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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Lisa Sanchez, Transportation Committee Chairperson

Thursday, January 15, 2026

The Transportation Committee met on Thursday, January 15, 2026 in-person at the district office and on Zoom Video Communications. The following board members attended the Transportation Committee Meeting: Nicole Carter (Virtual), Maria Latimer, Magdamary Marcano, Jessii Parham, Kristine Rivera, and Lisa Sanchez.

The Transportation Committee discussed the following:

- **Presentation from the New York City Department of Design and Construction on the Safe Routes to Schools Phase 4D Project**

The Department of Design and Construction conducted a presentation on the Safe Routes to Schools Project HWCH4D, which spans Bronx Community Board 5 and Community Board 6. A bus pad will be installed in Community Board 6, along Webster Avenue, near P.S. 85. The bus pad is a section of improved, thicker roadway, made of 12 inches of concrete instead of asphalt to support the weight of buses. The Community Board 5 portion includes a proposed sidewalk extension near Marion Avenue. This extension involves replacing existing plastic bollards with concrete at the same level as the sidewalk and will include pedestrian ramps.

The \$23 million dollar project will address irregular intersections, dangerous turns, poor visibility, and long pedestrian crossings to make routes safer for pedestrians, especially children going to and from school. Improvements include islands to shorten crossing distances and sidewalk extensions to calm and slow traffic by narrowing the roadway. The project also includes new installations, like a water main and new catch basin. Construction is set to begin in the winter of 2026 and will be completed by the summer of 2028. The project will be completed in phases, with the preliminary phase including the completion of utility work by ConEd, Verizon, and National Grid. The in-the-ground portion, or second phase includes setting, saw cutting, trench setup, water main upgrades, and catch basin installation. Lastly, the third phase is the above-the-ground portion that includes corner reconstruction, pedestrian ramps, and traffic signal work. Advisories will be sent out 72 hours in advance, followed by a 24-hour confirmation notice. Additionally, weekly bulletins will be sent out on Fridays with updates on construction progress and the following week's schedule. A DDC representative will attend Board Cabinet meetings to ensure concerns are addressed and keep the community informed.

- **Discussion on the Southern Boulevard East 182nd Street to Fordham Road Street Safety Improvement Project Redesign**

The committee discussed a letter from a community member advocating against the Southern Boulevard Street Redesign. The committee reiterated problems with the redesign, including traffic congestion caused by buses, the broken bus pads causing inconvenience for people in wheelchairs or using walkers, motorcycles and electric bikes riding on sidewalks, and the lack of traffic signs or lighting to make people on bikes aware of children or elderly people crossing. The committee noted that the Southern Boulevard Street Redesign project was implemented despite the Board voting it down twice.

Per the committee's request, the District Manager will invite the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) to a Transportation Committee to discuss the Southern Boulevard redesign and the results of their ongoing traffic study.

- **Update on the East 188th Street Two-Way Conversion Request**

The DOT denied a request from the Board to change East 188th Street, between Webster Avenue and Park Avenue, to a two-way street. The DOT's argument was that a two-way street would increase conflicts and turning vehicle issues at the intersection of 188th Street and Webster Avenue.

- **Review of Committee Meetings Quorum Records**

The committee reviewed and discussed committee meeting quorum records, quorum requirements, and the inconsistencies in their application during committee meetings. It was clarified that, pursuant to the New York State Law and Board By-Laws, meetings and votes require a majority of committee members to be physically present. Virtual participation is permitted only under limited circumstances. Quorum has frequently not been met, which limits the Board's ability to conduct official business. To address this, starting in February, the Board will begin enforcing stricter quorum requirements.

These measures include more rigorous standards for virtual attendance and earlier quorum deadlines. Additionally, the Executive Committee will meet to review attendance and overall committee structure. The committee also discussed potential strategies to improve in-person participation, such as consolidating committees, improving communication, and adjusting member assignments.

