

Pending Board Approval
Bronx Community Board 8 Traffic and Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes September 25, 2025
[Meeting Recording](#)

Meeting Called to order - 7:06 pm

Introduction remarks by Chairperson of the Committee

Requirements for meeting reviewed

Roll Call: Quorum is present

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

Absent: Sylvia Alexander, Yngrid DeLeon

Staff and board members: Farrah Kule Rubin, Steven Froot, Robert Fanuzzi

Guests: Jahneille Edwards (DDC), Maria Centeno (DDC), Cynthia Muniz-Rivera (DDC), Teresa Smith (DDC), Judy Garcia (DDC), Wing Sao (DDC), Hao Liu (DDC Design), Hayden Benjamin (NYC DOT BCPM), Eleftheria Ardizzon (DEP), Rene Luciano (NYC DOT), Sarah Franzetti Esc. (Cullen & Dykman, Manhattan University), Anna Cohen (AM Dinowitz)

June 4, 2025, Minutes Unanimously Approved

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

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Presentation:

Department of Design and Construction (DDC) on Project:

DDC #HWCSH4D Safe Routes to School Near PS/IS 307 Eames Place

- Presentation Link - [HWCSCH4D Northwest Bronx School Safety Improvements \(September 2025\)](#)

The highlights of the presentation were:

- Safety Measures for pedestrians and motorists
- New Catch Basins and water main upgrades

- Preliminary work in the ground by DEP
- Above Ground (DOT)
- Community Impacts & Mitigation
- Traffic Pattern During Construction
- Lead Pipe Eligibility Program (DEP)
- There was a robust discussion on BX9 bus impact and traffic lane closure . DDC representative ensured that they will be working closely with MTA . DDC presenter stated that there will be no elimination of North bound or South bound lanes lanes.
- They will follow up on the amount of parking spaces that might be lost.

Resolution
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DDC #HWCSH4D Safe Routes to School Near PS/IS 307 Eames Place

WHEREAS, DDC presented on Safe Routes to schools near PS/IS 307 Eames Place Phase 4: Project ID: HWCSCH4D;

WHEREAS, this project is necessary to provide safety measures for pedestrians by decreasing long crossing and increasing visibility for drivers; and

WHEREAS, the project will create a new catch basin and watermain upgrades; and

WHEREAS, DDC provided an outline of community impacts and mitigation plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 Traffic & Transportation committee supports the DDC #HWCSH4D Safe Routes to School Near PS/IS 307 Eames Place.

Unanimously approved:

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

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Second -Presentation:

4. Department of Design and Construction (DDC) on Project: DDC #HWX406 West 254th Street Safety Plan (Upgrade Design)

The highlights of the presentation were:

- Safety Measures for pedestrians (missing sidewalks and curbs)
- Lack of ADA compliant pedestrian ramps

- DEP Sewer and Water Main Improvements
- Design Progress plan coordination with other agencies and stakeholders

Robust feed-back from the community and committee raising the following concerns;

- 1- Storm Water overburden during storms
- 2- Safe walking area currently and during the project
- 3- Impact of the Character of the neighborhood by eliminating trees
- 4- Decreasing green space and its impact on Special Natural Area District (SNAD)
- 5- How are other projects being coordinated with Hebrew Home project and on Palisade Avenue?
- 6- Are two sidewalks required?
- 7- How will traffic be coordinated?
- 8- Undrivable roads: Sycamore Avenue, 261 street and Palisade. Will these roads be paved?

The Committee and Community are requesting follow-up by DDC

- Requesting an evaluation to have side walks on one side of the street to have a sidewalk. The sidewalk be installed the North Bound side (adjacent to the school). This would decrease the number of trees from being eliminated and green space. In addition, decrease the impact on the character of the neighborhood and decrease reclaim land consideration.
- Requesting coordination with Con-Edison so that utility lines be buried under ground. This would decrease power-outages during storms.
- Are two sidewalks required?
- When will the owners be contacted about the acquisition process since they have not been contacted yet?
- Will legal parking spots remain after the project? Yes but illegal ones won't
- Investigate Environmental mediation plan to ensure that drains can withstand 1 inch of water per hour?

5. Street Co-Naming Manhattan University-

Vote was tabled due to insufficient out-reach to those living in apartment building on Manhattan College Parkway. Asked them to return to the October 16, 2025 meeting with proof of outreach and responses from the buildings affected.

Old Business -

Review of May 15, 2025 minutes section regarding - Summit Place Step Street Project

Department of Design and Construction (DDC) Presentation Capital Project-Summit Place Step Street-Bailey Avenue to Heath Avenue on May 15, 2025

Presentation Link: [DDC Summit Place Step Street Rehabilitation Presentation \(May 2025\)](#)

The highlights

- Provide Universal Accessibility ADA Ramp
 - Provide New efficient Led light poles to improve safety
 - Address substandard condition on the Summit and Heath Avenue step street
 - Improve draining system connection to nearby sewer
 - Bicyclist can

Concerns Issues

- Removal of existing trees and replacing with minimal amount of trees
- Privacy issues with those apartments are adjacent to the step street.

Resolution

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Department of Design and Construction (DDC) Summit Place Step Street Project

WHEREAS, DDC presented on the Capital Project for-Summit Place Step Street at the Traffic & Transportation T&T Committee meeting on May 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this project will provide universal accessibility ADA Ramp; and

WHEREAS, this project will provide new efficient led light poles to improve safety; and

WHEREAS, this project will improve draining system connection to the nearby sewer; and

WHEREAS, The T&T Committee requests additional green options, trees and plants be placed; and

WHEREAS, The T&T Committee requests privacy/safety issues with those apartments adjacent to the step be addressed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 T&T Committee Unanimously supports the Capital Project-Summit Place Step Street if the two conditions requested will be addressed.

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

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

6. Overview of Citi Bike Stations Phase 3 Riverdale-Summer Walk through with DOT & Citi Bike

- 1- There is currently no response from DOT & Citi-Bike from the summer walk through

7. FY28 Budget Priorities

- 1- Obtain three years of budget request for T&T
- 2- Consider upgrading lighting for safety

8. New Business

- 1-Broadway 261st Street bus-stop BX9 – There is no traffic light, and it is unsafe for pedestrians to cross the street. Residents are concerned since cars also can't see around the buses parking/stopping here. Traffic Study request was sent in on this by Debra Harris and we will follow up.
- 2-Grey Stone Ave. at McLaughlin Park from 236th up to 242nd Street the Street lights are out. 311 was contacted but it is not addressed for the last three months.
- 3-238th – 242nd MTA doing massive renovation with barricades on Broadway, some not protected and seem hazardous. Trash and garbage is accumulating in and around them.
There is a lack of city services on Broadway where there is the MTA renovation, which needs TLC. The office will send an email to the board to invite them to a walkthrough of the area with the Economic Development Committee.
- 4-Resident concern on Broadway Bridge with Northbound lanes that are closed and the Bridge is not ADA.

Committee agreed to invite MTA and Carmen De LaRosa to the next CB8 T&T on October 16, 2025.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25pm

Debby Allen
T&T Chair