



**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND
COMMUNITY BOARD #3**

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Traffic and Transportation Committee Minutes

Public Transportation

Police & Public Safety

September 5, 2018

Committee Members Present

Frank Contrera, *Chair, Traffic & Transportation*
Owen Reiter, *Chair, Police and Public Safety*
Robert DiGennaro
Robert Kump
John Schultz, Sr. James Pistilli
Danny Venuto

Committee Members Absent

Frank Morano, *Chairman of the Board*
Vincent Molino, *Chair, Public Transportation*
John Felicetti
Mikhail Petrov

Staff

Charlene Wagner, *District Manager*
Stacey Wertheim, *Community Coordinator*
Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

Guests

Robert Rams, area resident
Patrick Lavin, area resident
Christopher Panteleakis, Boy Scout

Frank Contrera convened the Traffic and Transportation meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 pm.

Public Contact Session

Robert Rams spoke about the dangerous condition on Craig Avenue since the addition of Express Bus routes in Tottenville. There used to be 3 routes, now there are 5. The street is 38 feet wide. Buses travel down the double yellow line when there is no opposing traffic. With the new routes, there is two-way bus traffic for 14 hours a day. The buses struggle to pass each other. He is suggesting that Craig Avenue handle the northbound bus traffic and move the two new express routes traveling southbound onto Main Street. Presently the S59, S78, SIM2, SIM25 and SIM26 run on Craig Avenue. He has contacted the MTA and Borough President but so far has not received a reply. The buses speed and even run the stop sign at Hylan Boulevard. The board encouraged the resident to have his neighbors call 311 so that the complaints are recorded. The city relies on statistics to back up the data. They should all call the Borough President's Hotline. The

Community Board will also contact the MTA and ask for an investigation of this condition. Note* the two new lines (SIM2 and SIM25) are not routed on Craig Avenue but they use Craig Avenue to get to their routes on Hylan Boulevard. Patrick Lavin is also affected by this bus traffic. He reports that buses are queuing in front of his house while waiting to go down to Hylan. City school buses for THS and St. Joseph by-the-sea add to the chaos in the street. In a 15 hour period, 12 buses repeatedly cross each other's path. His car has been hit 3 times in front of his house from civilian vehicles. The street is too small. Cars and buses need to obey the 25mph speed limit. Another neighbor reports that her dishes are rattling when the buses go over the sewer plate. He also claims that the bus routes used to be on Carteret Avenue. The neighbors sued and the route was changed. There are buses traveling this route 7 days a week. There is no relief for the residents.

Agenda

None

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Contrera

Frank Contrera, Chair