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**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Ms. Lisa Sanchez, Committee Chairperson

The Transportation Committee Meeting met on Thursday, April 22, 2021 via Zoom Audio and Video Conferencing. The following members were present: Nicole Carter, Matthew Martinez, Rosa Peraza, Reggie Powell, Carmen Rivera, and Jacquetta Whaley.

The following items were discussed:

- Elevate Transit: Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA) Text Amendment

The Department of City Planning (DCP) and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) are proposing a citywide zoning text amendment that will allow the MTA to work more efficiently with private developers to help achieve systemwide accessibility. The proposal includes a system-wide transit easement certification and an authorization for transit improvement bonuses in high density areas to facilitate the implementation of ADA access at stations throughout the city more quickly and efficiently. The text amendment has been proposed because many of the stations in the City are not accessible. Most stations were built before 1950 and the MTA has made progress through its capital programs, but there is still a long way to go. Only 136 out of 493 subway or SIR stations are accessible and 25 out of 39 LIRR and MNR stations within city limits in the MTA system are accessible. The MTA and DCP informed us that there has been challenges in constructing elevators in the stations like narrow platforms, limited entry exit passages, and decades of highly complex utility infrastructure. The text amendment will require developers in all applicable zoning districts of at least 5,000 sf and within 50 feet of mass transit stations to first consult with the MTA and Chair of the CPC regarding the need for transit easement. At this time, the ZFA citywide text amendment has been referred out on April 5, 2021 to all 59 Community Boards, Borough Boards, and Borough Presidents for 60 days. The committee recommend that a conditional recommendation to the New York City Department of City Planning on the Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA) Text Amendment be made subject to having the West Farms Sq. subway station in the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA)'s plan to be an accessible subway station.

- Outside's Car Services

Outside's Car Service is an existing livery car service that is located at 1975 Lafontaine Avenue in the East Tremont Avenue area of the district that it's own by Carlos Martinez. The New York Taxi

Limousine Commission is reviewing their three year NYC TLC Base License renewal application and is requiring a letter of no objection from the Community Board. Outside's Car Service provides medical transportation to Medicaid recipients. They have also participated in the GetFoodNYC COVID-19 Emergency Food Distribution program to deliver meals in the City. The committee did not recommend that a letter of objection be issued at this time. Because the Transportation Committee recognizes that there's a need for non-emergency transportation in our district, they asked that Outside Car Services return to the Transportation Committee in May with additional information. The Transportation Committee recommended that additional information on the fare prices and how they obtain their clients be provided. The Transportation Committee also requested that our records be looked into for any prior history.