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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Lisa Sanchez, Transportation Committee Chairperson

The Transportation Committee met on October 19, 2023 at the district office and via Zoom Audio and Video Conference and in-person at the district office. The following board members were present: Clarita Bailon, Magdamary Marcano, Jessii Parham, Rosa Peraza, Lisa Sanchez and Monique Williams.

The Transportation Committee discussed the following information:

- **Informational presentation from the New York City Department of Design and Construction on the Reconstruction of East 177th Street, Devoe Avenue, Sheridan Expressway Ramp Project**

The Transportation Committee was updated about the reconstruction of East 177th Street, Devoe Avenue, and Sheridan Expressway Ramp Project by the New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC). They were informed that the project's delays were caused by having to incorporate new environmental guidelines for storm water mitigation and sewer flooding and several other design challenges. They were also informed that the Sheridan Expressway Ramp has been removed from the scope of work because it was causing excessive delays, but will be revisited in the future. The project's proposed improvements includes: organized pedestrian and vehicle movements; shorter pedestrian crossings with refuge medians, sidewalk bump-outs, and new curbs and sidewalks; the Bronx River Greenway Connection complete between Starlight Park and Bronx River Park; the upgrade of infrastructures like street lighting, signals, water main, sewers, signage; and the expansion of landscaping. DDC also informed the Transportation Committee that the project will assign a dedicated on-site Community Construction Liaison (CCL) and their contact information will be provided to the community during the pre-construction phase. The CCL will be the first point of contact, and will maintain on-site presence and communications. They will also identify, resolve and/or proactively address issues and inquiries, distribute advisories and weekly construction activities newsletter, provide 72-hour and 24-hour (confirmation or cancellation) advisories for work impacts by email and door to door and attend community board monthly District Service Cabinet meetings. DDC expects to start construction of this project in Fall 2024.

The design includes bump-outs to slow down vehicle speeds and pedestrian refuge is added in the form of traffic islands. The committee expressed concerns about the design plan and its effectiveness in mitigating congestion issues caused by trucks, USPS mail trucks, MTA buses and the West Farms depot, and movement of school buses. DDC explained that the alignment meeting is part of the planning process and occurs on all projects. The alignment meetings are specifically to coordinate with city agencies and address the utilities underground that may be affected by the project. A committee member noted that the alignment meeting was not inclusive because community members were not invited. The Transportation Committee requested monthly updates on the project during the construction phase.

- **Discussion on the Preliminary Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2025**

The Transportation Committee discussed the Preliminary Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2025. The Transportation Committee added various items related to traffic enforcement, traffic calming, and improved street safety in various locations through the District, which can be referenced in this year's District Needs Statement. As a follow up request, the Transportation Committee requested that the Fordham Plaza's café building and kiosks be occupied with vendors.