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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Lisa Sanchez, Transportation Committee Chairperson

Thursday, October 16, 2025

The Transportation Committee met on Thursday, October 16, 2025 in-person at the district office and on Zoom Video Communications. The following board members attended the Transportation Committee Meeting: Jessii Parham (virtual), Patrick Downer (virtual), Magdamary Marcano, Renee Reed, Hoshi Salcedo, and Lisa Sanchez.

The Transportation Committee discussed the following:

- **Presentation from DDC on Southern Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

The NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) and Department of Design Construction presented on the Southern Boulevard Bicyclist and Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project. The project covers three locations: Location A, Southern Boulevard at Bedford Park Boulevard; Location C, Southern Boulevard at Crotona Parkway and East 182nd Street; and Location D, Southern Boulevard at Marmion Avenue and East 179th Street. Location B, initially part of the project, will be addressed separately in a future school safety project to avoid delays. The project aims to enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists at high crash zones, improve accessibility along the northernmost portion of Southern Boulevard, control vehicle turning movements, and improve drainage.

The proposed improvements for Location A includes expanded median tips and pedestrian islands, shorter pedestrian walking distance, ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps and crosswalks, a new concrete bus pad at the bus stop, and new catch basins to improve drainage. Location A will have an expanded sidewalk with the closure of the southbound right turn slip lane. The southbound through lane and southbound right turn lane will remain operational. Ten new trees will also be planted around Location A. The proposed improvements for Location C includes a built out painted median extension, expanded sidewalks, neckdowns to slow turning movements, shorter pedestrian crossing distance, two new bus pads, ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps and crosswalks, streetscape amenities (wayfinding sign, bike racks, and bike station), and newly planted trees, new catch basins to improve drainage. The proposed improvements for Location D includes a built out painted median extension, neckdowns to slow turning movements, shorter pedestrian crossing distance, ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps and crosswalks, newly planted trees, and new catch basins to improve drainage.

The final design should be ready in early 2026, with the bid opening in the summer of 2026. The construction contract is expected to be awarded in the winter of 2026, with construction starting

in the spring of 2027. The Community Construction Liaison (CCL) will be available to address concerns, respond to inquiries, attend meetings as needed, as well as distribute project related materials to keep the community informed and notified of construction updates.

The DDC requested a letter of support. The committee requested that the DDC return when the design is finalized to consider issuing a letter of support. The committee also requested a timeline for when DOT and DDC will present the capital project covering Location B. The committee identified the need for a signal timing study at the intersection of Crotona Parkway and East 182nd Street.

- **Discussion on CB6 District Needs Statement**

The committee reviewed the following items from the District Needs Statement: request for elevator access at the West Farms Square subway station, 177th Street redesign project, bike lane study of Southern Boulevard, removal of Park Avenue barriers, request to repave Tremont Avenue from Webster Avenue to Morris Park, increase funding for eviction services, request for harm reduction programs in the district, expansion of cure violence programs by DYCD and youth violence prevention programs by NYPD, request for an update on DOT's RFP for Fordham Plaza and information about the plaza's current maintenance contract, funding to cover rent costs of Mount Carmel Senior Center, request for DFTA trainings about individual rights of home care services, request for information from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) on home health aide oversight, allocation of funding for DSNY to clean Tremont Avenue.

- **Other business**

- **Park Avenue Walk-through**

The chair of the Transportation Committee, Lisa Sanchez, provided a recap of the Park Avenue walkthrough. Board members noted the dominance of auto shops occupying parking spaces and vehicles on the sidewalk. The committee expressed support for a discussion with state elected officials about passage of the autoshop bill. The committee discussed ideas for building a pedestrian walkway above the Metronorth and including this request as part of DCP's neighborhood study for capital funding.

