

Pending Committee Approval

**The Community Board 8 Traffic & Transportation meeting**

**Minutes from December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Meeting Recording

**Roll Call:**

Present (6): Josh Land, Sylvia Alexander (ADA), Debby Allen, Kelli Buford, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham, Mary Ellen Gibbs

Absent (3): Margaret Della, Yngrid DeLeon, Rosemary Ginty

Staff: Farrah Kule Rubin (District Manager)

Guests: Ruth Duran-Chea (PS 315), Nick Fadda (SAR)

**Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:**

Committee meeting notes were approved with corrections from November 19, 2024.

The executive session must be noted in minutes when it started and stopped. There was a motion to accept them with these corrections. It passed.

In Favor (6): J. Land, S. Alexander, D. Allen, K. Buford, W. DeBeatham, M. Gibbs

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

**Executive Report: 2 SAPO Applications.**

1. SAR 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary SAPO Application:

Nick Fadda from SAR presented on the application. Same event they did last year.

Expecting 900 people. from Riverdale Ave to Netherland Ave and at 259<sup>th</sup> St. There will be Valet Parking. 7am Set up. – valet is at 4 pm. Guests arrive at 6:30pm. Will use the parking lot at the school for 100 spots. Using the Skyview Supermarket lot, St. Margarets Church and Chestnut Holdings Parking lot as well for parking. Will make sure there are no traffic jams or issues on the street.

Vendors will park at dead end on Netherland Ave.

Motion to vote. Passed unanimously.

**WHEREAS**, the SAR Academy (Nick Fadda the Applicant), 655 W 254th Street, Bronx, NY 10471, presented its request to obtain a Street Activity Permit (SAPO) in connection with its 56th Anniversary Celebration to be held at the campus located at 503 W 259th Street, Bronx, NY 10471 on Saturday, January 11, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant requested to restrict curb lane usage on W 259th Street between Riverdale Avenue and Netherland Avenue and Netherland Avenue and 259th Street and the dead-end street of Netherland Avenue on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 7:00 am to 11:30 pm; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has not requested to restrict vehicular traffic.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx, unanimously supports the issuance of a permit to the SAR Academy for the curb lane restrictions on W 259th Street between Riverdale Avenue and Netherland Avenue and Netherland Avenue and 259th Street and the dead-end street of Netherland Avenue on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 7:00am to 11:30pm.

In Favor (6): J. Land, S. Alexander, D. Allen, K. Buford, W. DeBeatham, M. Gibbs

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

2. Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Bio bus at PS 315 SAPO Application –
3. Ruth Duran-Chea presented on the application. Students board the bus at Coughlan Ave, park the bus around the corner from Reservoir Ave. They don't want cars parked there. They tried calling community affairs, unsuccessfully.

Sylvia agreed with the SAPO. Motion to vote. No abstentions. SAPO Passed unanimously.

**WHEREAS**, Bio Bus at PS 315 attended the Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>, to ask for the SAPO application for elementary school students to learn about various science topics in a mobile science lab next to PS315.

**WHEREAS**, the BioBus (Ruth Duran-Chea, the Applicant), 2865 Claflin Ave, Bronx, NY 10468, presented its request to obtain a Street Activity Permit (SAPO) in connection with its BioBus to be held at 2865 Claflin Ave., Bronx, NY 10468 on Tuesday, February 4, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant requested to restrict all parking on Reservoir Avenue Between Claflin Ave. and Webb Avenue on Saturday, Tuesday, February 4, 2025 from 6:00am to 4:00pm; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has requested to put Biobus in the parking lane.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx, unanimously supports the issuance of a permit to the BioBus PS315 for the parking restrictions on Reservoir Avenue Between Claflin Ave. and Webb Avenue for the Lab School at 2865 Claflin, on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 from 6:00am to 4:00pm.

In Favor (6): J. Land, S. Alexander, D. Allen, K. Buford, W. DeBeatham, M. Gibbs

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

**Chairpersons Report:** Tin Marin came to the last full meeting and that SAPO passed.

**Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Priorities.**

Capital budget requests. Work on Step Street Report.

Discussed the FY2026 budget items:

Safe crossings throughout the district. This is ongoing. For example, Van Cortlandt Park intersection.

There was a presentation on erosion of street for the storm water on Palisade Ave. Discuss new streets should be made of materials that absorb as much water as possible.

Broadway corridor parking study – traffic continual problem. Issue that buses don't pull up to the curb even though there is room for them to do so. They don't kneel. It is difficult for elderly citizens.

Capital budget:

Henry Hudson parking on the side of the street.

Ponding on Henry Hudson Parkway. Sewer and storm rain.

Intersection of Riverdale Ave and West 234<sup>th</sup> Street.

T&T Independence Ave sidewalk and west 242<sup>nd</sup> street build the walkway.

Sedgewick Ave rehab step streets.

NYC & Westchester County Bee-line where it terminates at 242. T&T will need a parking study along the corridor. It started two years ago. We will ask for funding.

Street Lighting - Walking from the monument at 237<sup>th</sup> Street the lights are out on Johnson and 238<sup>th</sup> Street there. Light study for the neighborhood.

Traffic signals are under the purview of the DOT.

Some items are paid for by the elected officials.

There was a vote to table the items on the list for the next meeting.

**New Business** - Sylvia mentioned that the bus stop at 236<sup>th</sup> St and Riverdale Ave. on the easterly side. It is very irregular. The surface could be a problem for handicapped or people who are well on their feet. The asphalt has piled-up and the DOT should look at.

Kelli Buford; The City Council made jaywalking legal now as of a few months ago.

Citibikes - will need to update committee and present at the February meeting.

Resident Jim Wacker wants to bring up the new traffic light at Manhattan College Parkway and Waldo Ave. For 2 years now causing lots of traffic and noise in the neighborhood. Many lights and don't walk signs. Rarely peaceful anymore. At night everyone has to wait at lights, lots of idling, revving motors and radio music. Worst is in the morning. The way light is timed is poor. Wait can be many minutes for three way light. Has petition from neighborhood from 36 people to fix this. Wants committee to ask DOT to do any of these suggestions:

1. Go back to original stop signs and take light down, pollute less
2. Set light to stay yellow until pedestrian hits a button
3. Reprogram light intelligently to use camera to eliminate useless back ups
4. Put up a please don't honk sign

Committee suggested can ask DOT if they can adjust the timing of the lights or change to yellow light after midnight. Send 311 complaint numbers to our office to follow up on. His complaints are two years old now.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:09 PM**

Minutes submitted by Josh Land