

(Draft Minutes Pending Approval)

**Traffic and Transportation Committee
Bronx Community Board No. 8**

May 21, 2020

Meeting Conducted Via Zoom Video and Audio Conference

Committee Members Present:

Dan Padernacht (Chair)
Sylvia Alexander,
Eric Bell (Vice Chair)
Diomarys Escano
Rosemary Ginty (ex-officio)
Ed Green
Myra Joyce
Tao Moran
Georgia Santiago

Committee Members Absent:

Margaret Donato
Daniella Fuchs

Chair Dan Padernacht called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

- 1) NYC DOT proposal for physical modifications to the intersection at Sedgwick Avenue, Dickinson Avenue and Goulden Avenue. Presentation was given by Bronx Borough Commissioner Nivardo Lopez, Karissa Lidstrand and Dan Wagner. The presentation is attached to the minutes.

Chair Padernacht presented the following resolution to the Committee:

WHEREAS, the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) recommends changes to the corridor on Sedgwick Avenue that crosses Mosholu Parkway, Goulden Avenue and Dickinson Avenue;

WHEREAS, data presented by NYC DOT shows that there have been 40 motor vehicle accidents with 3 injuries in the subject area between 2013 and 2017;

WHEREAS, data presented by DOT shows that approximately 3335 vehicles travel this corridor during morning peak hours and approximately 2850 vehicles travel this corridor during evening peak hours;

WHEREAS, DOT proposes to close the slip lane from West Mosholu Parkway that runs along Sedgwick Avenue and instead direct cars to Sedgwick Avenue into a perpendicular intersection controlled by a Stop sign.

WHEREAS, DOT proposes to re-align the pedestrian crossing which will be realigned with a new painted curb extension;

WHEREAS, DOT proposes to install a painted sidewalk/island extension on the north curb of Sedgwick Avenue at Dickinson Avenue;

WHEREAS, DOT proposes to install two painted median tip extensions at Dickinson Avenue at Sedgwick Avenue;

WHEREAS, DOT proposes to adjust signal timing at Sedgwick Avenue at Dickinson Avenue and Sedgwick Avenue at Goulden Avenue;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Traffic and Transportation Committee supports the recommendations by DOT described in the “Whereas” clauses contained herein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Traffic and Transportation Committee requests that DOT contact Bronx Community Board 8 at least 30 days prior to the implementation of the changes described in this proposal.

In Favor: Sylvia Alexander, Eric Bell, Diomarys Escano, David Gellman, Ed Green, Myra Joyce, Tao Moran, Dan Padernacht, Georgia Santiago

Opposed:

Abstain:

- 2) Chair Padernacht discussed a conceptual plan for connecting Dickinson Avenue and Goulden Avenue at Sedgwick Avenue. The concept was created by Chair Padernacht, Karen Argenti of Bronx Council for Economic Quality, Daniel Ranells of Transportation Alternatives and Deb Travis of Jerome Park Friends and Neighbors. A copy of the concept was presented to the Committee and attached to these minutes.

Chair Padernacht presented the following resolution to the Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Traffic and Transportation Committee requests that the Committee Chair send a letter request to DOT asking its Capital Division for a rough estimate to reconfigure the intersection at Sedgwick Avenue so that Dickinson Avenue connects with Goulden Avenue in one perpendicular intersection as conceptualized in the attached picture and to hire a design team to begin the process of such reconfiguration.

In Favor: Sylvia Alexander, Eric Bell, Diomarys Escano, David Gellman,
Ed Green, Myra Joyce, Tao Moran, Dan Padernacht,
Georgia Santiago

Opposed:

Abstain:

- 3) Chair Padernacht stated that DOT has begun an Open Streets Program throughout the city. The program requirements are listed below.

Basic requirements for Open Streets:

- Proposing organizations must have strong ties to the community and demonstrate their capacity to manage the Open Street by providing a staffing plan.
- Open Streets cannot be proposed on bus routes, truck routes or hospital corridors.
- Open Street Closures may be proposed for any number of days in a row or on recurring days (eg. every Saturday) or continuously for the entire duration of the program.
- Closure schedules should take use of the street for deliveries etc. into consideration, however closures of 6 hours or longer are encouraged.
- Length and duration of closure will be determined in partnership with NYCDOT.
- Barriers will need to be moveable to ensure emergency vehicles, essential deliveries, and access-a-ride can shift them to enter a given block and replace when they are done. However, staffed barriers are preferable.
- Cross streets must remain open.

Partners facilitating Open Streets will be expected to:

- Place and remove barriers at the start and end of the closure daily
- Monitor the closure throughout the day and report issues to DOT/NYPD
- Provide access for local vehicles that may need to enter/exit the closure
- Post and replenish signage mandating social distancing and slow vehicular travel speeds

- Regularly message hours, guidelines etc, to local stakeholders and the community

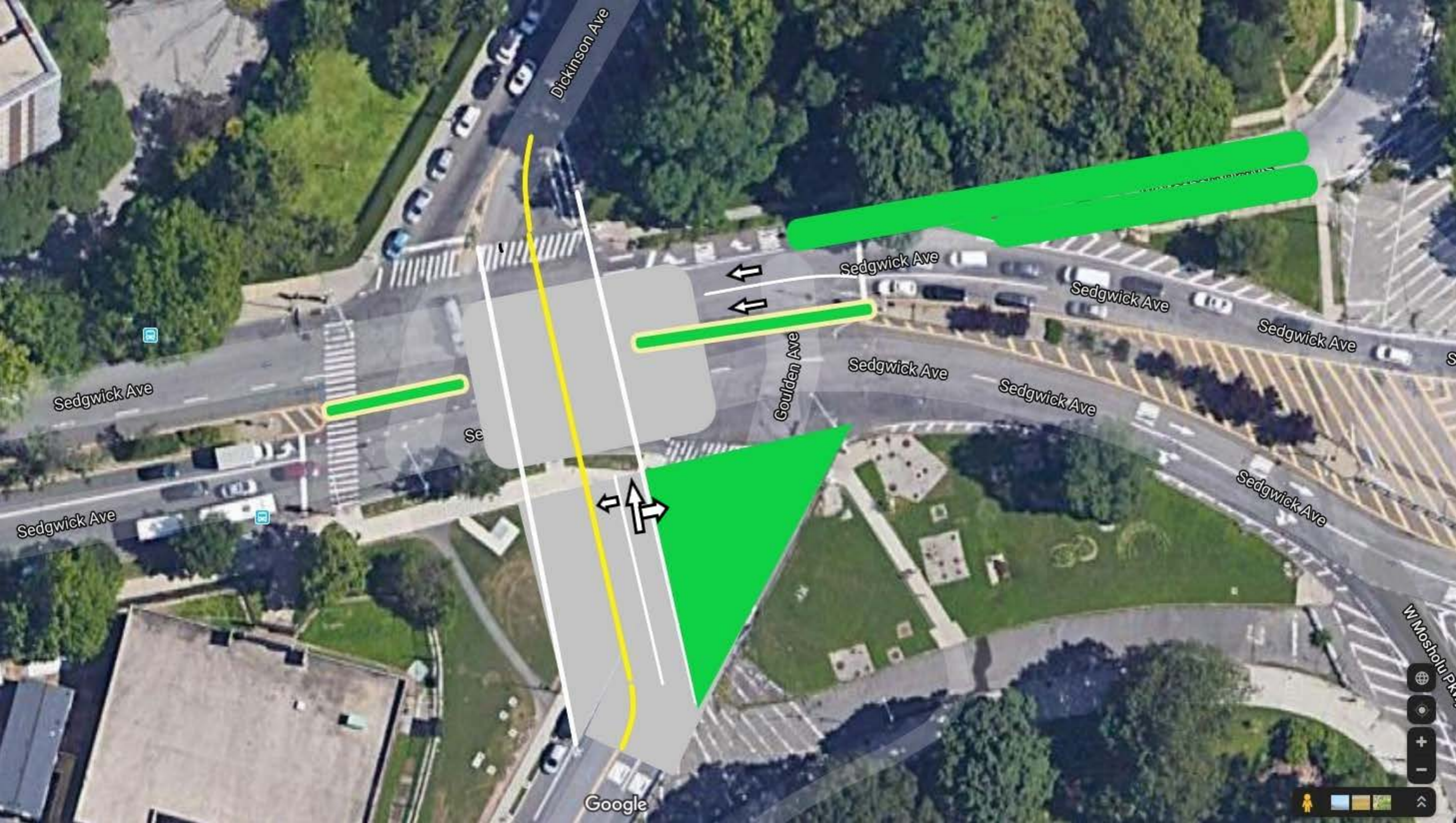
City Provided Elements include:

- Technical assistance in determining the location and operation of the Open Street
- Permitting, review, and approval
- Language for signage and other messaging regarding the Open Street
- Barricades to block of streets where possible
- No funding is provided to partners for this program

Julia Gomez, Chair of the CB8 Youth Committee, asked that we let her know about any open streets to let the youth know for activities this summer.

- 4) Chair Padernacht stated that with the current Coronavirus pandemic that more individuals are walking and using bicycles to go to their various destinations. Chair Padernacht would like committee members to begin to think of opportunities to connect the Community District in safer manners through bike lane connections (sharrows and unprotected or protected bike lanes), pedestrian lanes, pedestrian plazas and other open spaces.

Dan Padernacht
Chair
Traffic and Transportation Committee



Dickinson Ave

Sedgwick Ave

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