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**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Lisa Sanchez, Transportation Committee Chairperson

Thursday, May 14, 2026

The Transportation Committee met on Thursday, May 14, 2026 in-person at the district office and on Zoom Video Communications. The following board members attended the Transportation Committee Meeting: Fousani Hamidou, Magdamary Marcano, Jessii Parham, Kristine Rivera, Hoshi Salcedo, and Lisa Sanchez.

The Transportation Committee discussed the following:

- **Presentation from New York City Department of Transportation on Fordham Road Bus Priority Project**

The NYC DOT presented on the Fordham Road Bus Priority Project, which had been on pause and is now restarting. The goal is to improve bus speeds by 20%. Buses currently travel as slowly as 5 mph, impacting approximately 130,000 riders daily. The New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) shared designs for road changes. Existing curbside bus lanes will be converted to "offset" bus lanes in many locations, requiring buses to pull to the curb to pick up and drop off passengers. This move is intended to free up curb space for commercial loading and parking, reducing double parking in bus lanes. Planned parking regulations will be tailored to each block and include a mix of commercial vehicle and passenger vehicle regulations that will vary by location and time of day. At certain locations with left turn lanes or other geometric constraints, the bus lane would remain in the curb lane but would be widened. Fordham Road is among the top 10% of dangerous corridors in the Bronx. Safety enhancements will include painted pedestrian spaces, planters, rubber speed bumps for turn calming, and a potential slip lane closure at Bryan Park. The project also includes selective left-turn bans at Davidson and Grand Avenues to improve traffic flow, as well as new bus lanes added to Sedgwick Avenue and Southern Boulevard. Implementation is expected to begin in early summer and be operational by late summer or early fall. During the meeting, the Fordham BID requested a separate meeting with DOT to discuss the Fordham Bus Project.

- **Presentation from New York City Department of Design and Construction on East 177th Street and Devoe Avenue Reconstruction project**

DDC Community Construction Liaison (CCL) Yolanda Velasquez met with the committee to present an overview of the East 177th Street and Devoe Avenue Reconstruction Project (HWXP2007). This \$44.5 million infrastructure project connects segment B (Bruckner Boulevard to East Tremont Avenue, including Starlight Park) and segment C (East Tremont Avenue to Pelham Park) of the Bronx River Greenway. It includes installing trunk water mains, sewers, catch basins, and new street lighting. Physical construction is set to start in the late spring of 2026, with an anticipated completion in the summer of 2028. The proposed improvements include organized pedestrian and vehicle flow,

shorter pedestrian crossings with refuge medians, sidewalk bump-outs, and new curbs and sidewalks throughout. The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be responsible for the installation and lining of combined sewers, installation of distribution water mains and trunk water mains, new manholes, catch basins, hydrants, and implementation of SWPPP Management where possible. The project will involve water shutdowns (with 72-hour notice), rodent control, and intermittent lane closures. DDC has assigned Yolanda Velasquez, a dedicated on-site Community Construction Liaison (CCL) to communicate with stakeholders and address concerns. She is reachable by email at [Devoeaveccl@gmail.com](mailto:Devoeaveccl@gmail.com) or by phone at (718) 344-0490. The DOT Bronx Borough Commissioner will conduct a parking analysis for HWXP2007 given concerns raised by the committee.

- **Discussion of traffic calming measures at Crotona Avenue and East 189th Street**

The Chairperson of the Transportation Committee moved the discussion to June.

