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**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Lisa Sanchez, Committee Chairperson

The Transportation Committee Meeting met on Thursday, January 21, 2021 via Zoom Audio and Video Conferencing.

The following item was discussed:

- **Presentation by the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) on the Third Avenue Safety Improvement Project.**

The Department of Transportation informed us that Vision Zero is a multi-agency effort to reduce traffic fatalities in New York City. Third Avenue between East 189<sup>th</sup> Street and East Tremont Avenue is a Vision Zero Priority Corridor and Priority Area. There are 20 schools within a 5-minute walk of this project area. There are also high volumes of students around arrival and dismissal times, the Bx.15 bus route, and local truck route in the project area. The Department of Transportation has reported that between 2013 and 2017, there were a total of 222 injuries in which 14 were severe injuries and 28% of the severe injuries were pedestrians and in relation to left turns and rear end collisions there were 37% of motor vehicle crashes. As part of their Safety Improvement Project, the Department of Transportation is proposing to remove low-volume travel lanes, add flush center median to organize traffic and reduce speeding, add pedestrian refuge islands to create safer crossings and vehicle turns, and install left turn bays to organize traffic and create safer left turns and consistent moving lane reduces speeding reduces conflict along this corridor. These proposed improvements have significantly reduced traffic fatalities in other areas across the City. The Department of Transportation has conducted school outreach and schools along this corridor are in favor of the proposed changes. In addition, there will be a total of -11 parking spaces that will be impacted by the proposed improvements for this project. The committee requested that the Department of Transportation evaluate around the project area to determine possible parking spaces to alleviate the loss of 11 parking spaces.

- **Presentation by the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) on the East 183<sup>rd</sup> Street and East 188<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Rehabilitations**

The Department of Transportation also informed us that the East 183<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge over Metro North Railroad Harlem Line has a lot of structural issues including extensive deterioration of deck with cracking

and spalls, deteriorated bridge concrete frequently dropping on MNRR traffic, corrosion in the visible bottom portion of steel girders, presence of poor pavement surface, sidewalk spalls and potholes, missing railing at south sidewalk and non-standard pedestrian fence and presence of lead paint in bridge and existing railings. The new project would also improve the conditions of the bridge with the addition of new sidewalks with ADA ramps, increased safety standards with standard pedestrian fence, railing, crosswalk signs, increased truck carrying and seismic load capacity, improvement of lighting and less maintenance and improvement of safety for MNRR train traffic. The new bridge will also have a 75 year service life. The bridge will have new concrete decks, steel girders, steel railing, fence and sidewalk. It will also be placed on new micro piles. The project will be done in four stages and it will take about 18 months to complete. The estimated cost will be about \$20 million. The Department of Transportation is reaching out to stakeholders for feedback. The Department of Transportation is also holding stakeholder meetings and providing information via social media. The Department of Transportation is also reconstructing the 188<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge of Metro North to obtain a design life of 75-years. The bridge currently has deteriorated underside of the deck, corrosion of bottom flange of steel girders, cracking of structural deck, deteriorated steel rocker type bearing and concrete encasements. There are also potholes and patching in sidewalk, deteriorated joints, map cracking and settlements. The proposed bridge will have new abutments behind the existing ones and replace the superstructure. The bridge replacement will lead to a reduced amount of night work and reduced construction duration. The construction of the replacement bridge is estimated to cost approximately \$23 million and would start late 2022 taking up to 30 months for completion. There will be a community liaison who will be coordinating with each stakeholder and coordinating agencies. The Department of Transportation will work with the community to see to the completion of the two projects. The committee requested information about the surveys that were conducted for the East 183rd Street and East 188th Street Bridge Rehabilitations project.

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