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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Ms. Lisa Sanchez, Committee Chairperson

The Transportation Committee Meeting met on Thursday, May 20, 2021 via Zoom Audio and Video Conferencing. The following members were present: Clarita Bailon, Sadija Cekovic, Frank Franz, Maria Latimer, Matthew Martinez, Rosa Peraza, Reggie Powell, and Lisa Sanchez.

The following items were discussed:

- Fordham Area Bike Lane Network Expansion

The Department of Transportation presented on the Fordham Area Bike Lane Network Expansion. As a result of the increase of bicycle bike ridership in the City, the Bike Lane Network Expansion is build robust on-street bicycle network, support new bike share riders and bicycle ridership growth, improve road safety for all road users and create new connections to key destinations such as Fordham Road, East Tremont, University Heights, and Crotona. As part of the Green Wave Plan, the Bike Lane Network plan is to build 30 miles of protected bicycle lane annually and build 75 miles of bicycle infrastructure in 10 Bicycle Priority Districts. They are currently street network issues that hinder the bike route selection such as discontinuous streets and irregular street grid, frequent changes in traffic direction, narrow street widths, lack of east-west bicycle routes, and physical barriers created by Park Avenue, Grand Concourse, the Aqueduct, Step Streets. Fordham Avenue Bike Lane Network Expansion will include standard and shared lanes in existing routes, 180th Street standard bicycle lanes and the Park Avenue protected bicycle lanes. This project will provide dedicated space and wayfinding for cyclists, close gaps within bike network and will result in no parking loss or travel lane removal. This project will include the project like East 189th Street, East 188th Street, East 187th Street, Beaumont Avenue, Park Avenue, small section of Webster, and East 180th Street areas of our district. The committee did not recommend that a letter of support be issued for the Fordham Area Bike Lane Network Expansion project.

- 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 its own by Carlos Martinez. The New York Taxi Limousine Commission is reviewing their three year NYC TLC Base License renewal application and is a requiring a letter of no objection from the Community Board. Outside's Car Service

provides medical transportation to Medicaid recipients which means that all the trips provided to the Medicaid community by Outsides' Car Service are distributed to us electronically via Medical Answering Service (MAS). How this works is a medical facility seeking transportation for an enrollee must contact MAS for the trip. MAS then confirms eligibility and validation then assigns the trip to a valid Car Service. MAS in essence is the gatekeeper for Medicaid as of 2012. Once a trip is completed, it is eligible for billing. Outside's Car Service then submit all billing directly to the New York State Department of Health and the rates are predetermined by the department and a preapproval code must be attached from MAS for payment. Such transportation companies do not set the rate or solicit work in this process. The committee recommend that a letter of objection be issued at this time having provided the information requested.

- Southern Boulevard Safety Improvement Project

The committee discussed their concerns about the Southern Boulevard Safety Improvement Project. The Southern Boulevard Safety Improvement Project removed over 150 parking spaces from East 182nd Street to Fordham Road leaving the residents and employees of this area of the district without parking. They also expressed that this project will increase traffic congestion.

Assemblymember Chantel Jackson announced that in collaboration with Senator Luis Sepulveda a bill was introduced that would require the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) to notify elected officials and community board representatives when planning to construct or remove bicycle lanes and when planning to install bicycle racks as a result of the Southern Boulevard Safety Improvement Project.