

(Draft Pending Committee Approval)
Minutes of the Traffic & Transportation Committee Meeting
Bronx Community Board 8
June 8, 2022, 7pm via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

Attendees

Committee:

Present: Debra Travis (Chair), Kelli Buford, Christopher Calhoun, Edward Green

Absent: David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs (CCM), Georgia Santiago

City Agencies: Keith Kalb (Interim Bronx Borough Commissioner), Holly Malone (Greenway Coordinator), Rochelle Brahalla (Assistant Director of School Safety)

Agenda

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of May 19, 2022

The May 19, 2022 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Chair's Report

Community Paving Requests – Thank you to everyone who submitted paving requests to the office over the last couple of weeks. We are busy getting them submitted to DOT.

2727 Palisdae Avenue – Residents have requested that, as DOT is re-paving the intersection in front of their building, that specific attention is paid to the crowning of the street in order to direct water toward the catch basins. DOT has confirmed they are evaluating their paving options and will reach out to the board office once they know the scope of their project.

Cleaning the Major Deegan Water Drains – Two southbound lanes (left and middle) of the Major Deegan Expressway will be closed between West 230th Street and West Fordham Road from June 6 through June 9 between 11pm to 5am and June 11 between 1am to 6:30am for cleaning of the water catchments. This will make the highway more resilient during the hurricane season.

New MTA Bus Maps – The MTA has issued new bus maps and schedules for North Manhattan and the Bronx as part of the borough-wide Bronx Bus Redesign. For more information and to download a new map or schedule, visit the MTA website here: <https://new.mta.info/project/bronx-local-bus-network-redesign>

Presentation by DOT of Planned Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Manhattan College Parkway and Delafield Avenue

DOT presented their plan to modify the intersection of Delafield Avenue and Manhattan College Parkway in order to improve pedestrian visibility, shorten crossings, and slow turns. This request was made by an individual in the community directly to DOT in 2018. While developing the plan, DOT has been working directly with Fieldston School to mitigate any concerns they have and because student safety is the focus of the project.

DOT will install:

1. Stop sign on westbound Manhattan College Parkway at Delafield Avenue
2. New crosswalks in the north, east and west legs of the intersection
3. Painted median tip extensions on the west side of the intersection
4. Painted curb extensions on the east side of the intersection
5. Remove three parking spots for the median tips on the west leg of the intersection and the crosswalk at Henry Hudson Parkway East

The committee discussed the plan. The primary concerns and the DOT responses were:

Removal of parking – Kalb stated that two of the parking spots which were being lost, were already blocking a pedestrian ramp and they were simply marking the crosswalk in order to increase visibility. DOT will review if the third parking spot could be saved by adjusting the size of the traffic island across from it.

Narrowing of the roadway on westbound Manhattan College Parkway near the approach to the Henry Hudson overpass – this is intentional in order to make the streets easier to cross. The travel lanes continue to be the same width as exists on adjacent stretches of Manhattan College Parkway.

Inadequate community outreach and buy-in – Kalb stated that the original request had come from the community, they had worked closely with Fieldston who was the most impacted entity and that they intended to reach out to the Fieldston Property Owners' Association after their presentation to the community board. They are finalizing the plan and would make adjustments if there were strong community concerns or feedback.

Misalignment between this project and the Streets Plan project prioritization process – the Streets Plan prioritizes projects in neighborhoods that have historically experienced racial and economic lack of investment and have a history of injuries. Kalb stated that this project was initiated in 2018 and due to COVID has been delayed. As they work through their backlog of projects, new future projects will focus on Tier 1 neighborhoods in our district. This project sits in a Tier 3 neighborhood, the lowest priority.

Expense for an intersection with no history of injuries or crashes – The number of crashes and injuries is one of many criteria that DOT reviews. DOT views the intersection as complex with traffic significant enough to meet the warrant for a stop sign. This combined with the location near a school led them to act to prevent injuries and crashes before they happen

There were no members of the community to speak in favor or against the proposal and the committee determined that more outreach was needed to know if there would be any unintentioned

consequences. The committee will request the board office to send the plan to the board mailing list and post to Facebook to solicit feedback. DOT said they would be open to receiving it.

**Request for Street Activity Permit for Kingsbridge Terrace Community Block Party
Sponsored by KBT4KIDZ**

The committee reviewed a request for a full street closure of Kingsbridge Terrace between West Kingsbridge Road and West 230th Street on August 13, 2022 for a block party sponsored by Parents of the Kids of Kingsbridge Terrace. A member of the hosting organization was expected to attend to present their plan for this permit, however, unfortunately, they were unable to attend. According to the application, the following details are known: setup will begin at 9:00am, event starts at 10:30am, event ends at 5:00pm, breakdown at 6:00pm. This event was previously held on August 7, 2022. The board office contacted the 50th Precinct who indicated that they had some concerns regarding the cooperation of attendees last year and that there had been an increase in crime statistics since the event was previously held. Seeing as there was no one in attendance to speak to these concerns or answer questions regarding emergency vehicle lanes and other details, the committee determined they did not have enough information to support or oppose the permit and did not vote on a resolution.

Old Business

None

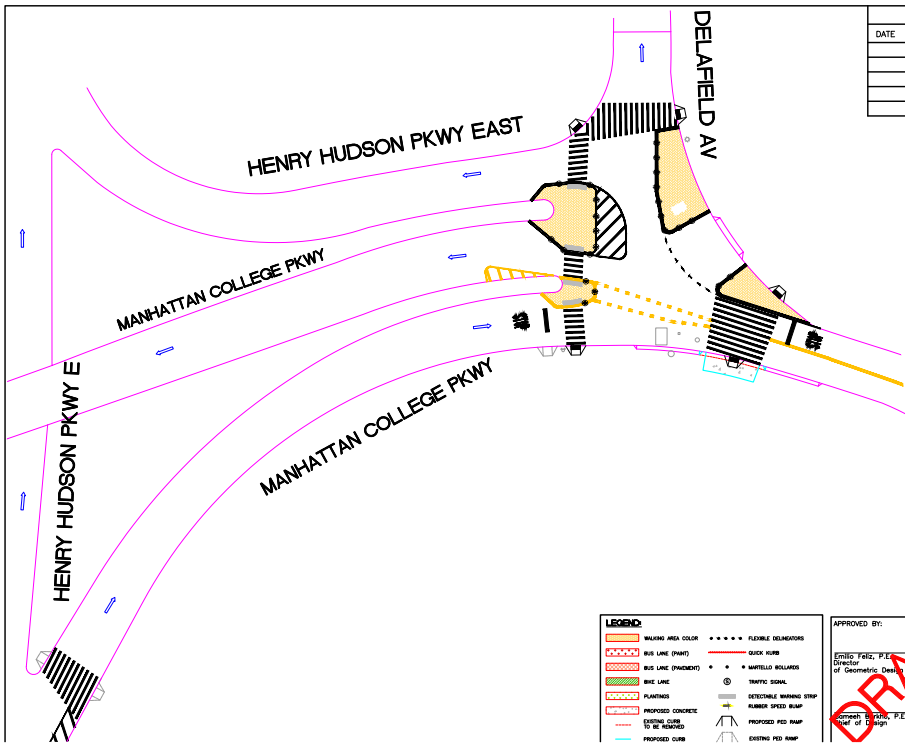
New Business

The Chair, Deb Travis, thanked all of the committee members for their hard work this year. She will not be continuing as Traffic & Transportation Chair and looks forward to working with the committee members in a different capacity next year.

The next meeting will be in September at a date to be determined. Have a great summer!

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm



REVISIONS		
DATE	APPO	DESCRIPTION

- NOTES:
1. THESE PLANS PROVIDE DRAFT HORIZONTAL GEOMETRY FOR CURBS, PAVEMENT MARKINGS, DELINEATORS, AND BOLLARDS.
 2. REFER TO APPROVED NYC DOT TYPICAL PAVEMENT MARKINGS DRAWINGS FOR DETAILS.
 3. REFER TO CURRENT NYCDOT POLICY FOR APPROPRIATE FLEXIBLE DELINEATOR SPACING IN COORDINATION WITH PLANTED GRANITE BLOCK, AND OTHER EDGE OBJECT LOCATIONS.
 4. PLANTER AND GRANITE BLOCK LOCATIONS ARE NOT SHOWN ON PLANS. LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON FIELD CONDITIONS.
 5. DETECTABLE WARNING STRIPS AT PAINTED PEDESTRIAN AREAS WITH NO PHYSICAL SEPARATION FROM VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ARE SHOWN FOR REFERENCE ONLY. THEIR ACTUAL PLACEMENT DIMENSIONS, ORIENTATION AND SPECIFICATIONS SHALL BE PER CURRENT NYCDOT POLICY.

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	BUS LANE (PROMENT)
	BIKE LANE
	PLANTINGS
	PROPOSED CONCRETE
	EXISTING CURB TO BE REPAIRED
	PROPOSED CURB
	FLEXIBLE DELINEATORS
	GRASS CURB
	WARRIOLLO BOLLARDS
	TRAFFIC SIGNAL
	DETECTABLE WARNING STRIP
	RUBBER SPEED BUMP
	PROPOSED PED RAMP
	EXISTING PED RAMP

APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: _____

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PAVEMENT MARKING PLAN
MANHATTAN COLLEGE PARKWAY
FROM WALDO AV (SOUTH LEG) TO DELAFIELD AV

Drawn by: St. Biethells
Checked by: BRONX
Borough: BRONX
Scale: 1"=40'

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