

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

Attendance: Jesse Rosenbaum-Chair, Maria DeInnocentiis, Kevin Forrestal, James Gallagher Jr., Bright Dae-Jung Limm, Michael Sidell, also present Joseph Marziliano CB#8 staff, Daniel Rosenthal representing Councilman Rory Lancman.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NYC DOT Annual Bridge & Tunnels reports for 2014 are available in the CB#8 office.
- B. Correspondence from James Gallagher, member Transportation Committee – He reports that between 7 a.m. & 8 a.m. on July 16th, thirteen cars with Fresh Meadows (FM) resident stickers, TLC plates, and green cabs parked between 73rd and 75th Ave. on 185th, 186th, & 187th Streets. Response from Marie Adam-Ovide confirms that vehicles with non-commercial plates may park on any NYC street.
- C. The following catch basins were installed recently:
 - 1. 86th Road & 164th Street
 - 2. 77th Road & 167th Street
 - 3. 65th Avenue & 160th Street
 - 4. 69th Avenue & 174th Street
 - 5. 77th Road & 164th Street
 - 6. 81st Avenue & 168th Street
 - 7. Jewel Avenue & Utopia Parkway
 - 8. Radnor Road & 193rd Street
 - 9. Goethals Avenue & 164th Street
- D. DOT has asked if we foresee any issues with St John’s University shuttle bus using the MTA bus stop at Utopia Parkway & 82nd Avenue to transport students to the LIRR and Jamaica Station (subway). **NO OBJECTIONS**
- E. Dept. of Sanitation requests that DOT install “No Parking Dec 21st – March 20th” signs in select locations where sanitation trucks have difficulty plowing in the winter. **APPROVED**
- F. DOT – Union Turnpike is currently being repaved from Bell Blvd. to Francis Lewis Blvd. Time: 9 p.m. – 5 a.m. **PAVING IS COMPLETE - STRIPING WAS NOT DONE AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION ON 10/15/15.**
- G. NYS DOT Informational Hearing on 188th Street bridge rehabilitation was held at Young Israel of Jamaica Estates on 10/8/15. This is a 17 month project to start approximately April 2016. Bridge will remain open throughout construction. Four weeks in summer will have one vehicle lane open in each direction as well as one pedestrian lane. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CB#8 OFFICE**

II. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS REQUESTS

- A. DOT request (Councilman James Gennaro) for additional traffic control at the entrance to shopping center on Kissena Blvd. between Aguilar & 73rd Avenue (11/19/13) **DENIED** as unnecessary. **SUGGEST RENEW REQUEST IN 18 MONTHS.**

- B. DOT request for additional traffic control at the intersection of 80th Drive & Kent Street (10/6/14). DENIED as unnecessary. **SUGGEST RENEW REQUEST IN 18 MONTHS.**
- C. DOT request for pedestrian countdown signals (PCS) on GCP service road westbound & Utopia Pkwy. (1/7/15). PCS' were installed 9/11/15 at east and west crosswalks, and on the north crosswalk earlier this year. **DONE**
- D. DOT request for additional traffic control at the intersection of 153rd Street & 77th Avenue (1/7/15). DENIED as unnecessary. **THIS INTERSECTION IS CONTROLLED BY ALL WAY STOP SIGNS.**
- E. DOT request painting pedestrian overpass 73rd Avenue & 199th Street (5/18/15). As this is part of Vanderbilt Motor Pkwy., request was forwarded to NYC Dept of Parks & Recreation. **OK**
- F. DOT request to repair roadway condition 87th Avenue/Road between Queens Blvd. & 143rd Street. This work is included in Dept. of Design & Construction (DDC) Project #QED1001.(*see Item II.L*)
- G. DOT request for repair of ponding condition at Goethals Avenue & 166th Street (6/5/15). Queens Street Maintenance (QSM) made the necessary repairs. **UPDATE OF THIS CONDITION WILL BE CHECKED BY A MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**
- H. DOT request: "NO PARKING SCHOOL DAYS 7 A.M. – 4 P.M." signage in front of International School, 173-53 Croydon Road (6/17/15). Existing signs will be replaced with "No Standing School Days 7 a.m. - 4 p.m." by 11/30/15. **DONE**
- I. NYS DOT – "Right Lane Closed Ahead" Sign on WB Union Tpke. near GCP entrance ramp. Contractor has been directed to lower the sign but not enlarge it as it is standard size. No additional signs on sidewalk will be installed. **REPAIR COMPLETE. SIGN HAS BEEN REMOVED.**
- J. DOT request for roadwork repair on Wexford Terrace between Dalny Road & Chelsea Street (6/30/15). Repairs were made 8/9/15 by QSM. **DONE**
- K. DOT request for speed hump repair on Parsons Blvd. between 65th Avenue & Jewel Avenue (7/13/15). Inspection found in good condition – no repair required. **TWO SPEED HUMPS ON EACH SIDE OF ROAD IN GOOD REPAIR.**
- L. DOT request for roadway repair on 164th Street between GCP & Hillside Avenue (7/7/15). This work is included in QED#1001 of DDC. (*see Item II.F*) **NOT DONE**
- M. DOT request for refurbishing faded street markings on Queens Blvd. between Hillside Avenue & Hoover Avenue (7/7/15). This location will be included in this season's Thermoplastic Marking Contract. (*See III.A*) **NOT DONE**
- N. DOT request to raise "Wait for Green Light" sign at Parsons Blvd. & GCP (6/18/15). Completed on 7/23/15. **DONE**
- O. DOT request for additional traffic control device at intersection of Aguilar Avenue & Kissena Blvd. **DENIED** as existing traffic signal is in proper working order.
- P. DOT request for repair of damaged property during milling in front of 86-88 Marengo Street. Inspection did not find any damage. **AGREE**
- Q. DOT request for repair of inoperable light at 83rd Avenue between 134th & 135th Streets @Kew Garden Hills interchange. Two lights in question are now working. **ONE LIGHT IS OUT**
- R. DOT request for speed hump on 68th Drive between 138th & 140th Street was approved pending CB#8 recommendation after polling affected local residents. (9/23/15) Responses due back by 10/8/15.
LACK OF RESPONSE FROM AFFECTED RESIDENTS. THIS REQUEST WILL BE DENIED, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT AN ADDITIONAL MAILING BE SENT WITH A 60 DAY TIME EXTENSION TO RESPOND.
- S. DOT request by Transportation Committee Member for "NO Dumping" signs east side of 185th Street between 66th & 67th Avenue. DOT indicates that they no longer install "No Dumping" or

“Curb Your Dog” Signs. (See IV.N) **SUGGEST CITY INSPECT THIS LOCATION FOR DEBRIS AND ISSUE A VIOLATION TO THE PROPERTY OWNER. INSTALLATION OF A SIDEWALK IN THIS LOCATION WOULD KEEP THE AREA CLEAN. ALLOW FOR A PEDESTRIAN THROUGHFARE AS OPPOSED TO WALKING IN THE STREET. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY INSTALL THE SIDEWALK AND BILL THE OWNER IF IT IS NOT DONE EXPEDITIOUSLY.**

- T. MTA request to move Q64 bus stop in front of 107th Precinct @71-01 Parsons Blvd. has been approved; move it 200 ft. east on 71st Avenue to the intersection of Park Avenue (suggested by Precinct Community Council and CB#8 board member). **NOT DONE YET**
- U. DOT request for bench at bus stop 69-21 164th Street between Jewel Avenue & 169th Street has been APPROVED to be completed by 10/11/15. **NOT DONE YET**
- V. DOT request for bench at bus stop in front of 81-16 164th Street between 81st Avenue & Goethals Avenue has been approved to be completed by 10/25/15. **DONE**
- W. DOT Request for right turn lane on 73rd Avenue to turn onto Hollis Hills Terrace was approved (see item IV-C). **DONE**
- X. DOT-request replacement of yield sign with a stop sign at the Grand Central Parkway eastbound entrance ramp at 188th Street (7/24/15). **DENIED** as this would create an unsafe back-up to the highway entrance. **OK**
- Y. DOT- Request replacement of missing “Speed Hump” signage (7/24/25) on Goethals Avenue and 160th Street. **APPROVED** - to be complete by 12/29/15. **NOT DONE YET**
- Z. DOT Request No Parking regulations at 166th Street and Goethals Avenue (7/24/15). A “No Standing Anytime” sign will be installed by 12/29/15. **OK**

III. REQUESTS BY Marie Adam-Ovide, CB 8 District Manager, ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS.

- A. Repainting of street markings on Queens Blvd between Hillside Avenue & Hoover Avenue (7/7/15) (See II.M). **NOT DONE**
- B. Repainting of street markings on Union Tpke. between Clearview Expwy. & Van Wyck Expwy. **NOT DONE**
- C. Request for one-way conversion of Henley Road from Kingston Place to Edgerton Blvd. (8/5/15) Letter sent to complainant to provide petition of 75% of affected private residents and 50% of apartment residents to be in favor of the change.(See Item IV.B)
- D. MTA request additional Q46 bus service and better spacing of buses since school reopened. Waiting lines are longer and buses bunch together.
- E. DOT request Alternate Side of the Street Parking for Electchester and Pomonok residents to permit street cleaning. Inspection indicates streets are covered with litter and debris on the median on Parsons Boulevard between Jewel Avenue and 71st Avenue. **APPROVED**
- F. DOT request repair of ponding condition on the southwest corner of 189th Street & 81st Avenue (10/14/15) which was created when street was recently repaved. Ponding condition is 5 ft. oval in to street and 4” deep at center. Condition occurs after rain as well as resident lawn watering. Water covers curb cut and creates a hazardous condition especially with upcoming winter freezing.

IV. NEW REQUESTS

- A. DOT request for Alternate Side of the Street Parking for street cleaning Fresh Meadow Lane between 68th & 69th Avenues (individual). **DENIED - METERED PARKING WITH NO PARKING BETWEEN 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. EXISTS.**
- B. DOT request for one-way conversion between Kingston Place & Edgerton Blvd. (individual). (See Item III.C) **DENIED**

- C. DOT request for right turn lane on 73rd Avenue to turn onto Hollis Hills Terrace; with left turn on to Clearview; center lane for thru traffic; and no parking in the right lane. (individual) (*see item II-W*) **DONE “NO STANDING SIGN IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE EASTBOUND SIDE WALK FROM 199TH STREET TO HOLLIS COURT BOULEVARD.**
- D. DOT request for resurfacing of Hollis Hills Terrace between Richland Avenue & 73rd Avenue (individual). **DENIED**
- E. MTA – move Q25/Q34 bus stop 100 feet north to the corner of Kissena Blvd. & LIE (Member Transportation Committee) **APPROVED DOT STUDY**
- F. DOT request for resurfacing 182nd Street between 69th & 73rd Avenue (individual). **CHECK FOR POTHOLE REPAIR. THIS LOCATION IS INCLUDED IN THE 2017 CAPITAL REQUEST FOR CB#8.**
- G. DOT request for resurfacing 183rd Street between 69th Avenue & 73 Avenue (individual). **THIS LOCATION IS INCLUDED IN THE 2017 CAPITAL REQUEST FOR CB#8.**
- H. DOT request for speed camera on LIE Service Road Eastbound from Utopia Pkwy. To 188th Street (individual). **DENIED**
- I. DOT request for three-way stop sign 193rd Street & 73rd Avenue (individual) **DENIED**
- J. DOT request for left turn signal on 188th Street onto McLaughlin Avenue (Diane Cohen) **APPROVED**
- K. DOT request for speed hump on 185th Street between 64th Avenue & 69th Avenue (individual). **DENIED**
- L. DOT request for one or two speed humps 84th Road between Main Street & Lander Street Request for a petition of affected residents sent. (individual) **NO RESIDENT PETITION HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE**
- M. DOT request for stop signs 185th Street & 69th Avenue NW and NE corners. Request was accompanied by a petition of 71 signatures of affected residents. FM Homeowners Civic Association (FMHCA). **APPROVED WITH STREET MARKINGS INDICATING “STOP AHEAD”**
- N. DOT request for “No Dumping” sign on 185th Street between 66th Avenue & 67th Avenue (*See II.S*)(Member Transportation Committee, President FMHCA)
- O. DOT request for second stop sign to be installed on the center island mall of 64th Avenue circle and 194th Street on the left side. (Member Transportation Committee, FM Tenants Association) **APPROVED**
 - 1. “Stop ahead” sign 50 ft. before sign. **APPROVED**
 - 2. Paint street markings that read “Stop Ahead” **APPROVED**
- P. DOT request for daylighting across from 186th Street left & right side north of 64th Avenue (Member Transportation Committee) **APPROVED**
- Q. MTA request additional bus service Q88 line. Also consider adding limited bus service as there will be more riders as result of three new hotels and 450 apartments in Rego Park along this route. (Member Transportation Committee) **APPROVED FOR MTA STUDY**
- R. DOT request for daylighting on 170th Street south of 81st Avenue. Cars going East on 81st Avenue don’t realize two-way street becomes one-way. (Member Transportation Committee)
 - 1. Request speed camera on 170th Street **APPROVED FOR DOT STUDY**
- S. DOT request for renaming Aguilar Avenue between Kissena Blvd. & Parsons Blvd. – Shirley Weinstein Street (Way) (Central Queens Historical Assoc., Member Transportation Committee) **APPROVED**
- T. DOT request for repair of south bound lane of 188th Street, west side of 75th Ave is sinking and cars are “bottoming out” (Member Transportation Committee). **IMMEDIATE REPAIR REQUIRED. THIS LOCATION SHOULD BE CHECKED FOR POSSIBLE SINK HOLE OR TRENCH RESTORATION THAT COULD CAVE IN.**

- U. DOT request installation of angle parking on 199TH Street northbound between 67th Avenue and 73rd Avenue (Staff member CB#8). **APPROVED FOR DOT STUDY. NOSE OUT PARKING AND ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTS ARE RECOMMENDED.**
- V. Proposal to alleviate noise pollution by asking for EMS and FDNY to use alternate routes other than the GCP service road from 164th Street to 166th Street, refrain from excessive use of sirens, wait for the light at 164St/GCP before crossing etc.... [Full proposal on file] **DENIED. PRIORITY MUST BE GIVEN TO EMS AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL TO EXPEDITIOUSLY SAVE LIVES. BOARD SHOULD VOTE AGAINST SUCH PROPOSAL IF RECEIVED FROM A DIFFERENT SOURCE.**

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9 P.M.