



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 19, 2019
Maria Garcia, Committee Chairperson

The Transportation Committee met on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at the Bronx Community Board #6's district office located at 1932 Arthur Avenue, Room 403-A. At this meeting, the following members were present: Virginia Bird, Evonne Capers, Frank Franz, Maria Latimer, and Lisa Sanchez.

The following items were discussed:

- **Safe Routes to Schools for Public School 159/51**

The New York City Department of Transportation presented their proposed school safety improvement project for Public School 159/51 as part of their Safe Routes to Safe Schools Program (SRTS). The priority areas for this project are East 183rd Street and Washington Avenue, East 185th Street at Third Avenue Ave and Bathgate Avenue, and East 187th Street and Third Avenue because several pedestrian injuries have occurred since 2013. The New York City Department of Transportation is proposing shorter crossing distances, controlled vehicle turning, and improvements of pedestrian visibility and space with the construction of concrete curb extensions. They are also installing a wayfinding sign at the curb extensions at East 187th Street and Washington Avenue. The project will be completed in the summer of 2021.

The Transportation Committee was in support of the Safe Routes to Schools for Public School 159-51 project and recommends that the full board provide a letter of support at the October 9th Community Board Meeting.

- **East 183rd Street One-Way Conversion**

The New York City Department of Transportation presented on the potential traffic safety improvements on East 183rd Street as a result of the feasibility study request from the 48th Precinct Highway Safety Officer. Currently East 183rd Street is 30 feet wide with parking on both sides making it unpassable at times due to vehicles queuing at traffic signals, leading to blocked crosswalks and traffic congestion. The Transportation Committee was in support of converting East 183rd Street to one-way eastbound direction between Washington Avenue and Third Avenue as the proposed safety improvement option for this location. This proposal would keep the parking regulations the same, maintain inbound emergency vehicle access to St. Barnabas Hospital, and would possibly require reversing East 184th Street to one way westbound between Bathgate Avenue and Park Avenue to create a one-way pair and improve local traffic circulation.

The Transportation Committee was in support of the conversion of East 183rd Street to a one-way eastbound direction street from Washington Avenue and Third Avenue and recommends that the full board provide a letter of support at the October 9th Community Board Meeting.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be on Thursday, October 17th, 2019 at 6:30PM at the Bronx Community Board #6's district office located at 1932 Arthur Avenue, Room 403-A.

Honorable Ritchie Torres,
City Council Member, 15th Council District

Honorable Rafael Salamanca Jr.,
City Council Member, 17th Council District