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## **Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**This meeting was held in person and teleconferenced on Zoom**

### **Transportation Committee Members - Present**

*Anatole Ashraf, Chairperson, CB 2, Reilly Owens, Chair, Osman Chowdhury, Morry Galonoy (PV),  
Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos (PV), Oumaya Saab, Ryan Smith (PV)*

### **Transportation Committee Members – Absent**

### **Transportation Committee Public Members – Present**

*Corey Hannigan, Patricia Pan*

### **Community Board 2 Staff**

*Debra Markell Kleinert, MaryAnn Gurrado*

### **Elected Officials/Representatives**

*Julissa Garcia, Representing Council Member Won*

### **Department of Transportation**

*Joseph Patti*

### **Guests**

*Sean Crowley, Eric Fisban, Lenoble Lumber, Matt Seckler, Stonefield Engineering & Design, LLC  
(PV), Arthur Goldstein (PV), Andrew Simon, Jr., Keith Kalb, Henry Smith,*

### **Public Comments**

*Sofia Barandarian*

Reilly Owens, Chair, Transportation Committee welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Ryan Smith, new committee member who recently joined the Transportation Committee.

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

*Sofia Barandarian spoke in support of the Blissville Greenway.*

### **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

Debra Markell Kleinert reported on the following:

- Discussed safety concerns at 58<sup>th</sup> Street and Queens Boulevard heading westbound. When traveling westbound from the middle lane going to the service road, it is very dangerous and in need of safety improvements. DOT responded they will investigate this location.
- Reported Laura Shepard former Chair of the Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee and Transportation Committee Member has a new position at the Queens Borough President's Office as the Parks and Transportation liaison. She thanked her for her service on Community Board 2.

Reilly Owens also thanked Laura Shepard for her advocacy on the Transportation Committee.

- Reported that she had a meeting with the new commanding officer at the 108<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, Captain Armani. She discussed and requested enforcement of the locations within the CB 2 district where vehicles are double parking and parking on the sidewalks.

Reilly Owens encouraged everyone that if they see someone double parking or parking on the sidewalk to contact 311 and report it to the CB 2 Office.

### **Discussion on the Dedicated Bicycle Lane on Review Avenue**

Sean Crowley, Davidoff, Hutcher & Citron LLP introduced his colleagues:

- *Matt Seckler, Stonefield Engineering (PV)*
- *Arthur Goldstein (PV)*
- *Matt Dinestag, Lenoble Lumber*
- *Eric Fisban, Lenoble Lumber*

Reilly Owens reported that the DOT has prepared a design for Review Avenue and Borden Avenue and connecting avenues as part of the Blissville Greenway and the design is complete, but an injunction was filed to pause it, and we are hearing from businesses on Review Avenue and how they feel about it and their argument about it.

Reilly Owens reported this is an ongoing court case and the DOT representative Joseph Patti would not be able to address any questions.

Sean Crowley, an attorney with Davidoff, Hutcher & Citron, LLC provided a copy of the engineering report from Stonefield Engineering and Design, LLC ("Stonefield"). He has done consulting work for Lenoble and other businesses along Review Avenue. He reported they are not against the Blissville Greenway. They understand the value of the greenway and the expansion. They are seeking to communicate with the Community Board to ask the Board to join them to ask DOT to take a serious look at the sidewalk pedestrian bike pathway on the north side of Review Avenue with a genuine traffic study examining all the alternatives under the circumstances that exist in this industrial business development zone, knowing that it is on a traffic truck route. It is important that the community know that the DOT never did a traffic study in relation to this.

They hired Stonefield Engineering as this issue is now in court. They have an alternative in mind they believe is appropriate. They conducted their own study and determined it was feasible to use the sidewalk as a dedicated bike lane which they believe needs to be studied.

They are imploring the DOT to explore all options and to be thoughtful as other areas in the city.

Matt Seckler, Stonefield Engineering and Design, LLC provided a power point presentation on the Traffic Operations Assessment Memorandum and the Proposed Review Avenue Geometric Improvements.

Matt Dinestag, Lenoble Lumber provided the history of his organization and reported that the whole stretch of Review Avenue has doubled parked vehicles and there is not enough parking when people are making pick-ups and deliveries and have to stay there until parking is available. He stated his company has over 120 employees who live in the area, some employees drive and bike to work. They have never been opposed to bike lanes. Wants to make sure bike lanes are safe not only for bicyclists and pedestrians but also for businesses. The interests of all stakeholders have to be considered. He discussed that he and other businesses were forced to bring a lawsuit which was not to stop the bike lane but to have a comprehensive study for how it relates to all stakeholders and make it safe for cyclists and pedestrians. This is an industrial business area.

A judge has issued a temporary restraining order, and they are still waiting for the final decision.

Reilly Owens thanked everyone and stated that he was appreciative to hear from the businesses.

## Q & A

Joseph Patti, Department of Transportation provided the following update:

- Crescent Street request to change the diagonal markings and expand the sidewalk. Case number DOT-516190-R6K9). DOT reported they are still working on the final drawings and figuring out curb cuts. There will be movement this year. Will provide more updates at future meetings.
- DOT is looking at some of the right turns on 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue – there is an active conversation with the Bike Unit. They are taking an area-wide look at both Skillman Avenue and 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue as to which turns can be updated. The DOT is hoping to get to it this year.
- Safety redesign on 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue the location where a child was killed. This is a future capital project and part of the safe routes to school program. Things are moving forward. Will provide more updates.
- There is an active study on 60<sup>th</sup> Street and 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue – this is a longer-term study. Still active. All Way Stop signs were installed.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 65<sup>th</sup> Place – this is still an active study.
- 54<sup>th</sup> Street and 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue – this is still an active study.
- 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension is with the Bike Unit. It will be a street improvement project for the summer.
- DOT reported on the narrow pedestrian path and bike path on Queens Boulevard approaching Northern Boulevard and Queens Plaza. DOT has been working with the construction management office and the actual developer for this site that has the fence up against the sidewalk. Keeping them to implementing more updated drawings of the sidewalk to organize the bike and ped space a little more. There is only so much space to work there. More updated markings there.
- Provided an update about bike racks and will send a list.
- 46<sup>th</sup> Street and QB, 44<sup>th</sup> Road and 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Skillman Avenue and 50<sup>th</sup> Street and LaGuardia Community College on Skillman Avenue and 29<sup>th</sup> Street.
- A discussion about Green Asphalt took place.
- Queens Borough Bridge south outer walkway will be done at the end of quarter one.
- Queens Boulevard bike lane near Thomson Avenue – this is still in design.

The committee discussed the following:

- Safety concerns heading west on Queens Boulevard and turning onto 48<sup>th</sup> Street. A suggestion was made for a wait signal. DOT will bring this to the project team for review. The team is still monitoring Queens Boulevard.

- Request for a feasibility study for safety improvements on 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Greenpoint and 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue. DOT will need a letter from CB 2.
- The bus stop on Queens Boulevard and 44<sup>th</sup> Street was discussed as it is very dangerous as it is behind temporary barriers because of the construction at the train station and so bus riders have to pass over the bus lane into the roadway. DOT reported this bus stop is being relocated as part of the network redesign and does not expect it to be a permanent stop in the condition it is in. Will follow up on this.

Reilly Owens provided an update on the plot of land at 49-39 Van Dam Street that thanked Council Member Won for her advocacy. He reported that we do not want to give away any green space and to pass this message up. DOT will make this clear.

- Provided an update on the Blissville Greenway.

Reilly Owens spoke about Council Member Julie Won's Office having published the Heart of the District, a report which was a survey and future planning for Roosevelt Avenue, Northern Boulevard. The neighborhoods in between, specifically Roosevelt Avenue, a lot of what survey respondents said, is that they want safer pedestrian infrastructure, safer crossings, and safer bike infrastructure.

DOT reported there is a lot of research going on. The teams are aware that there is a bit more push for safety there.

Reilly Owens reported that he would like to see more pedestrianization, especially where Roosevelt Avenue and Woodside converge up in the 50's to the 60's and especially around 61<sup>st</sup> Street Woodside Station which is a major train station serving the LIRR.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting was adjourned:

Respectfully submitted by:  
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