

Bronx Community Board 8 Traffic & Transportation Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes March 20, 2025

[Meeting Recording](#)

Meeting Started at 7:00pm

Roll Call:

In Attendance (7): Chairperson Josh Land, Sylvia Alexander, Debby Allen, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham, Yngrid DeLeon, Kelli Buford, Margaret Della

Absent (1): Mary Ellen Gibbs

Staff: Farrah Kule Rubin (District Manager)

Guests: Emily Chingay (Open Plans), Nadeem Kazi (Riverdale Main Streets Alliance), Randi Martos (Chief of Staff Assemblyman Dinowitz), Kamran Elahi & Bonnie Goldstein (Kingsdale Dispatch)

Approval of Committee Minutes:

Committee meeting minutes approved unanimously – February 20, 2025

In favor (6) J. Land, S. Alexander, D. Allen, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, K. Buford,

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Chairperson's Report:

Step Street Report made by the committee and board members are being reviewed to submit to DOT and for FY27 Budget Priorities

Guest Speaker Emily Chingay of Open Plans -Presentation on Daylighting in New York City

Daylighting is a Street design intervention where visual obstruction closet to intersections are removed to improve visibility for people walking, biking and driving.

This design makes pedestrians at crosswalks more visible to drivers, reducing the chance of accidents at intersections.

Ms. Chingay requested that Community Board 8 would consider a Resolution on Daylighting in New York City

Benefits:

- 1- Increase visibility of pedestrians to motorist
- 2- Increases visibility of vehicles to pedestrians
- 3- Shortens crossing distance for pedestrians
- 4- Protects ADA accessibility

- 5- Reduces crowding at crosswalks
- 6- Provides space for public amenities such as green infrastructure or bike parking

The committee responded that we would explore a resolution in a future meeting.

Open Plans Presentation: [link to the slide deck](#)

Street Activity Permit (SAPO) Application- North Riverdale Block Festival May 18, 2025.

Nadeem Kazi of Riverdale Main Street Alliance presented on this application. This is the same event they have held for the few years. Promotes local businesses in the area. They will call MTA to re-route the buses for the street closure from Larry's Lucky Lotto to West 259th Street. Confirmed they will have 15-foot emergency lane. They will contact FDNY as well. Stage set up in center with music. There will be activities for kids.

Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) presented its intent to hold a block party on Riverdale Avenue from W 257th to W 259th Street (the North Riverdale Block Party) on Sunday, May 18, 2025, from 11 AM to 8 PM, inclusive of set up and breakdown; and

WHEREAS, RMSA held similar events in May 2022, June 2023, and May 2024 without any issues or complaints; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will coordinate with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to modify impacted bus operations; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will maintain a 15-foot emergency lane through the center lane; and

WHEREAS, the North Riverdale Block Party received favorable feedback from the community after the other events.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Traffic & Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 APPROVES the issuance of the permit to the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) to hold the North Riverdale Block Party on Riverdale Avenue from W 257th to W 259th Street on Sunday, May 18, 2025, from 11 AM to 8 PM, inclusive of set up and breakdown, for the sole purpose of hosting a one-time block party.

*The application is unanimously approved to go before the entire Community Board 8 Committee on 4/8/2025

In favor (7): J. Land, S. Alexander, D. Allen, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, K. Buford, M. Della

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

****TLC Renewal Application-Kingsdale Dispatch: 3265 Johnson Avenue**

Community input Letter requested for their 3-year License renewal. Located at 3265 Johnson Avenue Suite #103, Bronx.

Resolution: TLC Renewal Application-Kingsdale Dispatch: 3265 Johnson Avenue

Whereas, the owner of Kingsdale Dispatch at 3265 Johnson Avenue came to request a letter of comment for their 3-year License renewal, and

Whereas, nothing has changed since their renewal three years ago, and

Whereas there have been no known complaints from the community.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, Bronx Community Board 8 has no objection to the application for the renewal of a NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission License presented by Kingsdale Dispatch, Inc. located at 3265 Johnson Avenue Suite #103, Bronx.

*The application is unanimously approved to go before the entire Community Board 8 Committee on 4/8/2025

In favor (7): J. Land, S. Alexander, D. Allen, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, K. Buford, M. Della
Opposed (0)
Abstained (0)

FY 2027 Budget Priorities (Step Street):

A robust discussion was had on the Step-Street -232 & Netherland/Johnson Avenue was removed from the Budget list for 2027.

Discussion was had about which agency is responsible for removing graffiti.
Discussion was had about who is responsible to maintain the step-street.

The committee agreed that the following Step Streets shall be placed on FY 2027 Budget

- 1- 238 Street Waldo & Waldo/Irwin
- 2- 231 Street & Sedwick/Kingsbridge Terrance
- 3- 231 Street Summitt Avenue
- 4- 230th street Netherland Hum Park to Irwin Step Street

In favor (7): J. Land, S. Alexander, D. Allen, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, K. Buford, M. Della
Opposed (0)
Abstained (0)

****Resolution for Permeable Pavers Design DOT & DDC**

Discussed this resolution at the last T & T Committee meeting.

DOT Permeable Surfaces Resolution:

WHEREAS, there are serious rain storms with a large accumulation of rain over a short duration, the impermeable concrete surfaces create larger run-off. If the ground cannot absorb the water then there is more run-off. More concentrated water run-off can contribute to sink-holes, a worsening of erosion, especially on hills, and more dangerous conditions for cars and pedestrians. This is common in severe rain events and can cause accidents and/or force people to abandon their cars, as happened in the fall of 2024 on the Henry Hudson Parkway, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation normally uses concrete and asphalt as “hard” or paved surfaces, the Community Board 8, Traffic and Transportation Committee recommends that the DDC and the DOT design group consider and try to incorporate permeable surfaces where possible, for example using permeable pavers on sidewalks, or aggregate in empty lots, and areas of unused (or seldomly used) roads, as well as near the curbs, to allow the water to drain directly into the ground, and

WHEREAS, new construction and new roads are paved, the Community Board 8 encourages all new roads to have considered the design as part of a larger, “stormwater management plan”. On large construction projects with roads or highways there should be a consideration of pre- and post development run-off depths. One area that Community Board 8 suggests is the new paving of Edsall Ave., and

WHEREAS, it would be of the communities greatest interest to dovetail this initiative with new projects and other committees, for example the daylighting of the Tibbet’s creek as part of a regional stormwater initiative.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx, supports the consideration of the design, and the use of the most permeable surfaces where possible.

Unanimously Approved:

In favor (7): J. Land, S. Alexander, D. Allen, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, K. Buford, M. Della

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Resolution Support for additional Safety Measures on West 235th Street and Oxford Avenue.

The resolution was passed with amendments in language to follow, D. Allen and K. Buford will coordinate.

WHEREAS, an automobile accident occurred at the intersection of West 235th Street and Oxford Avenue in July 2022 and resulted in the death of a 99-year-old woman; and

WHEREAS, during a meeting of Bronx Community Board 8’s Traffic & Transportation Committee on September 15, 2022 the issue was brought to the attention of Commissioner Ydanis

Rodriguez and Deputy Commissioner Maragaret Forgione, who were present in-person, and stated that they would investigate and get back to the community board; and

WHEREAS, NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) subsequently advised that several studies were performed to determine appropriate remediation measures; and

WHEREAS, DOT installed a four-way stop sign at the intersection; and

WHEREAS, despite the safety measures currently installed, further measures are needed to safeguard our community as motorists tend to ignore the stop signs and the intersection remains unsafe for pedestrians.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Traffic & Transportation Committee is requesting further study of the intersection, including consideration of installation of the following: (1) a traffic light; (2) Flashing Street Marking (or Lights around the stop signs) to increase visibility of the lights; (3) Street markings denoting the Stop Signs and legal speed limit; (4) Rumble Strips to slow drivers down; or (5) Daylight the intersection to enhance driver and pedestrian visibility.

Unanimously Approved:

In Favor (7): J. Land, S. Alexander, D. Allen, K. Buford, W. DeBeatham, M. Della, Y. DeLeon

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

New Business- Open Street Notification for Eames Place Webb Avenue to Claflin Avenue

****See Notification letter dated 3/12/2025 from DOT.**

This is a good area for the Open Street, the School needs a safe area to play outside.

Unanimously approved:

In favor (7): J. Land, S. Alexander, D. Allen, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, K. Buford, M. Della

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Discussion on new 5G utility pole on West 235th and Netherland Ave. - no comments or objections

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Minutes Submitted by Dr. Debby Allen

****Notifications and License Renewal Information:**

COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING PLAN

Kingsdale Dispatch Inc. 3265 Johnson Avenue, Suite #103 Bronx, N.Y. 10463

On crowded shopping Saturdays and workday mornings during the week, many people do not want to ride on public transportation so there too we suspect they will call our car service. The base will serve the Spuyten Duyvil, Riverdale and Marble Hill areas of the Bronx while also serving all of New York City, nearby Yonkers and Westchester. Within these areas there are many large volume factories, businesses, housing developments.

We are aware of the congestion throughout the Bronx and the volume of vehicles during peak hours of the day and busy seasons of the year within the shopping districts. We will strive to institute methods in which we can lessen the effect our vehicles have on traffic.

We will work with community leaders and will not allow our vehicles and our drivers to negatively impact or enhance the burden. We will employ professional drivers, and they will be made to understand that street hailing, illegal parking and driver complaint procedure to consider incoming grievances from customers and we are outlining a plan of action that can result in anything from a mild reprimand to a total unaffiliating of a driver.

We will continue with the 10-vehicle requirement.

Number of expected calls, 100 per day but during the pandemic these calls vary on date and time and positivity rate.

DOT Notification: Open Streets location has been approved in your district:

March 12, 2025: The Open Street is located on **Eames Place from Webb Avenue to Claflin Avenue** and operates on the dates, days and times listed in the tables below. It is a “**Full Closure – Schools**” type of Open Street. The Department of Transportation will work with “**Success Academy Charter Schools – Kingsbridge Heights**”, the agency’s community partner, on the safe and successful execution of this Open Street location.

Your office will have 45 days to offer any comments to the Department of Transportation for this Open Street location

Start Date: April 28, 2025

End Date: June 30th, 2026

	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>
Drop Off	7:00 am	8:15 am
Pick Up	4:00 pm	5:15 pm
Recess	10:30 am	1:30 pm

Specifications from the Navy for Resolution on Permeable Pavers:



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