

(Pending Committee Approval)

Bronx Community Board 8 Traffic & Transportation Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes April 17, 2025
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Meeting Started 7:01pm

Introduction remarks by Chairperson of the Committee

Department of Transportation (DOT) made two presentations:

- Update on Bailey Avenue Safety Improvement by Van Cortlandt Park South (VCPS) Phase 2
Presenters: Anthony Perez, (Bronx Borough Commissioner DOT), Mary Daly (Project Manager DOT), Daniel Wagner (DOT Director of Project Development Public Realm Unit) and Holly Malone (DOT)

Made some changes since the presentation made in November 2024 to remove the right turn access slip lane the board requested to keep.

DOT is working with DOT Harlem River Greenway Planning team who gives them insights from recent workshops. Addressing long crossing distances, lack of Pedestrian Crosswalks, safer expressway on/off ramps for pedestrians. Lack of pedestrian infrastructure. DOT is hoping to start construction this spring to be completed in Summer/Fall 2025.

DOT expressed that there are upcoming DOT projects in 2025

Van Cortlandt Park/Northwest Bronx Neighborhood Planning Analysis:

- 1- Van Cortlandt Park South and Bailey Avenue -Phase 2
- 2- Bailey Avenue (Van Cortland Avenue Park E. to W. Fordham Safety Improvements
- 3- Jerome Avenue and West 192 2nd street, 205th Street (not in our district)

Other Agency Projects:

- 4- MTA/ADA station upgrade
- 5- Tibbetts Brook Daylighting
- 6- Kingsbridge Armory Renovation
- 7- Northwest Bronx School Safety Improvement
- 8- Woodland Playground

Concerns/ Issues Raised:

Major Deegan off ramp concerns

- Turning radius too tight for 18-wheelers for Trucks making right lane turn
- Blocking on going traffic – We requested data on the analysis
- Removal of a slip lane with a large development coming to the community will cause back up traffic.
- Is there a light for pedestrians so that pedestrians can feel safe crossing the intersection?
- Clarify Signage direction for Harlem River Greenway vs Putman

- Is it possible to have raised crosswalks for pedestrians for their safety?
- Issue with making turns safely, confusing which is a legal turn.

Bailey Avenue Concerns

- Eliminating on average, 4-5 legal parking spots on each block
- Back -up of traffic when the bus is in the lane
- Right-hand turns is there a turning light vs Stop sign?
- Closure of Slip Lane may be an issue for cars making right hand turns

Traffic and Transportation Committee: Requested: DOT presentation so that it can be shared with the public. You can view the Phase 2 presentation [here](#).

-DOT presentation on New Project Safety improvements on Bailey Ave from Van Cortland Park South (VCPS) to West 225th Street which includes protected bike lanes Chris Bronson and Nathan Albert (Project Manager)

Popular bike route with no connection to Park and Empire State Trail.

Killed or Severely Injured (KSI)- Stats are high on Bailey Avenue
Issues:

- There was a robust discussion and opposition regarding elimination of 46 parking spots and how it would impact local businesses, increase traffic and the community ability to park could result in double-parking which is safety issue
- The community expressed concerns that street dividers from concrete places the community at risk of drainage /flooding risk
- Add a green pedestrian plaza to beautify the area on both-sides of the street.
- How would homeowner be impacted with this re-design with entrance or exiting driveways
- Concern raised regarding drainage and carbon neutrality
- Concerns with safety and crossing of the intersection

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See presentation link below:

[Bailey Ave: VCPS -West 225th Safety Improvements 2025](#)

Roll Call: Quorum is present

In attendance (4): Chairperson Debby Allen, Sylvia Alexander (ADA), Dr. Wayne DeBeatham, Margaret Della

Absent: Mary Ellen Gibbs, Yngrid Deleon

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Staff: F. Kule Rubin (District Manager)

Dining Out NYC Roadway and Sidewalk Café Applications: Cocina Chente

**Resolution
April 17, 2025
Dining Out NYC Sidewalk Application
Cocina Chente 3535 Riverdale Ave. Bronx, NY 10463**

WHEREAS, Cocina Chente, 3535 Riverdale Avenue has submitted an outdoor dining application to the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT), and

WHEREAS, a Representative of Cocina Chente appeared before the Traffic and Transportation (T&T) Committee on April 17, 2025, to provide details of their request which would allow them to use a portion of the public sidewalk (the sidewalk cafe), and

WHEREAS, the application was submitted as required by the new DOT requirements for sidewalk café setups and the proposed layout of tables and chairs describes existing conditions, and

WHEREAS, there were no complaints from the NYPD or community, and

WHEREAS, the T&T Committee has concerns regarding the restaurant's physical presentation of at least three empty garbage containers stored on the public sidewalk at the curb blocking public access to and from automobiles parked at the curb.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Traffic and Transportation Committee recommends approval for the Cocina Chente application for sidewalk cafe with the condition that all current and future encroachments on the public sidewalk be removed so as to not impede pedestrian flow.

In favor: Sylvia Alexander, Debby Allen, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham and Margaret Della

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

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In favor: Sylvia Alexander, Debby Allen, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham and Margaret Della

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Street Name Amendment Request from Manhattan University

Roxanne Tashjan, Esq, presented Manhattan University application and explained why the name change from Manhattan College Parkway to Manhattan University Parkway is necessary. The three letters of support was limited and homeowners that would be impacted was not engaged.

Re-naming Amendment was tabled due to lack of inclusion and notification of community members that would be impacted by the street name change. The committee is requesting proof of notification of those impacted by certified mailing. In addition, supply the community board 8 proof of the notification for all neighbors affected by the name change.

In Favor (4): Sylvia Alexander, Debby Allen, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham and Margaret Della

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

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FY 2027 Budget Priorities (Step Street):

The Committee Voted the following Step Streets shall be placed on FY 2027 Budget

- 1- 238 Street: Waldo Avenue to Irwin Avenue
- 2- 231 Street: Sedgwick Avenue to Kingsbridge Terrace
- 3- 231 Street Summit Place – Heath Avenue to Bailey Avenue
- 4- 230th Street:
Netherland Avenue/Edgehill Ave.
Edgehill Ave. Johnson Ave.
Johnson Ave. to Irwin Avenue

In favor: Sylvia Alexander, Debby Allen, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham and Margaret Della
Opposed (0)
Abstained (0)

March 20, 2025, Minutes unanimously approved

In favor: Sylvia Alexander, Debby Allen, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham and Margaret Della
Opposed (0)
Abstained (0)

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm
Minutes Submitted by Debby Allen