

Bronx Community Board 8 Traffic & Transportation Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes May 15, 2025
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Meeting Started 7:05pm

Introduction remarks by Chairperson of the Committee

Department of Transportation (DOT) made presentations on Citibike Phase 3 in Riverdale

The highlights of the presentation were:

- Shared use mobility
- Alternative source of transportation to buses and trains
- Station sites
- Sidewalk and street installation plan
- Public Outreach
- Draft plan creation

Concerns/ Issues Raised:

- Number of parking spaces that would be lost in street installation sites.
- Will impact on green spaces
- Why are Citi-bikes not near the 1 train?
- Will this impact those with disabilities have decrease access to the sidewalk

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

The highlights:

- Provide Universal Accessibility ADA Ramp.
Provide New efficient Led light poles to improve safety.
- Address substandard conditions on the Summit and Heath Avenue Step Street.
- Improve draining system connection to nearby sewer.
- Bicyclists can bring their bikes down a bike channel on the step street

Concerns Issues raised:

- Removal of existing trees and replacing them with a minimal amount of trees
- Parking spots will be impacted on Bailey Ave and Heath during the construction
- Privacy issues with those apartments are adjacent to the step street.
- The step street will be closed during the construction for approximately 30 months
- The walking distance for pedestrians will triple during the construction.

Roll Call: Quorum is present

In attendance (4): Chairperson Debby Allen, Sylvia Alexander, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham, Ynggrid DeLeon

Absent: Margaret Della, Mary Ellen Gibbs

Staff: F. Kule Rubin (District Manager)

Dining Out NYC Roadway and Sidewalk Café Applications:

**Resolution
May 15, 2025
Dining Out NYC Sidewalk Application
Yo-Burger 3726 Riverdale Ave. Bronx, NY 10471**

WHEREAS, Yo-Burger 3726 Riverdale Avenue has submitted an outdoor dining application to the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT); and

WHEREAS, a Representative of Yo-Burger 3726 appeared before the Traffic and Transportation (T&T) Committee on May 13, 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 for Café Length X Width 43'8" X 10' with 5 tables and Bench Seating; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Traffic and Transportation Committee recommends approval for Yo-Burger application for sidewalk café.

In favor: Sylvia Alexander, Debby Allen, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham and Ingrid DeLeon

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

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Dining Out NYC Sidewalk Application
An Beal Bocht 445 West 238th Street Bronx, NY 10471

WHEREAS, An Beal Bocht has submitted an outdoor dining application to the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT); and

WHEREAS, a Representative of An Beal Botch appeared before the Traffic and Transportation (T&T) Committee on May 13, 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 with 13 tables & 26 Seats or 4 picnic tables with 20 seats Café size Length 39' X Width 7'; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Traffic and Transportation Committee recommends approval for An Beal Bocht application for sidewalk café.

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

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Dining Out NYC Sidewalk Application
Marianne Pizza Café 6100 Riverdale Avenue Bronx, NY 10471

WHEREAS, Marianne Pizza Café has submitted an outdoor dining application to the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT); and

WHEREAS, a Representative of Marianne Pizza Café appeared before the Traffic and Transportation (T&T) Committee on May 13, 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 3 tables & 12 Chairs Café size 11' X 8' and 10' X 8'; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Traffic and Transportation Committee recommends approval for Marianne Pizza Cafe application for sidewalk café.

In favor: Sylvia Alexander, Debby Allen, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham and Ingrid DeLeon

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

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**Dining Out NYC Sidewalk Application
Blackstone Bar & Grill 3713 Riverdale Avenue Bronx, NY 10471**

WHEREAS, Blackstone Bar & Grill has submitted an outdoor dining application to the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT); and

WHEREAS, a Representative of Blackstone Bar & Grill appeared before the Traffic and Transportation (T&T) Committee on May 13, 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 8 tables 16 seats, café size 14'2" X 10'; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Traffic and Transportation Committee recommends approval for Blackstone Bar & Grill application for sidewalk café.

In favor: Sylvia Alexander, Debby Allen, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham and Iygrid Deleon

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

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Dining Out NYC Sidewalk Application
Yukka Latin Bistro 5684 Riverdale Avenue Bronx, NY 10471

WHEREAS, Yukka Latin Bistro has submitted an outdoor dining application to the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT); 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 10 tables and 20 chairs café size 25'7" X 7'1"; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Traffic and Transportation Committee recommends approval for Yukka Latin Bistro application for sidewalk café.

In favor: Sylvia Alexander, Debby Allen, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham and Ingrid Deleon

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

April 17, 2025, Minutes unanimously approved

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

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Unfinished Business:

June 4, 2025 @ 7pm Ft Independence House 3350 Bailey Avenue: New Safety Project Improvements on Bailey Avenue from Van Cortland South Park (VCPS) to West 225th Street. (see Flier* to be distributed to the community and on Website).

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Minutes Submitted by Debby Allen

*Flier

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 7:00 PM
MMCC at Fort Independence Houses –
3350 Bailey Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463



Members of the public may attend via zoom or in person.

Join Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2114033690>

Join Zoom Meeting by Phone: +1(646) 558-8656 Pin: 2114033690#

The Traffic & Transportation Committee is holding a public meeting for the NYC DOT presentation on the Bailey Ave., Van Cortlandt Park S. to W. 225 St. Corridor Safety Improvements.

CONCERNS for Discussion:

- Loss of 46 Parking Spaces
- Double Parking
- Congestion
- Quality of Life
- Less access to Businesses

What's Happening Here?

Calm Traffic

Safer, Shorter Pedestrian Crossings

Bailey Ave., Van Cortlandt Park S. to W. 225 St.
Corridor Safety Improvements

Expand Bicycle Network

Improve Bus Stop Accessibility

NYC DOT will implement corridor safety improvements on Bailey Ave.:

- Reduce a vehicle lane in both directions to organize the roadway, install new turn bays and turn signals to promote predictable and safer vehicle behavior
- Install pedestrian islands and curb extensions along the corridor to reduce conflict points with drivers, calm vehicle turns, and shorten crossing distance
- Install two-way parking protected bike lane along the west curb, adding 2.2 miles of dedicated space for cyclists and providing safe connection to Van Cortlandt Park
- New and expanded bus boarding islands for southbound Bx10 buses, improving service and rider accessibility

Implementation begins Spring 2025



For additional information about this project, contact the NYC DOT Bronx Borough Commissioner's Office at 212-749-6680 or visit our website: nyc.gov/dot
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