

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 2010  
AT THE BOARD OFFICE**

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1. The New York City Department of Design and Construction made a presentation to the committee about the plan and construction to rebuild the retaining wall located between Bailey Place and Bailey Avenue just north of West 234<sup>th</sup> Street. The wall has parts that are bulging and the agency has been monitoring its condition. There has been no significant movement in the wall but the agency will continue to monitor. There will be a new wall built on the site which will be pre-fabricated pieces but made to look like existing rock. There will be new lightposts placed on the wall and new sidewalks where wall will be built. The construction is anticipated to take 18 months beginning in March or April 2011. Of that period, approximately 8-10 parking spaces will be lost on Bailey Place for approximately 9 months. Trucks will be on Bailey Place for the sidewalk portion of the construction. The body shop on Bailey Place will not be affected. There will be notice given to residents approximately 4 weeks prior to the beginning of construction. DDC will visit the board again prior to construction.
2. There have been concerns raised regarding the intersection at Broadway and West 225<sup>th</sup> Street. The committee briefly discussed the intersection and will refer the matter to the Department of Transportation.
3. Sycamore Avenue Parking. Residents of Sycamore Avenue have raised issues about parking on their street. Their concerns primarily deal with visitors to the SAR Lower School located on West 254<sup>th</sup> Street. Two specific issues were raised: (1) During events at the school there are visitors that park in areas designated as "No Parking" and these alleged violations are not being enforced by NYPD officials; (2) Residents on Sycamore Avenue are requesting that the portion of legal parking located on the east side of

Sycamore Avenue, approximately 200 yards south of West 254<sup>th</sup> Street, be removed and “No Parking” signs be extended through the street. Pictures were presented by residents showing parking in “No Parking” areas as well as the size of the street. Residents stated that these parking issues are a safety problem as the Fire Department will not be able to get access through the street in the event of an emergency. Residents asked for further enforcement by SAR, that SAR advise its parents via email prior to events that visitors should not park in such areas during events, that SAR use off-site parking and shuttle its visitors to the school. Representatives from SAR appeared at the meeting. SAR stated that it has been working with its neighbors and there will be no further growth of the school. SAR stated that it only has so much control over its visitors and cannot curb all bad behavior. SAR announced that it will be making an application at the Land Use meeting on October 5, 2010 to increase the amount of parking at its facility.

**Old and New Business to be discussed further:**

1. The committee discussed traffic calming on Broadway and west 230<sup>th</sup> Street.
2. The committee raised the issue of Con Ed Repairs on the Service road of the Henry Hudson parkway south of West 254<sup>th</sup> Street and advised that DOT be made aware of this portion of roadway for repair.
3. Broadway and West 230<sup>th</sup> Street. The committee discussed this intersection and will ask if a traffic study has been done by the NYPD or DOT regarding this site.
4. The committee discussed West 231<sup>st</sup> Street between Tibbett Avenue and Irwin Avenue and possible gaps between the road and curb.
5. The committee discussed the intersection of Independence Avenue and West 235<sup>th</sup> Street and a possible blind spot. A solution was offered to restripe intersection or increase the safety zone similar to Independence Avenue and West 235<sup>th</sup> Street.
6. BX 20 Bus issue. Is it possible to alter routes to have a BX7A and BX7B bus?
7. Northbound markings on roadway north of Riverdale Avenue just past the monument up to the Henry Hudson Parkway.
8. Discussion of process between Con Ed and DOT when streets are repaved and ripped up shortly after.

Respectfully,

Dan Padernacht  
Chairman  
Traffic & Transportation Committee