

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 17TH, 2015, AT
MANHATTAN COLLEGE, 3825 CORLEAR AVENUE**

Attendance

R. Press	CB 8 Committee Vice-Chair
S. Alexander	CB 8 Committee member
B. Bender	CB 8 Committee member
J. O'Brien	CB 8 Committee member
H. Young	CB 8 Committee member
J. Rather	CB 8 Committee member
M. Joyce	Community Committee member
B. Fettman	CB 8
E. Thompson	Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Association
G. Sladie	Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Association
E. Bell	Resident
A. Sandler	Councilman Cohen's office

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Vice-Chair R. Press who explained that he would be chairing the meeting since the chair M. Heller was out of town. The meeting was held in the Manhattan College, Corlear Avenue, Fishbach Room, and a quorum was not present.

Vice-Chair R. Press mentioned that the North Riverdale SAPO application to be heard tonight would be moved to the April meeting due to a site visit on Friday by the board chair, committee chair and vice-chair, police, fire, MTA and others involved. VC Press asked if anyone tonight had any comments or questions about the SAPO application or last year's event, and hearing none moved on to a discussion of other ongoing concerns.

Agenda item # 1.

There was a question of the West 235th Henry Hudson Parkway pedestrian bridge overpass. The concrete is crumbling, and A. Sandler said that Councilman Cohen is aware and taking care of the problem. The pathway behind 5900 Arlington Avenue was brought up by M. Joyce who said that there are only two ways out from Skyview, West 254th Street and West 259th Street. The pathway is an unmapped street and is better not to be made into a roadway for safety reasons which include more traffic cutting through to Yonkers.

Vice Chair R. Press mentioned that the West 231st Street Safe Routes to Transit project will begin on March 23rd as per DDC, and he passed around the list of impacts to the community which includes parking restrictions, pedestrian access, bus stop relocation, and water service interruptions to area residents and businesses.

Missing street and pavement markings was next to be discussed. West 238th Street and Kingsbridge Road has no crosswalk markings, and A. Sandler said that his office is asking to have any missing lane markings repainted as they come in. Vice Chair R. Press said that DOT has changed from just using paint for the markings which does not last long on the streets to the old thicker paste they used before.

West 254th Street – two issues - the no parking/standing by SAR and the lack of sidewalks on most of the street. Bronx DOT Commissioner Moran will place no standing signs on the street from Independence to Sycamore Avenues, sidewalks are up to the homeowners and SAR, and it was mentioned that SAR is willing to put in sidewalks. The issue of a lack of a contiguous sidewalk will be taken up by the committee.

The Metro North Marble Hill CSX train idling issue has been taken care of by Metro North moving back the trains to the Highbridge Yard further south on the tracks. Further questions about the freight and possible hazardous materials need to be investigated further.

More countdown clocks at pedestrian crossings have been installed by DOT in the Community Board area. The discussion then turned to the lack of quality, courtesy, and service of the Access a Ride program. B. Fettman spoke of experiences with Access a Ride, and questioned why certain options are not available. She mentioned that she would be attending the upcoming MTA board meeting to try to get an answer.

Lastly, it was mentioned that the one way sign at the corner of Eames Place and University Avenue was taken down, and needs to be put back up as cars are entering Eames Place which was changed to a one way street.

With no quorum to approve the minutes of the February meeting, and no more business the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Minutes submitted by Vice-Chair Robert Press.