

(Pending Committee Approval)

Meeting Minutes of the Traffic and Transportation Committee

Bronx Community Board 8

April 16, 2026

Bronx Community Board 8 Office

5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100, Bronx NY 10471

[Meeting Recording](#)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Attendees:

Present were committee members Sylvia Alexander (ADA via Zoom), Bob Bender, and Debra Harris.

Absent were Debby Allen, Ingrid DeLeon, and Margaret Della.

As a consequence, there was no quorum.

Bob Bender explained that as vice chair he was chairing the meeting in the absence of committee chair Debby Allen.

Also in attendance via Zoom were: Chairperson Julie Reyes, District Manager Farrah Kule Rubin, Bobbi, Chauncy Young, Daniel Olshansky, Caleb Auerbach from Councilman Dinowitz's office, Jon ZefTel, Paul Parris, Dolores Jordan, and Jim Wacker.

Agenda Items:

Minutes of the March committee meeting were not approved due to the lack of a quorum. That item will be held over to the May committee meeting.

Bob Bender asked whether a representative from the Johnson Diner was present. The diner has applied for a sidewalk café permit. No representative was present at that time or at any time during the meeting, so the application was not formally discussed at the meeting.

Budget priorities from the March committee meeting were reviewed. No changes were suggested, and without a quorum, no vote could be taken. The budget priorities as identified at the March meeting will be forwarded to the CB8 budget committee.

Bob mentioned a letter from Assemblyman William Colton requesting the community board's support for his legislation, Bill A2010-A, which would require that the MTA give at least 30 days' notice to the local community board and elected officials before implementing any changes to bus or mass transit service. Bob reported that the legislation is under consideration in the State Senate's Transportation Committee.

Again due to a lack of quorum, no action was taken.

New Business:

Brief mention of the Bailey Avenue walk-through, originally scheduled for April 9 but moved to May 1. Board members representing several committees and representatives from DOT will discuss possible alterations to the recent reconfiguration of Bailey Avenue, in response to requests from merchants and residents of Bailey Avenue.

DOT recently began an Open Streets program for P.S. 24 that will close West 236th Street between Hudson Manor Terrace and Independence Avenue to traffic during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal hours, 7:30 to 8:15 and 2:00 to 2:45. Later in the meeting local resident Daniel Olshansky spoke in favor of this plan, saying that he hoped it would improve safety in the area during these times, which is the intention of the program.

Bob then discussed another DOT initiative, a new schools slow zone. As a result of a 2024 state law, DOT can reduce the speed limit from 20mph to 15mph on streets adjacent to schools. Several streets in the CB8 district will be affected. The full list follows and will be posted on the CB8 Traffic & Transportation page.

• Corlear Avenue between West 231st Street and West 234th Street ❖ Amber Charter School II ❖ P.S. 7 Milton Fein School • Greystone Avenue between Manhattan College Parkway and West 238th Street ❖ Ethical Culture Fieldston Lower School ❖ Ethical Culture Fieldston Middle School ❖ Ethical Culture Fieldston Upper School • Manhattan College Parkway between Delafield Avenue and West 244th Street ❖ Ethical Culture Fieldston Lower School ❖ Ethical Culture Fieldston Middle School ❖ Ethical Culture Fieldston Upper School • Tibbett Avenue between West 230th Street and Dead End ❖ Bronx Engineering and Technology Academy ❖ Bronx School of Law and Finance ❖ Bronx Theatre High School ❖ English Language Learners and International Support Preparatory Academy (ELLIS) ❖ Marble Hill High School for International Studies ❖ M.S. 368 In-tech Academy ❖ New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science ❖ New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities ❖ P.S. 37 Multiple Intelligence School ❖ X721 (D75) at M.S. 368 • West 231st Street between Tibbet Avenue and Riverdale Avenue ❖ International Leadership Charter High School • West 232nd Street between Corlear Avenue and Kingsbridge Avenue ❖ P.S. 7 Milton Fein School • West 256th Street between Netherland Avenue and Mosholu Avenue ❖ P.S. 81 Robert J. Christen School

Paul Parris spoke on behalf of the JFK campus schools to complain about traffic congestion at Tibbett Ave. and W. 230th Street. There is heavy traffic, particularly during the morning hours, due to the merger of Johnson Ave and Riverdale Ave at W. 230th St. Mr. Parris was glad to learn about the new school slow zone there.

He said that there are young people hanging out on Tibbett Ave at school dismissal time, playing loud music. It was suggested that he attend the Public Safety committee meeting to bring his concern to the 50th Precinct, and also contact Councilman Dinowitz's office.

Daniel Olshansky, a resident of 3215 Netherland Avenue spoke in opposition to the recent installation of a CitiBike pod in front of his building. DM Rubin advised that

he identify a nearby location to which the CitiBike could be moved. Otherwise the installation will remain.

Bob Bender asked whether there had been any determination of where on Knolls Crescent another CitiBike pod would be located. DM Rubin said that the location was still under discussion.

There was a brief discussion of complaints about traffic hazards in the vicinity of W. 251st St and Post Road. Residents are concerned about trucks using W. 253 St between Fieldston Rd. and Post Rd. (which some residents call “snake hill” because of the winding configuration of W. 253 St). The street is narrow and winding, which makes it especially dangerous when there is truck traffic.

This matter will be discussed further at the May meeting, pending further research.

Bob mentioned that Mayor Mamdani has created an Office of Curb Management, which will bring together a deputy mayor and DOT to assess how the city’s curbs are used. Some concerns were expressed about what this might lead to, but that remains to be seen.

Jim Wacker, a resident of 3875 Waldo Avenue, complained about the traffic light that was installed several years ago at the intersection of Waldo and Manhattan College Parkway in front of his building. He wants it removed and the previous stop signs restored because, he said, traffic builds up and there is frequent honking by drivers, disturbing the residents of his building. DOT would have to study the intersection first. The complaint will be referred to DOT for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by Vice-Chair Bob Bender