the street mapping actions and agency polling process
- Discussed Shared Goal 2: Invest in existing parks and deliver new open space along the waterfront and in the core that is high quality, resilient sustainable and accessible
- Create legible public access to the waterfront

- Account for a variety of potential site planning outcomes that would strengthen connectivity to the waterfront.
- Bring all mapped streets up to basic standard.
- DSOW Actions to create flexibility: modify Northern Hunters Point WAP, Street Mapping actions.
- Discussed the loop road.
- Discussed Existing Street Network
- Waterfront Framework – Create legible and connected public access along the waterfront
- Account for a variety of potential site planning outcomes that would strengthen connectivity to the waterfront.
- Bring all mapped streets up to basic dimensional standards.
- Agency Polling – Required for applications that would result in a city map change.
- Sent to local CB, relevant city agencies, and public utilities for feedback on the proposed infrastructure and its operations.
- Polling Letter: describes proposed actions, project background, project description.
- Discussed timing.
- Discussed Draft Technical Drawing.
- Next Steps.

Q & A

Department of Transportation

Joseph Patti provided an update on the following:

Debra Markell Kleinert requested the Honeywell Bridge and 39th Street bridges between Skillman Avenue and Northern Boulevard be cleared of snow and ice as CB 2 received complaints of icy conditions.

- Queensboro Bridge South Outer walkway.
- Green Asphalt

Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos reported it is difficult to hear the meeting on Zoom and offered to donate two wireless microphones to the CB 2 Office.

Corey Hannigan made a motion to accept the offer of a donation of microphones and it was seconded by Laura Shepard and Morry Galonoy. All were in favor by a show of hands.

Tom Mituzas made a motion to table this motion after the Transportation Committee Meeting and it was seconded by Reilly Owens. All were in favor.

Anatole Ashraf stated he appreciates everyone trying to solve this problem and that by next month's Transportation Committee Meeting he hopes to resolve the issue and will make the time to stop by the office.

Anatole Ashraf reminded all board members to submit their board member application and encouraged Corey Hannigan to submit his application for board membership.

Reilly Owens requested copies of the Heart of the District: Community Priorities for Northern Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue be sent out to all the Board Members.

He discussed this project and the future of the major corridors. Street safety is very important and a number one issue is making the street safer, implement traffic calming measures, create more protected bike lanes and improve the pedestrian experience.

Reilly Owens discussed the MTA Briefing on the #7 line timeline,

- 61st Street Station to finish and once they finish, they will work on their other station.
- Overall completion date is February 2026 of all stations 52nd, 61st and 69th Street
- 61st Street express track is estimated to be completed - Quarter 2 of this year
- 52nd, 61st and 69th Street stations are projected to begin quarter 2 2025 on the Manhattan bound side and finish quarter 4 2025.
- Flushing bound side will begin then and finish 2nd quarter 2026.
- Regrid and restored infrastructure painting and did the concrete on mezzanine and platform. The same work will happen at our stations and 52nd Street is in poor shape.
- By February of next year, we should have completely renewed stations.

Anatole Ashraf provided an update on the human pigeon deterrents.

A discussion took place concerning the property by Van Dam Street. Anatole Ashraf reported this is being handled.

New Business:

Laura Shepard made a motion, and it was seconded by Corey Hannigan to send a letter to agencies and elected officials DOT, NYPD, and DOS requesting steel or concrete bollards at the edge of the sidewalk at the top 10 blocks with the most 311 reports of illegal parking complaints

All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and no abstentions.

Corey Hannigan made a motion, and it was second by Laura Shepard to send a letter to elected officials, DOT, NYPD and DOS to request metered parking at the top 10 blocks with the highest number of 311 illegal parking complaints with the top 10 blocks with the highest number of 311

illegal parking complaints to address the chronic illegal use of public parking on public street space.

All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and no abstentions.

The committee agreed to forward the 10 ten locations.

Laura Shepard made a motion, and it was seconded by Corey Hannigan asking the DOT and the MTA to study solar or environmentally sustainable enhanced lighting on Roosevelt Avenue underneath the #7 Train Trestle in CB 2 in order to improve street safety and visibility for everyone in light of the findings from the Heart of the District.

All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and no abstentions.

Yolanda Jimenez discussed the following:

- Center Boulevard and the 17 cars that are parked there that are owned by two individuals on 50th Avenue and 47th.
- There are rats and garbage, and the Department of Sanitation is unable to clean the area.
- Reported they have spent a lot of time on this issue.
- A quality-of-life sign was recommended on 50th Avenue between 47th and 48th.
- She has coordinated a number of walk throughs and stated the DOT recommended a quality-of-life sign for no parking from 10pm to 7am.
- Has petitions with over 1000 signatures. This is a real concern that has not been addressed.

Anatole Ashraf reported that as per the charter and procedurally this issue cannot be reintroduced. The Committee requested that she come up with a different ask.

A discussion followed and a recommendation was made to modify the request for 11pm to 8:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
MA Gurrado

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