

**Meeting Minutes of Traffic &Transportation Committee**  
**Bronx Community Board 8**  
**Thursday, May 14, 2026 @ 7PM**  
**Bronx Community Board 8 Office – 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100, Bronx, NY**  
**10471**

[Meeting Recording](#)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

**1. Introduction Remarks by Chairperson of the Committee**

Welcome to CB8 T&T Meeting  
Requirements for meeting reviewed.

**2. Roll Call: Quorum is present**

**In Attendance (4):** Debby Allen (Chair), Sylvia Alexander (ADA Zoom), Margaret Della , Bob Bender

**Absent (2):** Debra Harris, Yngrid DeLeon

**Guests:** Allegra Le Grande, Kelvin Havor, Jaqueline Johnson, Jim Lammers (Open Street), Jacob

**3. Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2026 Unanimously Approved**

**In favor (4):** Debby Allen, Margaret Della, Bob Bender, Sylvia Alexander

**Opposed (0)**

**Abstained (0)**

**Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2026 Unanimously approved with addendum correction**

**In favor (4):** Debby Allen, Margaret Della, Bob Bender Sylvia Alexander (ADA Zoom))

**Opposed (0)**

**Abstained (0)**

**4. SAPO Applications:**

**Open Streets Program 6/3/2026: Full Street Closure Street West 235th Street Between Douglas and Independence Avenue:**

**Mr. Lammers answered all questions from the T&T committee members: The following questions were asked by the committee**

1- What are the specific times of street closure? Answer: 8:30 am-1pm

2-Will the library on 235th Avenue be impacted by the event? No open street will not impact the library

3- If it rains will there be a rain date? Answer No

4- Will there be amplification outside? Answer No

5. How will Soccer Street engage neighbors/community regarding street closer? Flyers

6. What is the free-standing prop? Is soccer stand

7. Are you partnered with other community organizations? Yes

8. How many days will the street be closed? Only June 3, 2026

9. Will certain grades be coming down to the program? 3 one-hour session so students will be able to play.

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, In partnership with the Mayor's office, Department of Transportation and New York City Public School Street Labs: Soccer Street at PS 24-requested full street Closure located at West 235th between Douglas and Independence Avenue application to the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT); and

**WHEREAS**, Soccer Street Program representative appeared before the Traffic and Transportation (T&T) Committee on May 14, 2026, to provide details of their request which would allow full street closure west 235th between Douglas and Independence Avenue between 8:00am - 4pm on June 3, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the application was submitted as required by DOT requirements for full street closures; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee recommends approval of Soccer Street at PS 24- Full Street Closure on West 235th between Douglas and Independence Avenue on June 3, 2026.

In favor (4): Debby Allen, Margaret Della, Bob Bender, Sylvia Alexander (ADA Zoom)

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

**Kingsbridge Day Block Party: No representative present**

**5- FY 28 Budget Priorities - Reviewed by the committee Capital and Expense. A robust discussion and final revision completed and will be sent to the CB8 Board office by May 15, 2026. (See Attached)**

**In favor (4):** Debby Allen, Margaret Della, Bob Bender, Sylvia Alexander (ADA Zoom)

**Opposed (0)**

**Abstained (0)**

Mr. Havor, a student, is working on a school project on sidewalks and roads are being overlooked. There is a lack of funding causing these areas not to be addressed timely. He raised a concern that the sidewalks are uneven with cracks making it unsafe for seniors. He expressed that better communication with city/state agencies to fix the problem.

The committee provided that Mr. Havor contact 311 and contact the board office with 311 ticket number and our District Manager will follow-up with the city agency involved. We explained that the sidewalk may not necessarily be the responsibility of the City/State.

Jacqueline Johnson expressed the following concerns: Spencer Street on West 261st Street with speeding cars during the day.

Allegra LeGrande expressed her concerns regarding the Broadway Bridge and South of Broadway. There needs to be sidewalks on both sides of the Broadway Bridge. The community does not see any work being done on the Broadway bridge. It is unsafe for children going to school and there are updates from MTA timely.

#### **6. Assembly Member Colton Request of Letter of Support Bill A2010**

The committee discussed the letter and its intent. Assembly Bill A2010-A will provide transparency and improve communication between operators of rapid transit facilities and Community Board 8 residents that use these forms of transportation and will give the public and elected officials an opportunity to comment on these proposed changes before they are enacted.

**In favor (4):** Debby Allen, Margaret Della, Bob Bender, Sylvia Alexander (ADA Zoom)

**Opposed (0)**

**Abstained (0)**

#### **7. Residents' Concerns - traffic and buses on Snake Hill and West 252nd Street: The correspondence regarding the concern was reviewed. The possible resolution to the concerns are the following**

- 1- Notify the schools regarding cars/buses idling causing traffic
- 2- Engage DOT for possible speed bumps for snake hill

#### **New Business**

**School Slow Zone -Committee suggesting that the list of School Slow Zone be posted on our website for CB8 social media.**

a. Reviewed correspondence from MTA. The correspondence does not address safety for the general public. (see attached)

b. Reviewed correspondence from FDNY: The letter expresses concerns with DOT changing roadway to

Sedwick avenue becoming a one-way street and the potential impact of FDNY response time to fires.  
(SEE Attached)

c. Reviewed the meeting of May 1, 2026 minutes regarding Bailey Avenue and its next steps. (See Attached).

New Business:

Requesting DOT for June Meeting

1- Requesting DOT to explain how the Slow School Zone was determined in our district? It appears that we have a greater proportion of slow zones than other areas.

Next Meeting June 12, 2026

Debby Allen Chair, Traffic and Transportation Committee

## Meeting Memo

Bailey Avenue West 231<sup>st</sup> to West 238<sup>th</sup> Meeting with DOT and Bronx CB8 Members  
May 8, 2026 @ 3:10 pm

In attendance: Debby Allen, Bob Bender, Sylvia Alexander, Margaret Della, Constance Barnes Watson

Holly Malone – DOT

Bronx Commissioner Darisa Cruz – DOT

Staff: Farrah Kule Rubin, Ardhmir Malziu, Jaylyn Adorno

Double parking making it impossible for merchant deliveries

Sugar Boy Bakery on 3071 Bailey Avenue by West 231<sup>st</sup> and C and M Flat Fix Tire Shop by West 238<sup>th</sup> 3632 Bailey Avenue are making complaints they can't get deliveries due to the cars double parking there.

DOT suggested creating a loading zone which can be permitted for certain times – ask businesses what best times are for a loading zone.

Also suggested changing from 2 hour to 1 hour meter times to move cars more.

CB8 office can reach out to NYPD to request enforcement for double parked cars. DOT said they can also reach out to NYPD on this.

Discuss this at TT meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> with committee's recommendations. DOT asked us to email them with our requests.

Debby Allen will reach out to businesses to see what times work best for loading zone hours.

DOT will schedule time to meet with businesses to discuss the loading zones as well.

### Margaret Comments:

1. asked if finished bike markings by Bailey Avenue and Van Cortlandt Park South intersection – DOT said coming back in two weeks to finish.
2. Asked about drivers exiting northbound Deegan where can only make right turn onto Van Cortlandt Park South but still sees cars making illegal left turn there. – DOT said they are putting in Pylons and finishing the work there to prevent this.

### Sylvia Comments:

Raised question of double parking in front of buildings by West 225<sup>th</sup> and Bailey Avenue. Inhibits disabled and seniors to get to their homes and also inhibits being able to be dropped off or picked up without getting a parking ticket.

DOT asked if we could email request to do a study here to add a neighborhood loading zone.

Meeting ended at 3:37 pm.



# FDNY

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**Kevin F. Woods**

Chief of Operations

Bureau of Operations

April 27, 2026

NYC Department of Transportation  
Margaret Forgiione, First Deputy Commissioner  
55 Water St.  
New York, NY 10041

Re: Fire Department Safety Evaluation  
Bailey and Sedgwick Aves (W 225 St to Hall of Fame Terrace)  
Borough of Bronx

**PID: 12439 – FDNY ID Ref Tag: 2026-TMENGR-001347-PLAN**

Construction TBD

- Protected Two-Way Bike Lane on West Curb, Extended South of 2025 Bailey Ave SIP
  - Road Diet Reducing Vehicle Lanes from Two to One in Mid-Block, with Turn Bays from W Fordham Rd to Hall of Fame Terrace
  - One-Way Conversion SB For Vehicles
  - Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Every Viable Intersection
  - Bus Boarding Island for SB Bx12 and Bxm3 Buses at Fordham Hill Oval

Dear Margaret Forgiione:

In accordance with stipulations set forth in Local Law 6, The New York City Department of Transportation submitted project evaluations to The New York City Fire Department. As required, The Fire Department has conferred with affected Firehouses and hereby submits its summary of safety concerns associated with **PID 12439**:

DOT email proposal to change Sedgwick Ave from 183st to Fordham Rd from a two way street to a one way street heading South. This would severely impact E-43/L-59 response area as Sedgwick Ave is a main route for their responses that head North. Please see email response below from the officers of E-43/L-59

he part of the proposal that has the biggest effect on our response is the 3rd bullet point on page 2.

"Convert Sedgwick Ave to SB between W Fordham Rd and W 183<sup>rd</sup> St".

Converting Sedgwick to a 1 way south only, would dramatically effect Engine 43's and Ladder 59's ability to respond to a highly populated section of our 1st due area and a major section of our 2nd due area along/north of Fordham Road. In addition, E43/L59 is 2nd due in Inwood, Manhattan. This is an isolated neighborhood and our response would be significantly delayed.

Sedgwick Ave is a main thoroughfare in the neighborhood. It is also a main route that we take to get to Fordham Road. By making this proposed change to the direction of travel, it would force all traffic traveling northbound on Sedgwick Ave to either redirect to Cedar Ave at W Burnside, or redirect onto W 183 street to Loring. All these streets are narrow, winding streets that always have an extreme number of double-parked cars 24/7. All the above streets are difficult for FDNY apparatus to navigate in even ideal traffic conditions. One single double parked car will prevent any FDNY apparatus from responding to any alarm.

The change in traffic flow on Sedgwick would also affect street conditions in front of the firehouse. The intersection of Sedgwick and Burnside has gridlock conditions especially during

rush hour. The proposed change would only make street conditions worse and affect all E43/L59 responses.

It is nearly impossible for E43/L59 to safely travel against traffic to Fordham Road if this change of traffic pattern goes through and we will be forced to take alternate routes that will hinder response times significantly.

E43/L59 would be forced to alter our response patterns significantly- the only option of getting apparatus to Fordham road would be a detour in excess of 1 mile completely out of the way (Right on Burnside, left on University, left on Fordham Rd).

There are over 12 schools in our 2nd due area of Inwood alone. E43/L59s response to the VA hospital (a large multi-building complex) would also be severely impacted.

E43/L59 responds to the Major Deegan Expressway from Fordham Road southbound to Yankee Stadium. This includes Exit 7N-7S for the Cross Bronx Expressway - possible one of the busiest highway boxes in the Bronx. For E43/L59 to travel southbound we have to take Sedgwick Avenue to Fordham Road to get on RT87. This proposed change of traffic pattern will delay us significantly as we will be forced to go over 1 mile out of the way to get the Fordham Road entrance ramp. E43/L59 responds to the Major Deegan a significant amount (approximately 300 runs between 4/25/25 and 4/25/2026. Approximately 163 of accidents had injuries and 3 required extrication).

In total between 4/25/25 and 4/24/26 approximately 1200-1250 runs between Engine 43 and Ladder 59 would have been impacted with significantly delayed responses if the proposed traffic pattern had been in place over the last year.

The proposed change in traffic patterns on Sedgwick Ave would significantly increase response times for E43/L59. The change would also affect response patterns of not just E43/L59, but also neighboring 2nd and 3rd due FDNY units: E75/L33, E81/L46, and E95/L36 and Battalion 19. We look forward to discussing further and in more detail and believe this proposal warrants conversations with B19/D7 and staff level.

(Bronx Boro Command / Batt 19 / Engine 43 / Ladder 59 / City Planning - 4/27/26)

Therefore, FDNY cannot support **PID 12439** due to the above stated safety concerns, however, is available for discussions with NYCDOT to uphold safety standards.

**Kevin F. Woods**  
Chief of Operations

**Bronx Community Board 8 Traffic and Transportation Committee**

**2028 Capital Budget Priorities**

<p>FY 2028</p> <p>1</p>	<p><b><u>T &amp; T ; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades;</u></b></p> <p>238 Street Waldo &amp; Waldo/Irwin-Step Street          Realign &amp; reconstruct the steps. Create safer step-streets for pedestrians. The cement is crumbling, and the steps are cracking. Increase lighting is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls that often lead to health decline and even fatalities.</p>	<p>FY 2027</p> <p>1</p>
<p>3</p>	<p><b><u>T&amp;T; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades;</u></b></p> <p>231 Street &amp; Sedgwick/Kingsbridge Terrace Step Street          Realign &amp; reconstruct the steps due to crumbling steps and structural defects. The improvement is needed to create a safer step-street for pedestrians. Enhance the lighting is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls that often lead to health decline. Removal of graffiti is needed to provide a positive community atmosphere.</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><b><u>T&amp;T: DOT: Infrastructure Upgrades</u></b>          Resurfacing/Paving Netherland Ave between West 236th street and Henry Hudson Parkway east. Ensure road safety for cars . This mitigates damage to vehicles and unpredictable driving patterns.</p>	<p>New</p>
<p>10</p>	<p><b><u>T&amp;T; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades;</u></b></p> <p>230<sup>th</sup> street from Netherland Avenue to Edgell Avenue Step Street          Realign &amp; reconstruct the steps with railing to create safer step-streets for pedestrians. Repaving steps and removal of graffiti to provide a positive atmosphere for the community. Enhance the lighting is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls that often lead to health decline and even fatalities.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><b><u>T&amp;T; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades;</u></b>          W 230th Street from Edgehill Avenue to Johnson Avenue Step Street:Realign &amp; reconstruct the steps with railing with repaving of steps to create safer step-street for pedestrians. Improve the lighting with brighter bulbs is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls and public safety issues.</p>	<p>6</p>

6	<p><b><u>T&amp;T; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades;</u></b>  <b>W 230th Street from Johnson Avenue to Irwin Avenue Step Street;</b>          Realign &amp; reconstruct the steps due to crumbling steps and structural defects. The improvement is needed to create a safer step-street for pedestrians. Enhance the lighting is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls that often lead to health decline.</p>	New
7	<p><b><u>T&amp;T; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades;</u></b>          Jerome Park Reservoir          Additional lighting is needed. The improvement will create a safer environment for the community to increase visibility, mitigate falls and crime.</p>	New
11	<p><b><u>T&amp;T; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades;</u></b>  <b>Ewen Park</b> Additional lighting is needed. The improvement will create a safer environment for the community to increase visibility, mitigate falls and crime .</p>	New
9	<p><b><u>T&amp;T; DOT Infrastructure Upgrades;</u></b>  <b>Bradley Terrace ( John J McKelvey Sr. )Step- Street (Connecting Palisade and Edsall Avenue</b>          Realign &amp; reconstruct the steps due to uneven steps and structural defects. The improvement is needed to create a safer step-street for pedestrians. Enhance the lighting is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls</p>	New
2	<p><b><u>T&amp;T; DOT Infrastructure Safety Improvement</u></b>          Resurfacing West 230th Street between Broadway and Irwin will improve vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian safety to the community. This mitigate vehicle damage, falls and unpredictable driving patterns.</p>	New
8	<p><b><u>T&amp;T; DOT Infrastructure Safety Improvement</u></b>          Resurfacing/ Paving Road 3900 and 3902 Manhattan College Parkway Street. The road is currently unsafe for buses, cars and pedestrians. This will improve vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian safety to the community. This mitigates car damage, falls and unpredictable driving behavior in an attempt to avoid road disrepair.</p>	New


FY 2028 Traffic and Transportation  
Committee Expense Budget Request

FY 2028	Request	2027
1	T&T (DOT) : Install clear truck height signage to prevent collisions with the elevated number 1 train structure at the following locations: 230th Street/Broadway, 231st Street/Broadway, Van Cortlandt South, and 240th Street.	New
2	T&T ( DOT) : Assign staff to flexible shifts (5:00 AM–1:00 PM or 6:00 AM–2:00 PM) to better identify and address streetlight outages.	New
3	T&T (DOT) Bailey Avenue between 231street-238th street Parking Study to better understand supply and demand of parking, including commercial parking.	New
4	T&T (DOT) Safe Crossing: Increase funding to expedite the inspection and refresh cross-walk lines by schools, places of religious worship, health care facilities, senior center Sedgwick Avenue, 225th Street, Broadway, 238th street, Palisade Avenue, 261 Street, 263 Street, West Kingsbridge Road,	New



# SCHOOL SLOW ZONES

**The NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) will Lower the Speed Limit in Certain School Zones from 20 MPH to 15 MPH**

## The Following Streets are Affected:

**Corlear Avenue between West 231st Street and West 234th Street**

Amber Charter School  
P.S. 7 Milton Fein School

**Greystone Avenue between Manhattan College Parkway and West 238th Street**

Ethical Culture Fieldston Lower School  
Ethical Culture Fieldston Middle School  
Ethical Culture Fieldston Upper School

**Manhattan College Parkway between Delafield Avenue and West 244th Street**

Ethical Culture Fieldston Lower School  
Ethical Culture Fieldston Middle School  
Ethical Culture Fieldston Upper School

**West 256th Street between Netherland Avenue and Mosholu Avenue**

P.S. 81 Robert J. Christen

**Tibbett Avenue between West 230th Street and Dead End**

Bronx Engineering and Technology Academy  
Bronx School of Law and Finance  
Bronx Theatre High School  
English Language Learners and International Support Preparatory Academy (ELLIS)  
Marble Hill High School for International Studies  
M.S. 368 In-tech Academy  
New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science  
New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities  
P.S. 37 Multiple Intelligence School  
X721 (D75) at M.S. 368

**West 231st Street between Tibbet Avenue and Riverdale Avenue**

International Leadership Charter High School

**West 232nd Street between Corlear Avenue and Kingsbridge Avenue**

P.S. 7 Milton Fein School