

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

**PRESENT**

Anthony P. Cassino  
Sylvia Alexander  
Andrew Cohen  
Warren S. Dolny  
Thomas Giallorenzi  
Yael Levy  
Saul Scheinbach  
Ron Poole-Dayan  
Joseph E. Gordon  
Robert Press

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1. Sidewalk cafe application (Dale Restaurant 189 West 231<sup>st</sup> Street) -- Chairman Cassino advised that this café application renewal is for an enclosed part of the restaurant and they have had this sidewalk café permit for many years and he is unaware of any concerns. Application has already been approved by City Planning. Committee voted unanimously in favor.
2. Riverfest update -- Yael Levy provided an update on the event, which is to take place on June 13th on the campus of the College of Mount Saint Vincent. A new website has been launched at [www.riverdaleriverfest.org](http://www.riverdaleriverfest.org). Mrs. Levy also asked committee members to please consider getting involved by volunteering and helping to spread the word about the event. She also advised that many elected officials and organizations have signed on as supporters.
3. Street repaving update -- Chairman Cassino passed out a few letters from DOT responding to requests for repaving.
4. MTA budget report -- Chairman Cassino reported that MTA had responded to the Committee's letter opposing any changes in the Access-a-Ride program (see attached letter). He also mentioned that the Education Committee had sent MTA a letter opposing the proposed elimination of student metro cards, and that the BX10 bus is part of a list of buses slated for possible reductions in service.
5. Proposal to improve pedestrian/bicycle access going north/south in Riverdale -- Chairman Cassino reported that he met with a local resident, Ron Poole-Dayan, who is interested in exploring ways of improving pedestrian and bicycle access going north and south in Riverdale (especially west of the Parkway). Chairman Cassino mentioned that many potential routes west of the parkway are blocked due to undeveloped sidewalks or streets or dead ends. Mr. Dayan expressed his desire to be able to walk or bike from his home in North Riverdale to major locations in South Riverdale such as Seton Park along safe locations as opposed to the service road of the Henry Hudson Parkway. He felt that this would get more people out of their cars and improve health and safety and make Riverdale a better community. Mr. Dayan presented a series of photos that show some possible

routes that could be explored leading from the area near the Riverdale Y down to West 246th Street. The Committee discussed some of the major hurdles that might exist in exploring some of these routes. It was agreed that the Committee would work with Mr. Dayan to further explore potential routes and learn more about the ownership of certain potential routes as well as the historical reasons for their lack of use or access. Those findings will be presented at a future Committee meeting for further discussion.

6. Broadway traffic safety concerns -- the committee discussed safety concerns along Broadway following the recent fatal accidents in at least two locations. It was agreed that DOT would be asked to study implementing traffic safety measures in two areas along Broadway: between West 251st Street and Manhattan College Parkway; and 230th Street.
7. Proposal to change Saturday street cleaning times near Manhattan College Parkway -- Chairman Cassino mentioned a request from Department of Sanitation to alter the Saturday street cleaning schedule at Manhattan College Parkway (Broadway and Post Road) from 1 hour No Parking 8am to 9am to half hour No Parking from 9am to 9:30 am only on Saturdays. The Committee unanimously agreed.
8. Loading Zone request for Dollar Tree Store at West 234<sup>th</sup> Street -- Chairman Cassino detailed a request from Dollar Tree Store at West 234th Street for a loading zone area on the south side of West 234th Street between Kingsbridge Avenue and Broadway from the hours of 4am to 8am. Members of the Committee raised two significant concerns: how many parking spots does this entail; and would it be possible to end the zone at 7am as opposed to 8am? Chairman Cassino agreed to forward these questions to DOT.
9. Budget Requests -- the Committee agreed that many of its requests are handled in the normal course of business throughout the year so it did not submit any additional requests.

Submitted by,

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Chairman  
Traffic & Transportation Committee