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AMENDED MEETING NOTICE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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Date: **Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

Place: **Zoom Video and Audio Conference**

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Traffic & Transportation
Debra Travis

Youth
Julia Gomez

AGENDA

1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests
2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 5, 2021

3. Chair's Report

Update on Major Deegan Storm Water Reduction Efforts

1. Update and Public Discussion of DOT Kappock Street / Palisade Avenue Intersection Revisions

Presentation by NYC DOT of changes to the intersection of Kappock Street and Palisade Avenue to address community request for better storm water management and removal of pedestrian safety extension.

2. Public Discussion of Repealing the April 2021 Community Board 8 Resolution Requesting Flexible Delineators on Independence Avenue

In April of 2021 Community Board 8 passed a resolution to recommend NYC DOT install flexible delineators and rubber speed bumps at the Independence Avenue intersections of West 235th Street, West 236th Street, West 237th Street, West 239th Street and West 240th Street to reduce reckless "donuts" by vehicles. After further discussion with DOT, the T & T committee chair believes that pursuing these treatments which are commonly used to make intersections safer for pedestrians would equate to requesting DOT to study each intersection to improve pedestrian safety and could lead to unanticipated outcomes. The chair will be opening a discussion to request the board rescind the resolution as it is which has not been actioned by DOT. The committee will be accepting proposals for Independence Avenue intersections that should be studied for pedestrian safety to be discussed at a future meeting as well as feedback on current drag racing conditions requiring solutions

3. Public Discussion of Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety on Bailey Avenue from Van Cortlandt Park to 225th Street

In the past five years, Bailey Avenue has had 675 crashes which have led to 184 motorist, pedestrian and cyclist injuries. This is an average of 37 injured people per year. In the same time period, a similar length of Sedgwick Avenue, which has equivalent total volume of traffic, averaged 13 injuries per year. The Traffic & Transportation Committee would hold a public discussion on the causes of crashes on Bailey Avenue in order to make a recommendation to NYC DOT on ways to reduce them. Potential traffic calming solutions DOT may decide to enact are:

- Reducing the number of travel lanes from 4 to 2 with dedicated left turn bays
- Removal of slip lanes to eliminate pedestrian crossings without traffic control
- Adding a protected bike lane from 225th Street to Van Cortlandt Park
- Shortened pedestrian crosswalks

4. Old Business

Committee Discussion of Resolution for Safety Improvements at Intersection of Van Cortlandt Avenue West and Sedgwick Avenue

Current proposal request includes:

- Traffic study on dedicated left turn lane and signal time
- Restoration of countdown timers for all crossings

Committee Discussion of Resolution for Safety Improvements on Sedgwick Avenue Between Van Cortlandt Avenue West and Giles Place

Current proposal request includes:

- Study for enhanced crosswalk at Stephenson Place (possible parking impact)
- Painting of crosswalk at existing pedestrian curb cuts at 238th intersection (possible parking impact)
- Restoration of flashing yellow caution light
- Request for sharrows on Sedgwick Avenue (no impact to parking)
- Request for study for a speed camera

Committee Discussion of Final Language for Stephenson Avenue Parking Resolution

5. New Business

6. Adjournment

Debra Travis

Chair, Traffic & Transportation Committee