

CB8 Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting

September 20, 2018

Raymond W. Kelly Student Center

3900 Waldo Avenue - Room #5A

Bronx, New York 10463

Committee Members Present:

Dan Padernacht (Chair), Margaret Donato, David Gellman, Edward Green

Committee Members Absent:

Sylvia Alexander, Eric Bell, Eric Dinowitz, Diomarys Escaño, Daniella Fuchs, Myra Joyce, Georgia Santiago, Laura Spalter, Herb Young

Guests:

Deputy Inspector Terence O'Toole (50th Precinct), Bronx DOT Commissioner Nivardo Lopez, Ana Baert, Nicolas Baert, Janice-Glock-Jones, Rhea Greenberg, Alex Diamond, Clemente Canciello, Pete Mchugh, Kevin Kratile, Evy Mayer, Simone Johnson, Josh Blaustein, Radley Glasser, Phil Matarese, Jen Davenport, Herb Barrett, Victoria Thomas, Rhonda Lieberman, Michelle Harris, Michael Sonnenblack.

Chair Padernacht called the meeting to order at 7:35p.m.

1. NYC Department of Transportation Bronx Commissioner Nivardo Lopez presented the DOT proposal to change parking regulations on the west side of street on Henry Hudson Parkway West between W 239th Street and W 237th Street. Presently, the entire stretch is No Parking Anytime. DOT proposes to remove No Parking signs and replace them with No Standing Anytime Signage in front of the entrances to buildings at 3753 HHP West, 3725 HHP West, and 3701 HHP west. The rest of the area would have alternate side regulations.

Since there was no quorum, the committee did not vote on the proposed change in parking regulations.

2. Chair Padernacht stated that DDC was moving forward with its Water Main Project in the area of Waldo Avenue and West 238th Street. Presently, Con Edison was doing interference work in the area prior to the water main construction. This is a two year project going through many streets in that particular area. Chair Padernacht stated that DDC would be present at the October 18, 2018 Traffic & Transportation Meeting to give a presentation and update on the water main project.
3. The Chair asked committee members for topics to address in the upcoming year. The following topics were suggested:
 - a. Elevator at West 242nd Street and Broadway subway stop
 - b. Paving lists

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- c. Crossing guards in the community
 - d. Safety concerns at the West 242nd Street subway terminal
 - e. Pedestrian safety at Kingsbridge Avenue and West 232nd street Intersection
4. Old Business.

A number of individuals raised the topic of MTA's closure of the pedestrian path on the Henry Hudson Bridge. The Traffic & Transportation Committee heard the issue in September 2016 when the MTA presented its plan to make repairs to the Bridge that required the closure of the pedestrian path. The minutes of that meeting can be located online at:

http://home.nyc.gov/html/bxcb8/downloads/pdf/traffic/minutes_traffic_sep2016.pdf

The following individuals spoke against the closure of the pedestrian path during the construction period:

Craig Wengard, Hal Dorfman, Michael Sonnenblake, Nick Baerd, Pete McHugh, Michael Wilson, Richard Sank, Josh Blaustein, Kevin Kratle, Jennifer Davenport, Alex Diamond, Rhonda Lieberman and Michael Turon.

Many of the speakers asked that MTA keep a pedestrian path open during the construction by creating a pedestrian path in the roadway of the bridge. Speakers indicated that the path was their commuting route to work via bicycle.

Chair Padernacht stated that the construction of the Henry Hudson Bridge is under the jurisdiction of the MTA Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50p.m.

Dan Padernacht
Chair
Traffic and Transportation Committee