

## THE CITY OF NEW YORK BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 6

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## **Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Lisa Sanchez, Committee Chairperson

The Transportation Committee Meeting met on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 via Zoom Audio and Video Conferencing. The following members were present: Cornell Brown, Nicole Carter, Julisa Hamilton, Matthew Martinez, and Lisa Sanchez.

The following item was discussed:

• East 178th Street between Webster Avenue and Park Avenue One-Way Street Conversion

The Department of Transportation requested a letter of support to convert East 178th Street between Webster Avenue and Park Avenue from a two-way street to a one-way street as a result of a traffic study request was sent to the Board. There is persisting traffic on East 178th Street between Webster Avenue and Park Avenue. Traffic will be converted from two-way street to a one-way street going westbound. It will not be going eastbound because it will cause the intersection to be what they call a "T".

Radame Perez, the traffic study requester, stated that a one-way street going towards Webster Avenue will be a disservice to those living in the Breaking Ground Building and the Tremont Residence because they need parking. The COVID Center of Excellence and those visiting the supermarket also need parking. It will also make it difficult for emergency services. He also believed that it will only exacerbate the traffic. It would lead to dumping more cars when they tried to work to create traffic patterns that work for everyone by expanding bus transit.

The Department of Transportation explained that based on the study that was conducted, they chose the westbound direction because a majority of the vehicles are going in that direction and they are preventing traffic congestion onto a different street. The committee recommend that a letter of support be issued to the Department of Transportation for the one-way street conversion going westbound on East 178th Street between Webster Avenue and Park Avenue.

Vacant, City Council Member, 15<sup>th</sup> Council District Honorable Rafael Salamanca Jr., City Council Member, 17<sup>th</sup> Council District