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## Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held in person and teleconferenced on Zoom

**Committee Members Present:**

Reilly Owens, Chair  
Morry Galonoy (PV)  
Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos  
Corey Hannigan (PV)  
Randy Plemel (PV)

**Committee Members Absent:**

Osman Chowdhury  
Ryan Smith

**Committee Public Members Present:**

Patricia Pan

**Community Board Members Present:**

Brad Leibin

**Community Board 2 Staff:**

Rafael Nava, Community Assistant

**Guests**

Council Member Julie Won  
Theresa Cottone, Council Member Won's office  
Noelle Hunter, QueensLink  
Miriam Bensman, QueensLink  
Anthony Barsamian, QueensLink  
Philp Kirkpatrick, Court Square  
Patrick Wise, Court Square  
Ari Gershman, Court Square  
Angel Hart, LIC Partnership  
Jonathan Suarez  
Karen Sheu

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Note: Reference to the YouTube video and the associated time-in-meeting stamps are offered here as a service to community members who wish to review the meeting.

**Time (Approximate, from YouTube Video)**

**YouTube Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEIF8Rcbkyk>

**00:05:35** Reilly Owens, Chair of the Transportation Committee, welcomed everyone to the committee meeting.

**00:06:23** Public Comments - General

Jonathan Suarez, Theresa Cottone, Brad Leibin, and Corey Hannigan each provided public comments.

**00:22:40** Presentation: DDC Capital Project – Court Square HWQ788CS

There was a presentation on a capital project ([Click here to view](#)) in the Court Square Park area. The presentation provided an overview of the project's background, the city agencies involved, and the project timeline. Project objectives include improving pedestrian safety, creating new public space, modernizing the local street network, and upgrading water mains and sewer lines.

**1:01:33** Q&A and Comments following the DDC Capital Project Presentation

Reilly Owens requested that the project include a public restroom.

**1:11:32** DOT Updates

Joseph Patti of DOT provided the following updates:

- Requests for new bicycle facilities on Greenpoint Avenue remain active and are under review by DOT's Research, Implementation, and Safety groups.
- Requests to implement Sammy's Law throughout CB2 Queens remain active and are under review by DOT's Research, Implementation, and Safety groups.
- DOT is in early discussions with its Land Use team and the Parks Department to assess the possibility of creating a public park at Borden Avenue.
- After discussions between DOT and the MTA regarding construction fencing for the MTA project at Queens Boulevard and 46<sup>th</sup> Street, some netting has been removed from the fencing, allowing pedestrians to see the street better.
- DOT will meet with Sunnyside Community Services and the board to discuss the relocation of the bus stop to 39<sup>th</sup> Street and will take into account the need for safety improvements at the location. DOT will provide updates following these discussions.

**1:14:08** Q&A and Comments following the DOT Update

**1:24:37** Presentation: QueensLink

A QueensLink presentation was provided ([Click here to view](#)), which included information from a forthcoming NYU report on the initiative. Information shared included that QueensLink could become Queens' first north-south rail transit line, reduce crowding on existing public transit routes, and create up to 33 acres of new parkland.

**1:49:02** Q&A and Comments following the QueensLink presentation

**2:00:36** Council Member Won said she has never said she's opposed to the project. She added that she supports the idea. Most council members refrain from issuing a position out of respect for the council member who represents the district where a project may take place. Since the project is not in her district, Council Member Won will discuss it with the council member whose district includes the project area.

**QueensLink Requests:**

- Whether CB2 would be willing to write a letter to the MTA, the Mayor, and the Governor in support of QueensLink.
- Whether CB2 could request that Parks, EDC, and the Mayor reconsider plans for the QueensWay project so as not to preclude rail reactivation in light of the new QueensLink study.

**2:43:24**– The committee indicated that it is not prepared to issue a letter of support for QueensLink, as it will continue to do additional research on the initiative before making a decision.

**2:44:54** Motion to Support DDC Capital Project – Court Square HWQ788CS

A motion was made by Reilly Owens in support of the Court Square pedestrianization project as planned. The committee also requested that the project include a public restroom, secure bike parking, and an eastbound contraflow protected bike lane as part of the one-way conversion on Thomson Avenue. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gianutsos. Five committee members were in favor, none opposed, and there were no abstentions.

**2:54:02** Motion to Support Bus Lanes on Queens Boulevard in CB2

A motion was made by Corey Hannigan: "Whereas there's been an increase in residential density along Queens Boulevard, and whereas the city is behind on its legally required minimum miles of protected bus lanes, and whereas CB2 has no miles of protected bus lanes in the district. The committee proposes that the city add a protected / dedicated bus lane on Queens Boulevard throughout CB2's district." The motion was seconded by Dr. Gianutsos. Four committee members were in favor, one opposed, and there were no abstentions.

**3:06:52** 7-Line Repair Updates

Reilly Owens provided an update on a briefing he attended on the Flushing Line State of Good Repairs ([Click here to view](#)). The Manhattan-bound platforms at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, 61<sup>st</sup> Street (excluding the escalator, which has a late Q2 Completion), and 69<sup>th</sup> Street stations have a projected completion date of May 25, 2026. The Flushing-bound platforms at those stations will undergo similar repairs beginning in May 2026.

A motion to adjourn was made by Corey Hannigan, and it was seconded by Randy Plemel. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rafael Nava