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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

This meeting was teleconferenced on Zoom

Transportation Committee Members – Present

Tom Mituzas, Danielle Brecker, Osman Chowdhury, Morry Galonoy, Reilly Owens, Laura Shepard, Mary Torres

Transportation Committee Members – Absent

Sheila Lewandowski,

Community Board 2 Members – Present

Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos, Caroline Spitzer

Transportation Committee Public Members

Seth Slade, Patricia Pan

Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager

MaryAnn Gurrado

Elected Officials/Representatives

Tenzin Tseyang, Representing Council Member Julie Won

NYC Department of Transportation

Jason Banrey

108th Police Precinct

Police Officer Torres

Guests

Evan Katz

Tom Mituzas welcomed everyone to the meeting. Tom requested each member provide their goals and reasons of why they wanted to participate on the Transportation Committee.

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

Police Officer Torres provided the following update:

UPDATE BY 108TH POLICE PRECINCT ON TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

- Traffic Calming issues – Blissville – PD reported A summonses were issued, which include sidewalk and commercial overnight parking and cars that have no plates, and 4 B summonses were issued.
- Van Dam and Bradley Avenue Auto Body Shops – PD issued reported 11 A summonses were issued.
- Crescent Street between 43rd Avenue and 44th Road – enforcement needed (triple parking). PD reported 10 A summonses were issued for double parking and blocking the sidewalk.
- 37th Street between Bradley Avenue and Starr Avenue – Enforcement of cars coming down the wrong direction – Request for a Camera? PD reported 7 A summonses were issued and 5 B summonses were issued for failure to yield pedestrians and running red lights.

The committee discussed the following issues:

Issue of defaced license plates and that all vehicles be identifiable. PD reported they issue two types of summonses:

- A summons is for missing plates or plates that are defaced or covered and or scratched off cars that are parked.
- B summons is for a moving violation which is issued when the car is in motion and when someone is driving the vehicle with a defaced plate.

A request for enforcement at the following locations was made:

- Trucks going down street where they are not permitted. The only areas allowed are Review Avenue, Van Dam Street, Greenpoint Avenue and Borden Avenue. A request was made for DOT for signage of No thru Truck Traffic on 37th Street 35th, 34th, Starr Avenue and Gale Avenue.
- 48th Street between Northern Boulevard and 37th Avenue as there is persistent double parking and the bike lane is often blocked and there is triple parking.
- Roosevelt between 58th Street and 63rd Street, as there is persistent double-parking and speeding.
- 37th Avenue from 69th Street to Woodside Avenue, double parking on both sides of the street.

- 37th Avenue 54th and 55th Street auto body shops are parking on the sidewalk.

PD reported they will conduct enforcement at these locations.

DOT – DISTRICT WIDE

- Provide an update on the Queensboro bridge pedestrian cyclist lane. CB2 is requesting an expedited timeline. (CB2 provided a letter and CB 2 is looking for a response to the CB 2 Letter)
- Provide an update on the clear markings along the Northern Blvd. Protected Bike Lane Path.
- TC response to rejection of DOT response that meters will remain as is... review regulation changes for all 12/14-hour meters to 4 hours within CB 2. (DOT-481113-J7B9)
- Provide update on Open Restaurants. Requesting Formal Guidelines with criteria and fee schedules)
- Provide an update on the Citi Bike Share program. What is the process for incorporating and sharing feedback which is due on March 1, 2022. Continue Discussion. The DOT reported they will be continuing Citi Bike installations in the Wynwoode Gardens area and much of Council Member Holden’s section. This will be in finalizing and completing this early this year and will move forward with outreach for CB3 and CB 4. Expansion and infill are nearly close to completion.
- DOT is conducting a Parking Study for Congestion Pricing initiative (DOT-481113-J7B9)
- Provide an update on the mayor Adams 1000 Citywide DOT initiative on intersection improvements and the impact on the CB2 District. (Any intersections within CB 2, What is the process to get on the list) (CB 2 Sent a letter - DOT-566033-Z7L8). As per DOT, the unit is currently reviewing requests and will get back before the end of the year/early next year.
- Provide an update on the new initiative of the Jersey Barriers within CB 2. DOT stated location of Vernon Blvd between 46th and 30th Road. Please provide updated timeline.

REQUEST UPDATES FROM DOT

Blissville

- The Blissville Greenway from K bridge to G bridge along Review Avenue connecting Laurel Hill and Blissville and the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. Councilman Van Bramer has written a letter of support for this community inspired project that is also contained in the CB2s “Top 10” budget priorities. DOT-484255-K7Q6 – Request an update. DOT reported there will be updates coming.
- Request DOT conduct a feasibility study on 37th Street between Review Avenue and Starr Avenue. Change directional and if not approved, add a left turn signal from Review Avenue onto 37th going east. CB2 sent a letter to DOT (DOT-537677-J6D9)
- Maspeth Industrial Business Zone Safety Enhancements part II,
- Request for Inclusion of Intersection of Greenpoint Avenue and Starr Ave as part of Mayor Adams 100 citywide DOT Initiative on Intersection Improvements. (DOT-565909-V4X8 – DOT Letter on November 25, 2022, as per DOT conditions have not changed). Greenpoint Avenue and Starr were not integrated into the 1000 intersections for 2022.

The Committee reported the painted lines on the road have vanished and a request was made to have them refurbished. DOT reported, they will look into getting the markings done as soon as the warm weather returns.

The committee discussed the Complete Streets Program and requested a review of this.

DOT reported that in late December the DOT announced that they successfully made safety improvements at 1,400 intersections, pedestrian deaths are down. In CB 2 it was nearly 20 and will provide this information in writing. Several all-way stops were installed at the following locations:

- Center Boulevard and Borden Avenue
 - 5th Street and 47th Road
 - 42nd Road and Crescent Street
 - 37th Avenue and 54th Street
 - 43rd Avenue and 60th Street
 - 42nd Street and 50th Avenue
 - LPI's were installed at Vernon Blvd at 51st Avenue and 50th Avenue
 - Northern Blvd at 33rd Street and 48th Street
 - Left turn calming treatments at 49th Avenue and 21st, 39th Street and Queens Blvd
 - DOT looked at Greenpoint and Starr and there were two denials last year. They will be opening a new request for Greenpoint and Starr.
 - Daylighting at 44th Drive and 23rd Street
 - 39th Avenue and Barnett Avenue
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- Request for improvements to Van Dam Street and Greenpoint Avenue – In Early October, DOT received a request for improvements at this location and along Greenpoint Avenue bike lane between Brooklyn and Queens. DOT will consider adding connection to the NYC bicycle network as they develop new projects. Will consider adding a connection to the bike network as they develop new projects. There will be a bike meeting will be discussing this, will have more information at the next meeting.
 - “No thru truck traffic signage” - There are only 4 streets in Blissville that allow permit trucks to travel through the street (1) review avenue (2) Greenpoint Avenue (3) Borden Avenue and (4) Van Dam. All other trucks should only be allowed with “truck traffic for local deliveries only” signage. CB 2 is requesting signage alerting trucks of this rule to aid NYPD with enforcement. Specific streets CB2 requests “No thru truck traffic signage” included at 35th Street and 37th Street.

The committee discussed that 37th Street should not have thru truck traffic as does 35th 34th is experiencing thru traffic. DOT will submit this request and provide CB 2 with a tracking number.

The committee discussed the lack of markings at Van Dam Street over Sunnyside Yards on Queens Boulevard going East. DOT cannot restripe during cold weather as it does not take to the ground. DOT will prioritize these and put the request in and will provide a tracking number.

The Committee discussed the condition of the pavement at Queens Boulevard and Skillman Avenue which needs to be resurfaced.

The Committee reported the painted lines on the road (The painted Line Bulb out at Star and Greenpoint) have vanished and a request was made to have them refurbished. DOT reported they will look into getting the markings done as soon as the warm weather returns.

The Committee discussed the Complete Streets program and requested a review of this, specifically after learning that there was in fact, a part 2 coming to Blissville following the Maspeth Industrial Business Zone Safe Enhancements. Tom Mituzas suggested that maybe the Governor's Complete Streets Program that is to pay for 87% of a project that uses complete street methodology could be the answer for Blissville.

Court Square

- Crescent Street request to change the diagonal markings and expand the sidewalk. case number DOT-516190-R6K9. Request update. This is now up for final review with geometric design unit and an update will be provided at the next meeting.
- Request a feasibility study for Crescent Street between 43rd Avenue and 44th Road east side of the street. The DOT has two requests and another request on behalf of the Court Square Civic which is further north of crescent and follow up.

Sunnyside

- CB 2 sent a letter of request for a feasibility study for a slow zone sign and a speed reducer on 38th Street between 48th Avenue and Greenpoint Avenue (10/14/ 2020) Neighborhood slow zone (DOT-478719-Q9P4) Speed Reducer (DOT-478711-P8D2). REQUEST DENIED CB2 is requesting traffic calming measures. DOT is looking into the possibility of a speed camera. A request needs to be within a quarter mile of the school. DOT will open a request for a mobile camera.
- Request for a Feasibility Study for Safety Improvements at 43rd Street and Laurel Hill Blvd at the entrance to the Kosciuszko Bridge Pedestrian and Bike Pathway. (Letter to DOT)

Woodside

- Wynoode Gardens update on Citibike installation. Continuing this month.
- Request to DOT for a One-Way Street conversion on 51st Avenue Between 65th Place and 61st Street. Provide an update. (DOT-464313-T7R8) Open and being evaluated, please provide an update? DOT recently reversed 63rd Street to a northbound operation from 50th Avenue to Laurel Hill Boulevard. Additionally, the agency converted 65th Street to one-way northbound operation from 48th Avenue to Laurel Hill Blvd. According to our traffic, engineering, and planning Unit, both changes have helped curtail the cut through traffic reportedly using 51st Avenue. DOT will continue to monitor.
- Request for feasibility study for a one-way conversion on 50th Avenue between 69th Street and 65th Place. (DOT-483019-P9P2) request an update. DOT is waiting on the Queens Bus Network Redesign process to finish. The Redesign would potentially make alterations to the Q18 bus from 50th Avenue.
- Request an update on traffic control study at 67th Street and Garfield Avenue:
 - Enhanced Crosswalks – Garfield Avenue and 67th Street (DOT-499828-Z0H6) Provide an update based on safety at schools? DOT will follow up on this.
 - Speed Mobile Enforcement – Garfield Avenue and 67th Street (DOT-500207-P9J1) Letter received from DOT concerning fixed speed enforcement program. Provide Implementation schedule? Covered by two fixed speed enforcement cameras within the program one is facing eastbound at 51st Avenue and 71st Street and the other one is

facing eastbound at Maurice Avenue and 67th Street. DOT discussed opening an all way stop request for this location.

- 58th and Laurel Hill Blvd – heading westbound. Complaint that the right lane now only lets you turn right onto 58th and now go straight (DOT-531299-VOV2) Provide an update. DOT is awaiting an update on this and will follow up.
- Request for a Feasibility Study for Safety Improvements on Broadway and 37th Avenue and on 63rd Street to 69th Street near the BQE Exit (DOT-565073-X3Q1). DOT stated response is due early this month.
- Request for a Feasibility Study for Safety Improvements and Traffic Calming Measures on 39th Avenue between Woodside Avenue to 58th Street (DOT-565057-R2T9) DOT is having conversations with School Safety Team, working with Signals Unit and will provide an update.
- Request for a Feasibility Study for the Installation of a Protected Bike Lane on 39th Avenue between Woodside Avenue to Roosevelt Avenue (DOT -565044-C0Y1). DOT reported a bike Meeting will be taking place and a response is being finalized.
- Letter of Support for Citi Bike Docking Stations in District 30 within confines of CB2. (DOT-565063-D7B9). Response is being finalized.
- Request for a Feasibility Study for Safety Improvements at 43rd Street and Laurel Hill Blvd at the entrance to the Kosciuszko Bridge Pedestrian and Bike Pathway (Additional Lighting DOT-566039-Y2G6)
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Woodside Speed Reducers

- Speed Cushion request on 58th Street from 39th Ave to Woodside Ave. (DOT- 433629-RSM3) Request an update - DOT states this is still an active study. Please provide an updated timeline as this is near a school. CB2 submitted a letter to DOT (DOT-537619-L2C2) (REQUEST DENIED AS PER DOT LETTER DATED OCTOBER 31, 2022). DOT CAN LOOK INTO SPEED CUSHIONS. DOT team is looking at speed cushions and tracking number will be provided.
- 34th Avenue Protected Bike Lane Progress – Nearing completion; additional markings and truffle paint for pedestrian areas as well as vertical elements are now the focus prior to completion. Dot reported that additional markings with truffle paint in pedestrian areas and vertical elements will be done this year.

Long Island City

- Loading Zone request in front of City Lights building 4-74 48th Avenue, LIC (Letter submitted to DOT-566068-K8W8). DOT reported this is being finalized.
- Request a study on how to provide better signage in front of the southeast corner of Vernon Boulevard and 48th Avenue. CB2 is requesting no standing signage at the intersection. (DOT DOT-567352-K7B3). DOT reported a denial was issued to the board on November 30, 2022.
- 11th Street and Borden Avenue under the Pulaski Bridge Entrance and Exit to midtown tunnel requesting a turning lane and a left turn signal (DOT-497660 Z4G6). DOT denied continue discussion. (Site Visit with DOT) CB2 discussion on resubmitting as separate items and breaking up the request.
- Center Blvd north of 47th Road transfer of property from State to City. Please continue to provide update. 47th Road and N Basin Road. Paving stones collapsing in intersection at Center Blvd. north of 47th Road.

- Request for a one-way conversion on 31st Place between 47th Avenue and 48th Avenue (DOT-497662-R8J2). (APPROVED) Provide Implementation date?
- Multi Way Stop – Borden Avenue and 5th Street (DOT 508287-VOB8) – Provide an update.
- 51st Avenue Pedestrian Bridge (also known as the 21st Avenue Pedestrian Food Bridge) Request an update on a letter from DOT to send to CB 2 to close this project.
- Request for a feasibility study for the installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) at the Lights around CUNY LaGuardia Community College/Bard High School Early College (Request submitted to DOT) (DOT533922H3F1) Please provide an update. Open
- 44th Drive PBL Implementation Update – Aim to be completed before the end of the year; flexible delineators and truffle paint for pedestrian areas are now the focus prior to completion.

DOT announced the following:

- New all way stop sign at the intersection in LIC on 49th Avenue at the Pulaski Bridge.
- 21st Street and Jackson Avenue, northbound westbound turn, installed quick curbs to deter the vehicular movement onto 47th Avenue.
- DOT assists in snow cleaning efforts, and they address pedestrian bridges. Please get these any locations to DOT.
- DOT has job opportunities for snow cleaning efforts, and this is a part time seasonal job.

CB2 District Wide Initiatives and other Agencies

- MTA Disruptions
- NYC Ferry – provide regular ridership updates and any plans for schedules changes and/or expansions

Old Business:

New Business:

The committee discussed the DOT Parking App. Park NYC App is beneficial, one of the upgrades to the app is no longer pay as you go. It requires you to prelude to the app and it is cost is now \$100.00. This is a citywide issue. The minimum requirement needs to be looked at.

A request was made if we can have a meeting to discuss a meeting with DOT's School Safety Unit to discuss safe routes to school.

A request was made for safety improvements at the Intersection of Northern Blvd and Woodside Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

MA Gurrado

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