

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
HELD DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2008  
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

**PRESENT**

**AFFILIATION**

Anthony P. Cassino	Committee Chairman
Warren S. Dolny	Committee Vice Chairman
Robert Fanuzzi	CB-8
Beverly Fettman	CB-8
Thomas Giallorenzi	CB-8
Ari Goldman	CB-8
D. McShane	CB-8
James Plaza	CB-8
Saul Scheinbach	CB-8
Bradford Trebach	CB-8
Herbert Young	CB-8
Jacqueline Carter	NYC Transit
Richard Dipietro	NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY)
John DeSio	Riverdale Review
John McKeon	
Robert Press	
Ed Ravin	Committee member
A. Schonfeld	
Iggy Terranova	DSNY
William Walpole	DSNY
Carol Zwick	NYC Transit

The meeting was opened by Chair A. Cassino at 7:30 PM

1. West 252nd Street Overpass  
Chairman provided a brief update on the West 252nd Street overpass. It is now open to 2 way traffic (except temporarily during one week in December.) The northbound pedestrian lane is also open. Con Edison is working to install the power line over the bridge while the main bridge work is being done. The project is due to be completed in May 2009.
2. West 246th and West 254th Street Overpasses  
Chairman reported that the West 246th and West 254<sup>th</sup> Street overpasses are works in the early stages of renovation. There have been some complaints about the progress and the traffic, especially at West 246th Street so the committee agreed to invite Department of Transportation (DOT) to the next meeting for an update. Both overpasses are scheduled to be completed in March of 2009.
3. Con Ed M29 Power Line  
Chairman reported that Con Edison's M29 power-transmission line project is substantially complete in so far as trenches and repaving is concerned. The drawing of cable from manhole to manhole will be done at night beginning in 2009. A schedule will be provided by Con Edison in early 2009.

4. MTA Budget Proposal

The Committee discussed the impact of the proposed MTA budget proposals. There was a lot of discussion on the possible elimination of the BX 20 bus, the doubling of Access-A-Ride fares, and the addition of tolls along the Harlem River bridges, including the bridge at West 225th Street and Broadway. It was agreed that since some of the proposals being put out in the press by the MTA and the City and State are part of a negotiating position, the Committee would wait until its January meeting to take a definitive position on any such proposed changes or cutbacks in service.

5. Bogus Parking Tickets

Chairman reported that the Internal Affairs Department of the NYPD continue to investigate the allegations that residents of North Riverdale were issued tickets fraudulently by traffic agent T. Flight. He reported that there have been more than 12 cases reported to the Board, and this information has been shared with the NYPD investigators. Those affected will have to pay, if necessary, and when this is over hopefully will be reimbursed. On the New York Times web page on traffic tickets it was stated that the period July 2007-08 had 9,955,000 tickets issued. Broadway between West 246th-250th Streets had over 2000 issued. Other areas like Johnson Avenue at West 235th-236<sup>th</sup> Streets, Riverdale Avenue at West 236-238<sup>th</sup> Streets, and Riverdale Avenue and West 256<sup>th</sup> Street had from 500 to 1900 issued .

6. Access-A-Ride

There was a presentation by representatives from Access-A-Ride. 125,000 rides a day are provided. They have 2,040 vans and sedans. Anyone who is disabled as verified by the agency is entitled to ride. Some individuals qualify fully. Others conditionally. The weather in many cases will determine it. Severe hot or cold may qualify some. You are entitled to travel anywhere within the 5 boroughs and up to ¾ mile into Nassau or Westchester.

7. Alternate-Side Parking Report

There was a presentation by the Department of Sanitation on Alternate Side of the Street Parking. Last March, the Board submitted a request to cut the street cleaning days from 4 to 2 in 4 areas of our Board. After working with the Board since the issuance of the report, the Sanitation Department advised that the entire Bronx Community Board No.8 area will qualify for the change. Street cleaning in most commercial areas will be increased to 6 days a week. As soon as they can institute it they will. It will require a complete suspension of parking rules for a period of 4-8 weeks in each area until signs can be replaced. The Committee unanimously passed a resolution in favor of the change.

8. Pay Toilets

The Board has been asked by the Department of Transportation to consider sites for the installation of pay toilets. The Chairman asked those present to consider locations and report to the Committee.

9. Bike Racks.

A number of Committee members were asked to help identify appropriate locations for bike racks and to report back to the Committee in January.

Also, Transportation Alternatives will make a presentation at the January meeting that will include this subject.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony P. Cassino  
*Chairman*  
*Traffic & Transportation Committee*

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