

## PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

### **BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8, Traffic and Transportation Committee**

#### **Minutes of May 17, 2016 Meeting**

##### **Committee Attendance:**

M. Heller, Committee Chair  
R. Press, Committee Vice Chair  
A. Creaney, Committee Member  
G. Santiago, Committee Member  
S. Sarao, Committee Member  
S. Alexander Committee Member  
J. O'Brien Committee Member  
M. Joyce Community Committee member

##### **Committee Absences:**

H. Young, Committee Member  
D. Fuchs, Committee member

##### **Guests:**

Joshua Stephenson, CM Cohen  
Daniel Ranelli, local resident, TA Bronx  
Arlyne Zwyer, local resident

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair Michael Heller with a quorum present. The minutes of the April meeting were approved 8 - 0 - 0 by members Heller, Press, Alexander, Creaney, O'Brien, Santiago, Sarao, and CCM Joyce.

The chair allowed Mr. Neil Weisman to advocate for changing the bike lanes on the George Washington Bridge, but advised Mr. Weisman that the community board has no authority over the Port Authority which runs the G.W. Bridge.

Bronx DOT Commissioner Moran introduced members of her staff that were present to explain proposed changes to three intersections.

Project 1: Intersection of Kappock Street Netherland Avenue, Henry Hudson Parkway North exit ramp. It was shown that the crosswalks do not match where pedestrians cross Kappock Street, and that there are conflicts with making left turns into Knolls Crescent. After a request from Councilman Cohen the DOT will place a new larger concrete barrier to separate traffic coming off the parkway exit, and traffic which come in the same direction from under the parkway. There will be a handicap grading to allow for ADA compliance in the new larger median, where crosswalks will be moved to match the new proposal. 70 feet of parking will be added by the entire intersection with a loss however of two parking spaces after the project is completed. New signal phasing will be installed as well as new crosswalks. Questions about tighter turns coming from under the HHP into Knolls Crescent were answered by the DOT with an assurance that the plan is safe. After further similar discussion the chair said a resolution to support this project would be drafted. He called for a vote which was 9 - 1 - 0. Members Heller, Alexander, Creaney, Fuchs, O'Brien, Santiago, Sarao, Young and CCM Joyce in favor, with member Press against.

Project 2 - Intersection of Broadway and West 225th Street requested by Councilman Rodriguez. The intersection is under the elevated subway line, has heavy traffic, heavy pedestrian usage, and there was a pedestrian fatality and eight people seriously hurt in 2015. The width of Broadway here is 95 feet wide with a four foot median in the middle. DOT will increase the median to ten feet for greater pedestrian safety, place lane markings which are not currently in place on Broadway and West 225th Street, and add turning signals for southbound traffic to turn onto West 225th Street.

Project 3 - Intersection of Broadway and West 228th Street also requested by Councilman Rodriguez. This intersection is also under the elevated subway and has a bus stop southbound on Broadway at the corner where the width of Broadway is 100 feet. DOT is to increase the width of the bus stop to 12 feet with ADA cuts in it, move the bus stop out of the crosswalk, extend the island and put up no right turn signs southbound on Broadway. Hearing only one comment as to when the West 230th Street/Broadway intersection was to be redone (sometime in 2017 according to DOT) the chair asked for consensus on the two Broadway projects which were unanimous in favor.

The chair discussed budget priorities for FY 2018. He suggested a capital budget request for FY2018 to be reconstruction of the Summit Street. The Expense Budget request for FY2018 will be 1) traffic study for the area around the new Riverdale Crossing Shopping center at Broadway and West 238th/West 237th Streets, and the area surrounding the new shopping center, 2) repairs to the lighting of the Kappock Street underpass of the HHP.

The meeting ended with a discussion of the MTA bus service including the # 1 bus returning to its Riverdale Avenue starting point, and concerns about Bx7 and Bx10 bus service in North Riverdale. The chair also mentioned the possibility of the MTA looking at potential "trippers" (extra buses) beginning at the Kennedy Campus instead of their normal starting points.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 PM.  
Minutes submitted by the current Vice-Chair Robert Press.  
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