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CB2 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held in person and teleconferenced on Zoom

Transportation Committee Members – Present

Reilly Owens, Chair,

Osman Chowdhury

Morry Galonoy

Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos (PV)

Corey Hannigan

Oumaya Saab (PV)

Ryan Smith (PV)

Transportation Committee Members – Absent

Elected Officials/Representatives

Honorable Steven Raga, NY State Assembly Member, (PV)

Jamey Battle, Representing NY State Assembly Member Steve Raga, (PV)

Mercedes Jennings, Representing NY State Senator Michael Gianaris (PV)

Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager

MaryAnn Gurrado, Community Coordinator

NYC Department of Transportation

Joseph Patti

Guests

Marilyn Walsh

John Iburg

Barry Druss

“Serving the Communities of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside, and Maspeth”

Joshua Martinez
Mary Romerz
Monica
Fanny Chang (PV)

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

Marilyn Walsh discussed Access a Ride and wanted to know why the fee is not half fare for seniors and the disabled as they must pay full price.

John Iburg discussed safety concerns on Jackson Avenue and 46th Avenue. Requested a traffic signal at the location. Requested loading zones in the area.

Joseph Patti, DOT reported a traffic signal was approved for this location and reported he will investigate the area. Will check to see when the traffic signal is going to be installed. DOT applied for DRI funding and there will be improvements to this area in the years to come. A loading zone can be done sooner.

Mercedes Jennings, Representing NY State Senator Michael Gianaris provided an update on the MTA's response concerning the MTA redesign of the bus stop for the Q32 and Q18. Their office continues to work with the MTA and the DOT.

A board member discussed concerns from members of the community concerning the bus stop on 39th Street and Queens Boulevard which is scheduled to be moved across the street from Sunnyside Community Services.

Barry Druss discussed OneLIC and the impact it will have on transportation. He spoke about Bus Rapid Transit.

Reilly Owens discussed the vote that will take place for the OneLIC on June 18, 2025.

PRESENTATION – ASSEMBLY MEMBER STEVEN RAGA – AUTOMATED CURBSIDE ENFORCEMENT- Bill number A8440

Assembly Member Raga discussed the Automated Curb Enforcement Bill A5440. It will establish an automated camera system to capture and enforce parking violations in the city such as idling in crosswalks, parking in loading zones and stopping in restricted areas. There are a few purposes of the bill, which is to promote safety, reduce congestion, prevent cars from blocking roads and intersections and increase enforcement of the actual law and will reduce emissions.

This would go into effect a year after it becomes law. It would go to DOT for implementation.

Q & A

REQUEST UPDATES FROM DOT

Blissville

- Blissville Greenway – Joseph Patti reported they are putting in concrete work. Implementation will take place over the summer. Will keep the Board updated.

Sunnyside

- Right turn improvements on 43rd Ave, including at 43rd St. Joseph Patti reported this is still in design and they are looking at hardening the right turns.
- Bus Stop on Queens Boulevard eastbound at 44th Street, dangerous conditions due to 7 Train Construction. Joseph Patti reported this was relocated.

A board member requested an update on Woodside Avenue and 39th Avenue, south part of 39th Avenue. A stop sign was suggested. DOT will look into this location.

Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos made a motion, and it was seconded by Reilly Owens to send a letter to DOT for 39th Avenue and Woodside Avenue for safety improvements to slow down vehicle traffic and make the crosswalks safer. All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and no abstentions.

Joseph Patti reported that the DOT will be coming back to Queens Boulevard to harden and paint the pedestrian areas with actual concrete this year. They hope to have this work started in about a month or so.

Long Island City

- Markings and signage on QBB Bike path to designate two clear opposing lanes, bikes only, with better wayfinding for pedestrians to the other path. Update on Pedestrian Path construction at Queens side entrance.

Joe Patti discussed a street improvement project that will be complementing the opening of the south end of the roadway finally opened. Over the summer and throughout the rest of the year, there is going to be a lot of work happening at the base of the bridge to kind of open up that new crossing at Crescent Street and create some new concrete at the base of the bridge. This is to show people that this is the new way to get across the bridge on foot and that also improves upon some of the way-finding issues here. DOT will keep CB 2 updated. Will get back to the board about the painting of the bike lanes.

Joe Patti reported on the issue with the directions of the signage at Northern Boulevard and Queens Boulevard. This has been corrected.

Joe Patti reported on Dutch Kills Green Park. Parks discontinued maintenance of that area. DOT has a temporary contract for maintenance of Dutch Kills Green, but are still working on a permanent contract.

A discussion about a rideshare spot in front of Walgreens on 43rd Avenue took place. This is a hardship for those with a disability plaque.

A board member the discussed the 29th Street bulkhead and requested follow up.

Joseph Patti reported the 29th Street Plaza will be going in and LaGuardia recently announced the winner of the mural for that street.

DOT provided an update on the construction of the median near the new school at 51st Street and Northern Boulevard.

Reilly Owens requested an update about complaints from community members regarding the parking situation in Hunters Point South. DOT discussed the channelization and the dashed lines were repainted. DOT has an idea for parking and reported the board will hear about this soon.

A discussion about daylighting took place.

Old Business:

Reilly Owens discussed the OneLIC community board vote — Street plan, protected bike lanes, pedestrian safety, subway and station capacity, Open Space under QBB, Bus lanes on the QBB and Midtown Tunnel, open space (Gordon Triangle, open streets, plazas), WAP

Debra Markell Kleinert discussed the MTA Presentation she attended. Once we receive the presentation, she will forward it to the Committee.

New Business:

- DOT's response to Universal Daylighting bill

A discussion about daylighting took place.

A board member requested a letter to be sent out regarding criminalization. Reilly Owens stated, he would need to review this.

A member of the community submitted a request for daylighting prioritization on 23rd Street and Jackson. There is also a food truck that is parked at the corner

Morry Galonoy made a motion, and it was seconded by Corey Hannigan to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:
MA Gurrado

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