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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM Kristine Rivera, Acting Chair, Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee met on Thursday, September 1, 2026, both in-person and via Zoom Video Communications. The following Board Members attended the Committee meeting: **Kristine Rivera, Magdamary Marcano, Jessii Parham**. Bold indicates committee members.

The Transportation Committee discussed the following information:

- **Presentation on Sammy's Law Implementation**

The Transportation Committee heard from Kevin LaCherra, volunteer for Families for Safe Streets. Mr. LaCherra outlined the current issues with traffic accidents in CB6, highlighting that there have been 5,690 crashes, 3,254 injuries, and 16 deaths in the past 5 years. At higher speeds, cars have longer braking distance and increase the likelihood of death. At 20 mph there is a 63 feet braking distance and 8% likelihood of death, as compared to at 30 mph with a 119 foot braking distance and 20% likelihood of death. In 2014, the citywide speed limit was reduced to 25 mph, which reduced pedestrian fatalities by 22%. Small areas are neighborhood slow zones as created by Sammy's Law, less than 1.5% of city streets. 13 Community Boards have passed resolutions requesting slow zone implementation. All elected officials representing CB6 have signed onto support for Sammy's Law. Mayor Mamdani has announced that the city will be implementing Sammy's Law around schools. The committee expressed the need for traffic enforcement and reduced vehicle size. Mr. LaCherra noted the amount of time and effort traffic calming measures (stop signs, lights, bumps) take to implement. The committee inquired about the effect of this bill on reducing insurance costs and what advocacy Families for Safe Streets can do around crossing guards. Mr. LaCherra invited the committee to use NYC Crashmapper to better understand problem locations, and pointed out that the city has insufficient resources to use traffic enforcement around driver conduct or out of state plates as the only tool to save lives. The committee was also joined by former CB6 Member and Families for Safe Streets volunteer Monique Williams. Ms. Williams shared that her father passed away from a crash, and that she believes Sammy's Law enactment will save more lives. She spoke about how to advocate for street safety improvements. A motion in favor of a resolution in support of Sammy's Law implementation was made by Kristine Rivera, seconded by Magdamary Marcano and adopted unanimously.

- **Discussion on NYS Senate Bill S2329**

District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett explained the issue facing Community District 6 with auto shops, whose licenses are automatically renewed and are not subject to oversight by the DMV. He explained that the DMV does not take complaints regarding auto shops parking cars on sidewalks, for example. He then explained that Senator Gustavo Rivera passed the bill in the State Senate, and that

Assembly Member Alvarez' office has not passed the bill in the Assembly. He explained that he has not been able to get an explanation from the Assembly Member's office on why the bill has been having issues passing. Last year, the AM's office reported the issue was with the Transportation Committee chair, and that the Board should do more outreach on the bill. He suggested that the Board asked the Senator to seek a new Assembly sponsor, potentially AM Karines Reyes. The Senator's office has indicated that they would need the Board to put in writing this request. The committee noted that he does often does not send a representative to our Board meetings so there is not a point person to communicate with. The DM noted that he will write to the Assembly Member's office again to let them know the Board is considering this letter. The motion was made Magdamary Marcano, seconded by Jessii Parham and adopted unanimously.

- **Discussion on East Tremont Busway**

District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett shared the Tremont Busway flyer provided by DOT. The committee noted the continued back and forth with DOT about the project and the Board's lack of support for the project. The committee discussed the merchant association's efforts to resist the busway, and the desire to have the Board support the merchants. The committee expressed concern that the busway will cause businesses to close. Ms. Williams inquired about the potential for additional lighting on Tremont. The committee mentioned the need for new bus benches as well.

The Transportation committee took up Health Committee business and discussed:

- **Discussion on Senior Luncheon**

The committee discussed potential locations for the event, with funding already earmarked by the Board. Members discussed hosting the event at the SBH Health and Wellness Center. The committee discussed the desire to have patient advocates being present for the event to educate seniors on their rights. The committee requested a date for October at the Wellness Center. The committee discussed incorporating cooking classes and education on Medicare into the event. The committee discussed potential collaborators.

- **Discussion on District Needs Statement**

The committee agreed to table this until October, as it is not due until 10/31. The committee had an initial conversation on sanitation issues, the DM suggested that discussion be brought to the Sanitation committee.