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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held in person and teleconferenced on Zoom

Committee Members Present:

Reilly Owens, Chair
Isabella Bustamante
Osman Chowdhury
Morry Galonoy
Randy Plemel (PV)

Committee Members Absent:

Ryan Smith

Public Members Present:

Patricia Pan

Committee Members Excused:

Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos
Corey Hannigan

Guests

Theresa Cottone, Council Member Won's Office
Joe Patti, NYC DOT
Elaine Hsieh, NYC DOT
Haley Collins, CB2 Resident
Francesca Peron Victor, CB2 Resident
Mariette Booth, CB2 Resident
Jonathan Suarez, CB2 Resident
Doug Korman, CB2 Resident
Kevin Slesinsky, CB2 Resident
Brian Kramer, CB2 Resident

YouTube Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aesbTRfgoas&t=1s>
Time (Approximate, from YouTube Video)

00:00:18 Reilly Owens, Chair of the Transportation Committee, welcomed everyone to the committee meeting.

00:00:52 Public Comments

CB2 residents made public comments, including the following:

- Concerns regarding a crosswalk at 21-23 49th Avenue in Long Island City that requires repainting and presents safety issues due to missing cameras and curb cuts.
- A request for speed bumps and replacement of missing "No Through Traffic" signs on 38th Street between 48th Avenue and Greenpoint Avenue due to speeding in the area.
- A request for clearer signage on the pedestrian path of the Queensboro Bridge to improve safety and help prevent pedestrians from being struck by e-bikes.
- A proposal to transform a derelict space beneath the Long Island Railroad into a park.

0:20:25 Public E-Bike Charging Program Presentation

A PowerPoint presentation was provided ([click here to view](#)) outlining the Public E-Bike Charging Program. The presentation included community feedback received to date, details on proposed e-bike battery-swapping cabinets, timeline information, and opportunities for public feedback.

- Two proposed locations in CB2 were identified for e-bike battery-swapping cabinet sites:
 - 11th Street at 46th Road, Southeast Corner (46-27 11th Street, Long Island City, NY 11101)
 - 44th Drive at Jackson Avenue, North Block (25-29 44th Drive, Long Island City, NY 11101)
- Q&A
- **Update:** NYC DOT extended the Public E-Bike Charging Program [Feedback Portal](#) deadline to August 31, 2026, to allow additional time for public comments.

1:08:55 Center Boulevard, Second Street, 57th Avenue, and 54th Avenue Street Redesign Presentation

A PowerPoint presentation was provided ([click here to view](#)) regarding proposed transportation infrastructure changes on Center Boulevard, Second Street, 57th Avenue, and 54th Avenue in CB2. The following information was provided:

- Requests from residents, elected officials, and city agencies were received to address traffic, parking, and truck access concerns in the Center Boulevard and Hunters Point South area.
- The proposed plan would convert portions of existing travel lanes into legal parking lanes, creating approximately 90 new parking spaces through a mix of metered parking with two-hour and twelve-hour time limits.

- The proposal aims to improve traffic flow, increase parking availability, enhance enforcement, and improve truck turning movements.
- Next steps include refining the proposal based on community feedback, with potential implementation in the summer or fall 2026.
- Q&A

1:52:54 DOT Updates

Joseph Patti of NYC DOT provided the following updates:

- DOT's Roadway Repair and Maintenance Unit confirmed that it is no longer using the Green Asphalt Co LLC facility.
- Construction of the bus boarding island at 39th Street and Queens Boulevard is mostly complete. DOT will follow up with Sunnyside Community Services regarding its expected operation and provide an update to CB2.
- DOT will follow up on the school safety project at 51st Street and Northern Boulevard, including proposed changes to left turns and the concrete median.
- Q&A

2:40:19 Motions

2:42:20 Reilly Owens made a motion to support DOT's Public E-Bike Battery Charging Program as presented at the Committee meeting ([click here to view the Presentation](#)). The motion was seconded by Morry Galonoy. Three committee members voted in favor and one voted in opposition. The motion carried.

2:46:12 Reilly Owens introduced a resolution regarding the 39th Street bus stop in CB2 ([click here to view the resolution](#)). The resolution was seconded by Morry Galonoy. All committee members voted in favor. The resolution carried.

2:53:22 Reilly Owens made a motion to support DOT's proposed parking and lane regulations for Center Boulevard, Second Street, 57th Avenue, and 54th Avenue, as presented at the Committee meeting. ([click here to view the motion](#)). The motion was seconded by Morry Galonoy. All committee members voted in favor. The motion carried.

2:57:01 Randy Plemel made a motion to adopt a resolution regarding safety improvements to the Pulaski Bridge protected bike lane approach, which he authored, and Reilly Owens read aloud ([click here to view the resolution](#)). The motion was seconded by Isabella Bustamante. All committee members voted in favor. The motion carried.

3:03:29 A motion to adjourn was made by Morry Galonoy and seconded by Osman Chowdhury. All committee members voted in favor. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rafael Nava