

Pending Committee Approval
Meeting Minutes of Traffic & Transportation Committee
Bronx Community Board 8
Thursday, October 15, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471

[Meeting Recording](#)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Roll Call.

Present (4): Margaret Della (Chair and IA Chair of Meeting), Sergio Villaverde, Sylvia Alexander (ADA via Zoom), Kevin Kilobocishta

Absent (2): Yngrid DeLeon, Daniel Nunez

There was a quorum.

Board Members: Bob Bender, Steven Matthews (on zoom)

Staff: Farrah Kule Rubin (District Manager)

Zoom Guest: Bryan Cronin, Norman Clarke, Jeremy Jutkowitz, Andres Marquez, Anna Purves, Jeff Wechselblatt, Deborah and Bart Schiavo, Miriam Hoffman, MD, Orlando, Kross, Ann Golden, Caleb Auerbach (CM Dinowitz), Daniella Fuchs

Guest In Person:

Frank Roseroy, Deborah Shapira, Steven Kleiner, Edward Butler, Ruth Kraus, Larry Levine, Robin Schwartz, Glenn Perez, Chima Monday, Natalia Nechai, Olexandr Nechai, Maryurin Torres, Clifton Switch, Joe BenMeir

7:00 PM CP Della called meeting to Order:

1. Chairperson Margaret Della (CPD) made introductory remarks
2. Roll Call Quorum was present.
3. Minutes of September 17, 2026 (Need to approve June 18, 2026 minutes)
Kevin Kilobocishta moved to approve, Sergio Villaverde 2nd Passed unanimously
4. MTA work on Broadway Corridor:

a. Farrah K. Rubin, district manager, gave presentation of MTA work on the Broadway Corridor. CP Della discussed interactions with MTA and several concerns, including trash, equipment unprotected work not being done, nets with nests. MTA will be swapping out nets once painting is concluded. MTA has responded to some requests. There are no traffic agents at intersections affected by MTA project. There also exists a merchant issue with businesses going out of business.

b. MTA needs to address merchant issues. CB is also working with SBS to address business needs. The businesses report that they have to pick up trash and deal with debris. This is a large-scale ongoing issue.

5. Villaverde moved to add the E mail of October 6, 2026 from DOE to the minutes of this meeting. Kevin Klobocishta 2nd passed unanimously. *E-mail shall be added to this meeting minutes, see it at the end.

6. **Arlington Avenue W252 – W 254.**

Parking loss issue discussed. Community has made specific requests to reevaluate restoring parking. Reviewed complaints from homeowners and parkers. For environmental purposes, the City claims it is not a city street.

- DOT stated that the only way to have 2 sides of parking would be to change the street to a one-way street. The street is currently too narrow for both sides of the street parking and a two-way street.
- Pick up and drop off are allowed in a No Standing zone.
- There may be a point where the Board will have to take up the issue of a conversion to a one-way street.
- DOT requires a 38-foot-wide street to have tow way street and parking on two sides of the street. Location in question is less than that in certain parts. Widest parts measure 34 feet.
- Further Board member and community discussions were held. There was a difference of opinion that some members cast as safety versus convenience. A loss of parking is a major concern for other community members.
- The concern of private property encroaching on to the street was raised by more than one meeting participant.
- CPD stated that we must decide on what to do about the one-way option.
- CPD took a poll of meeting members on if CB8 should ask DOT to evaluate the feasibility of a 1 way. The majority of meeting members were in favor. We will continue to receive comments in favor or against from the community at the BXC8 office.

7. **Street lights:**

CPD stated that there are numerous lights out and there are significant issues with the ability to report the issues to 311. The response has been lacking. The committee should consider the option of writing letter to NYC Comptroller regarding vendor.

- FKR made the point that DOT is willing to review specific lights. We do need to follow up on 311 complaints.
- A community member made the point that the vendors do not sweep for non-working lights.
- SV moved to have Board Chair and Committee Chair write an appropriate letter to NYC comptroller regarding work of vendor fixing streetlights.
2nd by Kevin K, passed unanimously

8. **Old business: None**

9. **New Business:**

- Community Member raised the issue around 6141 Broadway. There was late notice regarding No Parking in the Area. Signs were not evident near the Tortoise and Hare location where car was parked. There should be more notice. We should speak to agencies and con ed regarding more advanced notice to residents. There is a similar issue with street closings.
- Street signs next to Mavis and Next to Foodtown. DOT decided the no action necessary.
- Kimberly Street and Broadway. Community Member suggested changing the direction of the one way.
- Citibike: Usage issue continues to be an issue and question. There are concerns that the usage is not worth the loss of parking.

10. SV moved to adjourn 8:25 PM 2nd by Kevin K unanimously passed

Submitted by Sergio Villaverde, Chair Traffic & Transportation Committee

*** DOT Responses on follow-up from September 17, 2026 T & T Meeting:**

Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 11:32 AM **To:** **Subject:** RE: Follow Up to BXC8 Traffic & Transportation (T&T) Committee Meeting September 17, 2026

Good morning Farrah,

Here are my updates in red for these items:

1. **Parking on Arlington Avenue, West 252–254 Street** Please forward the report and criteria that were used to make the decision to remove the parking on Arlington Avenue between 252nd and 254th Streets. (Today we heard additional no standing signs replaced no parking signs at West 255th Thed Arlington Avenue- Please return back). There is nowhere for them to drop off or pick up now. a. The decision to remove the parking on one side of Arlington Avenue between West 254th Street and West 252nd Street came from the substandard roadway geometry. The widest section we measured was 34' and DOT standards for two-way traffic and parking lanes on both sides would need a minimum of 38' with 8' parking lanes and 11' travel lanes. Also, for clarification, you can pick up and drop off in a No Standing Zone.

I'm sharing the findings via email because I checked with our Borough Engineering team and there isn't a report. An inspector will go out and measure the roadway geometry and a determination is made. The only way to restore parking on a roadway that has less than 38' would be through a one-way conversion study. If the board sends me a request, then our Traffic Engineering and Planning team can assess if that would be feasible for this roadway. The board would then need to send a letter of support for the conversion if it's warranted. I'll also add that based on my observations, the street grid in this area is challenging but we would need to pair the one-way conversion with a parallel street to provide adequate circulation. Finally, the anticipated West 254th Street Capital Project will likely further impact the current circulation and we would need to take that into consideration.

2. **Topographic Maps** Please also forward the topographic maps that were used in making this decision. Several residents have raised concerns that the maps used to justify the parking removal may be outdated. I would appreciate receiving the maps so we can review the information that was considered.

a. The Topographic Maps are under the Borough President's Topographic Unit. Please see a link to the maps available online <https://bronxboropres.nyc.gov/services/topography.php> but I would reach out to their Topo Unit for the specific status of this roadway.

3. **Bus Stop at Broadway and West 242nd Street** I visited the Broadway and West 242nd Street area near the 1 train. The #9 bus does not appear to have a leaning bar or seating at the bus stop. There are benches available near the Westchester bus stops. Please advise whether seating or a leaning bar can be provided at the #9 bus stop? a. **Bus stop amenities are in the queue for this location once MTA completes their elevator work.**

4. **Street Lighting – Timeline for Corrections** Please provide a timeline for addressing the following street-lighting concerns: 1. Inadequate street lighting along the Henry Hudson Parkway South service road between West 238th Street and West 246th Street.

2. Inspection and repair of the multiple City-owned streetlights that are out of service on both the northbound and southbound service roads of the Henry Hudson Parkway between West 238th Street and West 252nd Street in the Riverdale section of the Bronx.

3. The streetlight outage off Riverdale Avenue near 505 West 236th Street. A resident reported that this streetlight has been out of service for more than six months. Mon, Aug 10, 2026 at 12:04 PM Work Order #2500225. Thank you for submitting a Street Light Report on 08/010/26 concerning Burned-out Streetlight. In addition - Thank you for submitting a Street Light Report on 04/30/26 concerning Burned-out Streetlight. Work Order #2216707 i. **I'll be attending the meeting later today to discuss more on Street Lighting.**