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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held in person and teleconferenced on Zoom

Committee Members Present:

Reilly Owens, Chair

Osman Chowdhury

Morry Galonoy

Corey Hannigan

Committee Members Absent:

Ryan Smith

Committee Members Excused:

Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos

Randy Plemel

Community Board Members Present:

Leo Guttman

Bill Murray

Guests

Theresa Cottone, Council Member Won's office

Joseph Patti, NYC DOT

Henry Smith, LIC Partnership

Johnathan Suarez

YouTube Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKl2dfh7XGg>
Time (Approximate, from YouTube Video)

2:46 Reilly Owens, Chair of the Transportation Committee, welcomed everyone to the committee meeting.

3:47 Public Comment

- Henry Smith of the LIC Partnership spoke about issues affecting the community, including Ryder trucks parking poorly throughout CB2. He noted that while enforcement has been pursued, it has not addressed the issue. He requested that CB2 sign onto a letter of support that the LIC Partnership has drafted to address these issues. He also raised additional concerns, including the impact of the B62 bus redesign on commuters, and shared several lighting requests he has submitted.
- Oumaya Saab shared that there is no curb cut on 51st Street, making it difficult for people who rely on wheelchairs to go to the nearby supermarket.

34:58 DOT Update

Joseph Patti of DOT provided the following update:

- DOT will follow up with its Car Share team to see if there are any future plans for car share expansion in the district.
- CB2's request for a 20-mph district-wide speed limit is an active case under review by DOT's Research, Implementation, and Safety group.
- DOT continues to build bus boarding islands along Queens Boulevard, including in Sunnyside, to improve bus stop reliability.
- DOT has begun conversations with NYC Parks to create a park at the Borden Avenue street end.
- As part of the second phase of the Borden Avenue redesign project, DOT will begin outreach with local stakeholders and share updates with the committee.
- An update on whether DOT is still working with Green Asphalt Co LLC will be provided at a future committee meeting.
- DOT is reviewing CB2's contraflow bike lane request near Court Square East and Thomson Avenue. The Public Realm Unit and the NYC Department of Design and Construction will look at how to incorporate the Board's requests into the Court Square redesign.
- Electric vehicle charging stations are located under several 7-train stations, including at 33rd Street.
- DOT is proposing a bus boarding island at 39th Street and Queens Boulevard as part of its Queens Boulevard project and in coordination with the MTA. If built, DOT will also implement safety improvements on 39th Street, including a pedestrian corner extension. Additional improvements may include a midblock crossing.
- There are no updates on the Kosciuszko Bridge. DOT will keep the committee updated on any developments.
- Traffic signal approval at 60th Street and 37th Avenue is dependent on signal contracts.

- DOT's Bike Team is evaluating potential improvements along Woodside Avenue, including near 39th Road.
- DOT's Construction Management Office will review the offset yellow bumps on the Queens Boulevard bridge near Sunnyside Yards and push for their removal due to safety concerns.
- DOT will look into why IS 125 was not included among the schools whose surrounding areas have a 15-mph speed limit.
- Roosevelt Avenue between 49th Street and 56th Street will be assessed by DOT for potential resurfacing.

QueensLink Discussion

1:43:52 Committee members discussed QueensLink ([Click to view the March 3, 2026, presentation](#) and [April 9, 2026, presentation](#)).

1:54:00 Although the committee did not have a quorum, members present expressed unanimous preference for the QueensLink proposal over QueensWay and indicated support for QueensWay insofar as it can accommodate rail activation.

2:02:33 The committee plans to repurpose a letter of support drafted by QueensLink representatives, including a request that NYC Parks, NYCEDC, and the Mayor reconsider plans for the QueensWay project so as not to preclude future rail activation. The committee also plans to include that QueensLink can help reduce crowding on public transportation, is expected to have approximately 75,000 daily riders based on a 2025 NYU ridership study, and could help improve connectivity within the borough. The committee may also add that existing public transportation is strained and that the OneLIC rezoning will add further pressure.

Additional Discussion

2:10:41 Reilly Owens provided updates on a meeting he attended with NYCEDC regarding the Hunter's Point Ferry ([Click here to view the presentation](#)).

2:29:00 While the relocation is expected for the Q32/Q60 bus stop from 39-01 Queens Boulevard to across 39th Street, the committee will continue to advocate for safety improvements at the new location. The committee will also seek future capital funding to return the stop to its original location.

A motion to adjourn was made by Corey Hannigan, and it was seconded by Osman Chowdhury.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rafael Nava