

## THE CITY OF NEW YORK BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 6

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Telephone: (718) 579-6990 Fax: (718) 579-6875 Email: bronxcb6@bronxcb6.org Honorable Ruben Diaz Jr., Bronx Borough President

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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 18, 2017 Maria Garcia, Committee Chairperson

The Transportation Committee met on May 18, 2017 at the Bronx Community Board #6's district office located at 1932 Arthur Avenue, Room 403-A. The following board members were present: Rosa Peraza, Virginia Bird, Sara Nunez-Mejia, Claudette Coles, Margarita Espinosa, Diana Diaz, and April Hurley.

A presentation was made by Department of Transportation's School Safety Division on a proposal for safety improvements on Third Avenue.

According to the Department of Transportation, Third Avenue is a Vision Zero Priority Corridor with a high injury rate and is heavily traveled by students attending the dozens of schools with a five minute walk of the avenue. The proposal for Third Avenue between Cross Bronx Expressway and East Tremont Avenue includes the construction of pedestrian refuge islands, left turn bays, a painted median, and bike lanes.

In addition, the Department of Transportation proposes to install a curb extension at the complicated intersection of Third Avenue, Washington Avenue and East 187<sup>th</sup> Street, and to install plastic bollards along the centerline of Third Avenue at East 188<sup>th</sup> Street to calm movements through the intersection. The proposed improvements would shorten crossing distance, organize traffic, discourage speeding and improve safety for all road users including the elimination of casualty.

As per the recommendation of committee member, Rosa Peraza, the committee requested to the Department of Transportation to conduct a walk thru on Third Avenue. The committee also requested that the Department of Transportation present this proposal at the next general board to inform our community residents of this proposal. We also want to inform the board members

The Department of Transportation agreed to host a walk thru on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 PM starting at on Third Avenue and Cross Bronx Expressway.

On Wednesday, May 31, 2017, I attended the Department of Transportation's Smart Truck Management Plan workshop which was held at the Point, 940 Garrison Avenue, Bronx, New York 10464. Thank you Paul Ramirez for attending this event with me. This workshop was conducted to improve our understanding of truck route usage and compliance, movement of goods, needs of shoppers, and community concerns.

The Third Avenue walk thru was very productive and informational. Thank you, April, Virginia and Evonne for attending the Third Avenue walk thru with me. The committee members present agreed that this proposal is in the best interest of our community. We also agreed that with the presentation held at the committee meeting and the walk thru hosted, we recommend a letter of support to be provided by the Community Board.