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CEDRIC L. LOFTIN
DISTRICT MANAGER

BRONX NIGHT MARKET

Mr. Marco Shalma Co-Founder said that our mission is to enhance the global food scene in our community and to foster local entrepreneurship. We stand for diversity, equality, and originality, and aim to impact our community positively. Our focus is on the customer experience, events that are safe, affordable, and fun, and we support and promote local commerce.

We invest in and grow our micro-business family, guiding businesses from initial compliance through to establishing their operations. Have created more than a dozen programs to support community growth in collaboration with various organizations.

As a local organization we rely on partnerships for the upkeep of an event series that is filled with family friendly experiences. Our partnerships have been built throughout the years and we continue to build more every year.

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Mr. Charvey Gonzalez Assistant Director Government Community Relation said that tonight's presentation is on the East 149th Street ADA Accessibility Project. The intent of the project is to provide ADA accessibility, structural rehabilitation, systems, and systems upgrades.

The station project schedule:

- Northbound Elevator

Utility Work	July 2021 – October 2021
Excavation	September 2021 – February 2022
Structural Work	March 2022 to August 2022
Elevator Installation	August 2022 – March 2023
- Southbound Elevator

Utility Work	July 2021 – November 2021
Excavation	November 2021 – April 2022
Structural Work	April 2022 – November 2022
Elevator Installation	November 2022 – March 2023
- Southern Blvd./E. 149th St. Fall/Winter 2022



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- Ongoing work will consist of test pits to determine utility locations and building foundations, street and station surveys and design work.

The proposed benefits for riders will be in improved station with new elevators, raised ADA boarding areas, ADA compliant sidewalk curbs, AFAS gates, Braille signage, structural improvements, fire alarm and new CCTV, electrical upgrades, and architectural upgrades for the stairs.

The design-build contract was awarded on December 31, 2020. Overall project completed is anticipated in July 2023.

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Ms. Lauren Rennee Project Manager said that the presentation was on the proposed Jackson Avenue Bike Boulevard, Jackson Avenue between East 138th Street and Westchester Avenue.

The Open Streets program began operation in 2020 and became permanent in 2021 and was announced in each borough selected to be a Bike Boulevard in 2021. The project goals are to improve safety for people walking and biking by reducing through traffic and to enhance bike network open street and park access.

The Citywide protected bike lane network builds 30 miles of protected bicycle lanes annually integrating and installing new street design treatments including bike boulevards to prioritize cyclists, and limit vehicles. Citi Bike Phase 3 expansion plan included Community District 1, and the concept is roadway design approach that prioritizes pedestrian and bicycle safety, reduce vehicles with traffic calming elements, reduce volume and through traffic with regulatory changes e.g. one-way conversions, forced vehicular turns, improve wayfinding with signage and roadway markings with special attention to major intersections.

The proposed one-way conversion would be one-way-northbound on East 138th Street to St. Mary's Street; one-way-southbound on St. Mary's Street to East 149th Street; and one-way-northbound on East 149th Street to Westchester Avenue. The benefits of a one-way conversion are a reduction in vehicular turn conflicts with people walking and biking, a reduction of through-traffic volumes and maintains local vehicle access to the corridor.

The proposed addition of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on East 138th Street to St. Mary's Street.

- To convert Jackson Avenue to one-way northbound
- Install two-way bike path along west curb connecting to East 138th Street, Randall's Island Connector, Willis Avenue Bridge.
- Redirect trucks away from neighborhood streets.
- Will improve conditions at East 138th Street and Bruckner.

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The proposed addition of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on St. Mary's Street to East 149th Street.

- To convert Jackson Avenue to one-way southbound.
- Install two-way bike path along park, across the street from school.
- Reduce likelihood of congestion caused by double parking.

The proposed addition of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on East 149th Street to Westchester Avenue.

- To convert Jackson Avenue to one-way northbound.
- Install bike path along east curb to minimize parking loss between Pontiac Pl. and East 149th Street due to driveways.
- Add new crosswalks at East 151st Street, Pontiac Pl.
- Reduce likelihood of congestion caused by double parking.on

The proposed safety improvements on Jackson Avenue at East 138th Street.

East 138th Street is a Vision Zero Priority Corridor.

The existing condition on Jackson Avenue at East 138th Street is that the southbound left-turning vehicles block the box creating significant congestion on East 138th Street approaching Bruckner Blvd due to short block.

East 149th Street is a Vision Zero Priority Corridor.

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The proposed improvement of safety at intersections on Jackson Avenue at East 149th Street is for vehicles on Jackson Avenue oriented away from East 149th Street in both directions.

Pedestrians and cyclists traveling along Jackson Avenue would have an exclusive traffic signal phase with no vehicular conflicts.

Allows bike lane users to switch from east to west curbs while crossing East 149th Street.

The next steps will be Stakeholder Engagement and to begin the implementation of the Bike Boulevard in Summer-Fall of 2021.

Questions and Answers

The Chairperson called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED

