

**Meeting Minutes of the Traffic and Transportation Committee
Bronx Community Board 8
March 12, 2026 @ 7pm
Bronx Community Board 8 Office
5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100, Bronx NY 10471**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

The meeting was called to order with a welcome to the CB8 Transportation & Traffic (T&T) Committee.

The requirements for participation in the meeting were reviewed.

Agenda Item #5 was taken up first due to the attendance of committee members.

2-Roll Call: Quorum was achieved @ 7:15pm

In Attendance (4): Debby Allen (Chair), Bob Bender (Vice Chair), Margaret Della, Debra Harris

Absent (2): Sylvia Alexander, Yngrid DeLeon

Guest: Julie Reyes (Chair BXCB8), Jodie Colon, Wyldon Fishman, Christiana Ampofor, Annika Northland(DOT), Karissa Listerard (DOT), Holly Malone (DOT), Rene Luciano (DOT) Adrienne Marquez, Thomas Z. Struzzieri, Denis Haxhija

3-February 19, 2026 Minutes were unanimously approved with the following corrections

A- United States Postal Services Parking in Bus Stops on Broadway /231 Street

B- Community Member was struck by a car on 254th Street/Riverdale Avenue

In favor (4): Debby Allen, Bob Bender. Debra Harris and Margaret Della

Opposed (0) Abstained (0)

4-Department of Transportation (DOT) Presentation:
NW Bronx Comprehensive Neighborhood Planning for CB8

Goals of Project:

Connect Destinations •

Accommodate “last mile” transfer and connections between modes of transportation •
Increase east -west connections to existing north -south routes •
Improve access to parks, colleges, K -12 schools, medical centers, transit, subway, and
MTA North stations

Knit Across Dividers •

Improve modal connections across highways and major roads, Jerome Reservoir and
Woodlawn Cemetery •

Manage loading on commercial corridors • Improve access and visibility at intersections
• Expand public space and public amenity opportunities

Promote Public Health & Resiliency • Reduce the impact of flooding with the varying
topography constraints • Improve air quality and add more shade

NYC DOT Toolkit Options to Achieve Project Goals

- 1-Public Plaza
- 2-Street Seats and Bike Parking
- 3-Increase Bike Connection
- 4- Increase Shared Streets
- 5- Pick-up and drop off loading management
- 6 Delivery Management

Committee / Public Raised Several Concerns:

1-The presentation lacked specificity regarding which areas within CB8 were studied
and where the DOT is proposing changes.

2- The Bailey Avenue project and the Broadway Corridor have created several critical
challenges for businesses, including reduced customer access for merchandise pick-up,
missed product deliveries due to limited parking, and underutilized bike lanes.

3- Businesses reported significant revenue losses, estimated between 60% and 75%,
as a result of the previous DOT project.

4- Business owners and community members expressed frustration that the DOT has
not adequately addressed community concerns. The committee is concerned that this
project may again proceed without meaningful consideration of local input.

5- The committee reiterated ongoing concerns about potholes throughout CB8, noting
that they pose safety risks for cars, buses, and motorcycles. This issue remains
unresolved.

6- The committee also reiterated concerns about non-functioning streetlights across CB8, which present additional safety hazards for motorists and pedestrians. This issue has not yet been addressed.

5- SAPO Applications

❖ Riverdale Block Party Festival SAPO Application for May 17, 2026

Denis Haxhija, representing the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance, located at 444 West 258th Street, Bronx, NY 10471, presented details of the upcoming Riverdale Block Party Festival for May 17, 2026 from 10:30 am to 6pm inclusive of set-up and breakdown.

Mr. Haxhija reviewed the event plan and outlined the safety measures with the committee. The Block party will occur on Riverdale Avenue Between West 259th Street and West 258th Street, full street Closure.

RMSA held similar events in May 2022, June 2023, May 2024 and 2025 without any issues or complaints. The North Riverdale Block Party Festival received favorable feedback from the community. The committee expressed no concerns with the applicant's safety planning. The T&T unanimously approved the SAPO application.

RESOLUTION NORTH RIVERDALE BLOCK PARTY FESTIVAL MAY 17, 2026:

WHEREAS, the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) presented its intent to hold a block party festival on Riverdale Avenue from W 258th to W 259th Street (the North Riverdale Block Party) on Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 6 PM, inclusive of set up and breakdown; and

WHEREAS, RMSA held similar events in May 2022, June 2023, May 2024 and 2025 without any issues or complaints; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will coordinate with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to modify impacted bus operations; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will maintain a 15-foot emergency lane through the center lane; and

WHEREAS, the North Riverdale Block Party received favorable feedback from the community after the other events.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Traffic & Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 APPROVES the issuance of the permit to the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) to hold the North Riverdale Block Party festival on Riverdale Avenue from West 258th to West

259th Street on Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 6 PM, inclusive of set up and breakdown, for the sole purpose of hosting a one-time block party.

In favor (4): Debby Allen, Bob Bender, Debra Harris and Margaret Della
Opposed (0)
Abstained (0)

❖ **Alpha Win Big Apple Triathlon October 10, 2026 SAP Applicant Presentation**

Thomas Struzzieri, 319 Main St Saugerties NY 12477 event coordinator for Alpha Win Big Apple Triathlon Scheduled for October 10, 2026.

The Triathlon includes Swim, Bike and run; featuring a Sprint and Olympic distance. To include a swim in the Hudson River, Bike on the West Side Highway and run into Central Park. This will impact road closure on Mosholu Parkway between Henry Hudson Parkway Between 56th Street South Bound. There will be full closure of northbound lanes of the Henry Hudson Parkway Bound from 7am -2pm. The Henry Hudson Parkway southbound lanes will remain open.

The committee approved the SAPO application contingent on the following 1-Proof notification of the MTA of the event 2-Medical management plan and 3-Engagement of NYC social media of the event. Mr. Struzzieri was informed that he must provide this information to the Community Board 8 Bronx office.

Alpha Win Big Apple Triathlon October 10, 2026 Resolution:

WHEREAS, Thomas Struzzieri, 319 Main St. Saugerties NY 12477 event coordinator for Alpha Win Big Apple Triathlon presented to the Traffic & Transportation Committee on this event scheduled for October 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Triathlon includes Swim, Bike and Run; featuring a Sprint and Olympic distance. The event will include a swim in the Hudson River, bike on the West Side Highway and run into Central Park. This will impact road closures on Mosholu Parkway between Henry Hudson Parkway between West 56th Street North Bound from 7am -2pm; and

WHEREAS, the Alpha Win Apple Triathlon event coordinator has submitted a safety plan that includes New York City Police Department and notification plan of the communities involved.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 unanimously approves the issuance of a permit for Alpha Win Big Apple Triathlon for October 10, 2026 from 7am-2pm; contingent that they provide CB8 the following: Proof of notification to the MTA of the event, medical management plan and engagement of NYC social media of the event.

In favor (4): Debby Allen, Bob Bender, Debra Harris and Margaret Della
Opposed (0)
Abstained (0)

6. FY2028 Capital Budget T&T unanimously agreed on the Capital Budget presented (See * Requests at end)

FY2028 Expense Budget

The Committee agreed to remove the BX20 bus service request, as it has remained on the agenda for more than five years without resolution.

Request to the DOT: Install clear truck height signage to prevent collisions with the elevated number 1 train structure at the following locations: 230th Street/Broadway, 231st Street/Broadway, Van Cortlandt South, and 240th Street.

Request to the DOT: Assign staff to flexible shifts (5:00 AM–1:00 PM or 6:00 AM–2:00 PM) to better identify and address streetlight outages.

Request to repaint crosswalk stripes on major corridors, including Broadway, Riverdale Avenue, Sedgwick Avenue, 225th Street, and Kingsbridge Road.

Request to the DOT: Repair potholes at the following locations:

- West 230th Street/Broadway
- Sedgwick Avenue/Giles Place
- Broadway between 252nd Street and Lakeview Place
- Riverdale Avenue between 252nd Street and 254th Street
- Henry Hudson Parkway West between 246th Street and 249th Street

New Business

A walkthrough with the Department of Transportation (DOT) is scheduled for April 9, 2026, at 4:00 PM. The walkthrough will take place along Bailey Avenue, from 231st Street to 238th Street.

Assembly Member William Colton requested a letter of support for Assembly Bill A22010-A. Due to insufficient information about the bill, the committee decided to table the decision. Members agreed to gather additional details and revisit the bill at the April T&T meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55pm Next meeting April 16, 2026.

*Budget Requests FY28:

	FY 2028 T&T Committee Expense Budget Request	
	T&T (DOT): Install clear truck height signage to prevent collisions with the elevated number 1 train structure at the following locations: 230th Street/Broadway, 231st Street/Broadway, Van Cortlandt South, and 240th Street.	
	T&T (DOT): Assign staff to flexible shifts (5:00 AM–1:00 PM or 6:00 AM–2:00 PM) to better identify and address streetlight outages.	
	T&T (DOT) Bailey Avenue between 231street-238th street Parking Study to better understand supply and demand of parking, including commercial parking.	
	T&T (DOT) Safe Crossing: Increase funding to expedite the inspection and refresh cross-walk lines by schools, places of religious worship, health care facilities, senior center Sedgwick Avenue, 225th Street, Broadway, 238th street, Palisade Avenue, 261 Street, 263 Street, West Kingsbridge Road,	

2028 Capital Budget Priorities

	<p><u>T &T ; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades;</u></p> <p>238 Street Waldo & Waldo/Irwin-Step Street Realign & reconstruct the steps. Create safer step-streets for pedestrians. The cement is crumbling, and the steps are cracking. Increase lighting is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls that often lead to health decline and even fatalities.</p>	
	<p><u>T&T; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades;</u></p> <p>231 Street & Sedgwick/Kingsbridge Terrace Step Street Realign & reconstruct the steps due to crumbling steps and structural defects. The improvement is needed to create a safer step-street for pedestrians. Enhance the lighting is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls that often lead to health decline. Removal of graffiti is needed to provide a positive community atmosphere.</p>	
	<p><u>T&T; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades;</u></p> <p>231 Street Summitt Avenue-Step Street Realign & reconstruct the steps with railing with repaving of steps to create safer step-streets for pedestrians. Improve the lighting with brighter bulbs is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls and public safety issues.</p>	
	<p><u>T&T; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades;</u></p> <p>230th street from Netherland Avenue to Edgell Avenue Step Street Realign & reconstruct the steps with railing to create safer step-streets for pedestrians. Repaving steps and removal of graffiti to provide a positive atmosphere for the community. Enhance the lighting is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls that often lead to health decline and even fatalities.</p>	
	<p><u>T&T; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades;</u></p> <p>W 230th Street from Edgehill Avenue to Johnson Avenue Step Street: Realign & reconstruct the steps with railing with</p>	

	repaving of steps to create safer step-street for pedestrians. Improve the lighting with brighter bulbs is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls and public safety issues.	
	<p>T&T; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades; W 230th Street from Johnson Avenue to Irwin Avenue Step Street; Realign & reconstruct the steps due to crumbling steps and structural defects. The improvement is needed to create a safer step-street for pedestrians. Enhance the lighting is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls that often lead to health decline.</p>	
	<p>T&T; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades; Jerome Park Reservoir Additional lighting is needed. The improvement will create a safer environment for the community to increase visibility, mitigate falls and crime.</p>	
	<p>T&T; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades; Ewen Park Additional lighting is needed. The improvement will create a safer environment for the community to increase visibility, mitigate falls and crime.</p>	
	<p>T&T; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades; Bradley Terrace (John J McKelvey Sr.) Step- Street (Connecting Palisade and Edsall Avenue Realign & reconstruct the steps due to uneven steps and structural defects. The improvement is needed to create a safer step-street for pedestrians. Enhance the lighting is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls</p>	