

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA: OCTOBER 3, 2022**

**I. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. MTA – effective Sept. 7, 2022, masks are no longer required on subways, busses, and commuter railroads.
- B. MTA- announces Universal Subway Wireless Connectivity Plan. Expected cost is \$1B and will connect all cars. Work on project is scheduled to start immediately and will take approx 10 years. Riders will be able to use new service as each section is completed.
- C. MTA- Interboro Express (IBX) – new transportation route will run along unused rail track and connect Brooklyn to Queens - 14-mile rail line from Bayridge to Jackson Heights. Second virtual meeting was held on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- D. MTA – Network redesign Queens Bus lines – Public hearings were held throughout the summer in multiple locations to get ridership feedback before final plan is drafted (expected in 2023).
1. MTA has promised to address Community Board before enacting any plans.
- E. MTA – Proposed Q73 bus route to go from Forest Hills to Queensborough Community College along 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Residential feedback has been overwhelmingly in opposition to this proposal for the following reasons: Increased traffic congestion; one-lane road; reduced parking; change the character of the neighborhoods; decrease property value along route; increase noise and air pollution; random people roaming around and the issues and problems they bring; increased litter; un-needed additional bus route.
- F. MTA- Announces new leadership appointments: Chief of Staff Jaqueline Halldow, and Senior Advisors for Special Project Initiatives: Brittany Montgomery and Jake Luce.
- G. NYS DOT – announces the development of the State’s National Electronic Vehicle Infrastructure Plan (NEVI). Federally funded and will receive \$75 million in funds over 5 years. The initial emphasis of the program is on installing publicly available direct current, fast-charging stations for passenger EV at intervals of no more than 50 miles apart.
- H. MTA- installation of security cameras in every subway car. MTA has received \$2M thru the Urban Area Security Initiative Federal Grant program for this purpose.
- I. MTA – has announced major accessibility improvement at Queensborough Plaza station.
- J. MTA – in favor of Congestion Pricing. They state it is good for the environment, public transit, income will be invested in public transit, and there is no adverse effect on regional air quality, transportation, or parking. Congestion Pricing is expected to decrease vehicle traffic by 20%. This will increase reliability of bus service due to decrease in traffic and increase in transit ridership.
- K. DOT – Resurfacing schedule July to end of December 2022 is available in CB8 office (*see Page 4\*\**).
- L. DOT – private trucks parking overnight on residential streets – This is an issue in multiple locations in our district. Deputy Inspector Chan of the 107<sup>th</sup> PCT has announced the opening of a

holding area for illegally parked and towed vehicles in Cambria Heights. Multiple citations have been issued and more than 50 vehicles have been impounded (see Page 3\*).

M. DOT – Improvement to Homelawn St at the GCP – Project will extend NE and SE corners of the intersection, greatly reducing the crossing distance of pedestrians. In addition, a concrete median tip will be constructed on the south leg of the intersection to provide safe refuge. There will be no removal of parking spaces or travel lanes.

## II. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS REQUESTS

A. DOT request for – additional traffic controls at Daniels St and Coolidge Ave. 3/25/22. Has been DENIED as they do not meet nationally recognized standards.

B. MTA request – to alter Q24/54 Bus stop in front of 82-30 Parsons Blvd. Reconsideration after CB8 May letter has resulted in DENIAL. Unable to comply due to lack of pavement at location and obstruction due to pavement tree. In order to consider moving the stop, the sidewalk would need to be resurfaced, grass strip removed, and tree trimmed. All are non-MTA expenses.

C. DOT – operation of traffic signals along 199<sup>th</sup> St and Francis Lewis Blvd. 5/12/22. DOT is investigating timing changes at this location to improve traffic flow.

D. NYPD – response to request for enforcement at school arrival and dismissal times at 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave and 168<sup>th</sup> St. Fifteen summonses were issued. They will continue to monitor this location.

E. DOT – intersection of 76<sup>th</sup> Ave & Main St – raised crosswalks to be installed here. This is similar to a speed hump with a flat top for crossing pedestrians. This new treatment to be installed near schools, parks, and senior centers.

F. DOT – traffic signal has been installed at 185<sup>th</sup> St and 75<sup>th</sup> Ave.

G. Response from LINKNYC Kiosk-QN CB8 – inquiry in regard to limitation of Kiosk use. These installations have been ongoing for the last several years with no complaints of overuse by single individuals at any locations.

H. DOT – request for three-way stop sign at 180<sup>th</sup> St & 69<sup>th</sup> Ave. Request presented multiple times by an individual to DOT has been DENIED as it does not meet criteria.

## III. REQUESTS MADE BY MARIE ADAM-OVIDE, CB8 ON BEHALF OF CONSTITUENTS

A. DOT - Request establishing a process for updates on the progress of previous DOT requests.

B. DOT – request for reconsideration of traffic signal at 76<sup>th</sup> Ave & 147<sup>th</sup> St.

C. DOT – Request NO PARKING signs at MS216 (64-20 175<sup>th</sup> St). (This should be teacher parking only).

D. DOT – 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave Shared Bike Lane between Francis Lewis Blvd & 199<sup>th</sup> St – this committee requested study to install narrow green bike lane on the sidewalk under the Vanderbilt Motor Pkwy instead of a shared bike lane.

## IV. NEW REQUESTS

A. DOT request – stop sign at 185<sup>th</sup> St & 69<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Individual.)

B. MTA request – that the bus stop at 188<sup>th</sup> St South of Midland Pkwy (83-10 188<sup>th</sup> St) not be removed. (Individual)

C. DOT request – NO STANDING signs in front of day care (Shalom pre-school, 71-12 Main St), to facilitate pick up and drop off. DENIED as there are two fire hydrants at that location. 10/08/19. A new request has been presented by the school director who has agreed to install bollards at this location to prevent vehicles from mounting the sidewalk.

D. DOT request – repave 187<sup>th</sup> St between 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave & Union Tpk. (Member Trans Comm.)

E. DOT request – reconstruct 188<sup>th</sup> St from 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave to Union Tpk. due to sinkholes and wavy roadway. (Member CB8)

F. DOT request – resurface Lander St between Pershing Crescent & Hoover Ave. (Member CB8.)

- G. DOT request – traffic control device 193<sup>rd</sup> St & 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (Individual.)
- H. DOT request – NO STANDING zone in front of Academy of Excellence, 178-36 Wexford Terrace. To facilitate drop off and pick up of children at the school. (Chairman, Camelot Safety Advisory Committee.)
- I. DOT request – repair or replace sidewalk and curb, east side of 185<sup>th</sup> St (400ft.) from 64<sup>th</sup> Ave to 67<sup>th</sup> Ave. Requested since 1983. (Member Trans. Comm.)
- J. DOT request – repair or replace sidewalk and curb on the east side of Peck Ave & 199<sup>th</sup> St. (Member Trans. Comm.)
- K. DOT request – repair or replace sidewalk and curb next to Brinckerhoff Colonial Cemetery (NYC Landmark since 2012), on the east side of 182<sup>nd</sup> St. (120ft) from 69<sup>th</sup> Ave to 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (Member Trans. Comm.)
- L. DOT request – NO PARKING signs M-F from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the east side of Parsons Blvd. north of Jewel Avenue (President, 107<sup>th</sup> Pct. Comm. Council).

***\* Excerpt from the Minutes of the Community Board 8’s September 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting***

**Kevin Williams, Chief PBQS** - There has been a continued reduction in shooting violence throughout the borough. As of September 11, 2022, there has been a 20% reduction in crime. NYPD continues to see dividends from their strategies to combat gun violence. In South Queens they are up by 30% in overall crimes. In the 7 to 8 categories, we are judged on we are up in 6 to 7 categories throughout Queens. This is something we are going to continue to work on here in Patrol Borough Queens South, as we enter the last quarter of the year.

Just as important as crime are quality of life issues. Patrol Borough Queens South took a broad aggressive approach to overnight commercial truck parking. It started as a pilot program shared with the 103rd, 105th and 113th Precincts. They streamlined the towing process by conducting efficient towing practices. Working with the community, in this case Montefiore Cemetery, we were allowed to use their open lot as a temporary base of operations and storage for two weeks. This coordinated yielded over 1,100 summons, 148 booted commercial truck tires and towed over 100 large commercial trucks. Some owners are not able to redeem the truck, others forfeited to the Sheriff’s Department due to overdue tickets and others were held due to active liens. He thanked the Department of Sanitation and DOT [Department of Transportation] for their collaborative support.

**\*\* Resurfacing Schedule**

**DOT Resurfacing List for Community Board 8  
FY 2023**

Q2021-08-16	204 St	Francis Lewis Blvd (86 Rd)	Foothill Ave
Q2021-08-06	194 St	Union Tpke	73 Ave
Q2021-08-07	196 St	Union Tpke	73 Ave
Q2021-08-08	192 St	73 Ave	Union Tpke
Q2021-08-09	190 St	Union Tpke	73 Ave
Q2021-08-10	189 St	73 Ave	Union Tpke
Q2020-08-05	164 St	L.I.E	Union Tkpe
Q2020-08-04	76 Rd	Parsons Blvd	Main St
Q2021-08-17	Jewel Ave	Park Dr East	147 St
Q2021-08-20	71 Ave	164 St	172 St
Q2021-08-21	Aguilar Ave	Kissena Blvd	Parsons Blvd
Q2022-08-001	76 Ave	150 Ave	Main St
Q2021-08-002	179 St	67 Ave	Union Tpke
Q2022-08-008	68 Dr	69 Rd	Main St

Another location was added:

On	From	To
181 St	64 Ave	Union Tpke

**QUEENS STREET MAINTENANCE  
RESURFACING SCHEDULE  
Citywide Night Program**

ON STREET	FROM	TO	CB
188 St	G.C.P	Hillside Ave	8
Main St	Queens Blvd	Grand Central Pkwy	8
E/B S/R G.C.P	Main St	Parsons Blvd	8
E/B S/R G.C.P	Parsons Blvd	164 St	8
W/B S/R G.C.P	164 St	Parsons Blvd	8
W/B S/R G.C.P	Parsons Blvd	Main St	8