



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager William Rivera

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

November 2, 2023

Board Members Present: Shante Chamblee, Brandon Ganaishlal, Brent Woodie, Elizabeth Angeles, Henry Pelayo, Juan Torres, Sarwar Jaha, Daniel Porro

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The public safety & transportation committee represents the community's interests with regards to sanitation, crime, fire-ems, quality of life, NYS liquor license application recommendations, street activity permit applications, street re-naming application, transportation and acts as a liaison between community members and the New York Police Department & Fire Departments, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, NYC Department of Sanitation, NYC Department of Transportation, & NYS Liquor Authority.

II. Speakers

A. Reimagine the Cross Bronx

- The Cross Bronx Expressway stretches across the borough as part of Interstate 95 (I-95).
- Constructed between 1948 and 1972 under Robert Moses, the Cross Bronx divides the borough and separates communities.
- It is currently one of the most congested American interstates with some of the highest rates of traffic and collisions, and neighborhoods surrounding the corridor experience some of the worst health issues in the city.
- In December 2022, NYC Mayor Eric Adams kicked off a landmark study to Reimagine the Cross Bronx. The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) is funding this study with a \$2 million grant as part of the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program.

The Study Goals Include:

- Develop a community-driven vision for the future of the Cross Bronx
- Create a plan that include short-, medium- and long-term proposals for improvements to the transportation network and public realm
- Increase community leadership to support the implementation of strategies and future planning efforts
- Foster long-term collaboration the between the Cross Bronx stakeholder, Bronx residents and New York City and State governments
- Improve the overall public realm and access to open space

Open Houses held yielded approximately 258 participants in 5 sessions through Spring of this year

Open House Summary Report is available at <https://www.crossbronx.info/resources>

Open Houses Sample Comments include:

- Open space, beautification, and connections
- Air quality, noise, and traffic congestion
- Public transit and safety

Next Steps include Issue Identification Round 2 via Public WalkShops and Targeted outreach
Final Steps include convening Technical Advisory Groups, the Proposal Evaluation, and the Final Study

For any questions or to send comments contact project email at: crossbronx@dot.nyc.gov

III. Liquor License

A. Nueva Sabrosura (1806 Westchester Ave), Renewal

Renewal was discussed by DM Rivera and approved by the Committee

B. Salome Latin Cuisine Corp. (2152 Westchester Ave), Renewal

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IV. Notifications

A. DOT-598938-K4M9 - Street Lighting - 2025 Seward Avenue (Streetlights have been repaired under DOT Work Order # 2948396)

B. FDOT-620767-X0V6 - Multi-Way Stop Request - E 172 St & Elder Ave (DOT recommendations by February 2024)

C. DOT-618080-R9T9 - Speed Camera - Pugsley Avenue from Blackrock Avenue to Watson Avenue (DENIED)

D. PAC Program Ownership Change, 1215-1217 Stratford Ave

V. New Business

A. Cannabis Application Process

- Per Cannabis Law, municipalities are allowed the opportunity to express an opinion on whether or not they would support the Cannabis Control Board's approval of a retail dispensary, on-site consumption, or registered organization with dispensing license in their area.
- Communities Boards do not have a role in other cannabis licenses, such as nursery, cultivator, processor, or distributor licenses.
- People or businesses who apply for a cannabis retail dispensary license is required to notify that their proposed location (premises) is within the boundary of the Community Board prior to filing their application. Applicants must remember that the Community Board's opinion will become part of the record upon which the Cannabis Control Board shall grant or deny an application for a cannabis license. Therefore, Applicants should afford the appropriate amount of time needed for the Community Board to opine on the proposed cannabis location.
- CB9 has nine pending applications for 3 locations within the district to be discussed and voted on at December's PS&T Committee Meeting

B. CB9 SLA stipulations (to prevent saturation of liquor establishments in specific areas the district) As per the New York State Liquor Authority, the 500 Foot Law prohibits the Authority from issuing an on-premises retail license for the sale and/or consumption of liquor to any premises which is within 500 feet of three establishments that are currently operating with on-premises liquor licenses.

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