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**MINUTES
DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2015
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: Community Board 4 Office
330 West 42nd Street (b. 8/9 Aves.)
26th Floor
Attendees: See attached sign in sheet

• **AGENCY ISSUES AND UPDATES**

- **NYPD (10th, 13th, Midtown South Precinct, Midtown North Precinct, Traffic)**
 - Midtown North Precinct:
 - Issued 99 summons in 2014 for speeding
 - Three collision prone locations
 - West 57 Street and 8th Avenue with 39 Accidents
 - DOT will be meeting with Assembly Member Rosenthal's office and Checkped in February
 - West 57 and 6th Avenue
 - West 47 Street and 6th Avenue
 - West 55 Street and 9th Avenue
 - Jeep Dealership at 678 11 Ave: Parking vehicles on the sidewalk – Midtown North Precinct visited the location to inform owners illegal to park/display vehicles on the sidewalk
- **DOT**
 - DOT continues to focus on Vision Zero project and will be coming to CB4 in the next couple months to present plan.
 - 11 Ave traffic direction below West 37 Street and above 45 Street update
 - Current 11 Ave Configuration
 - Above 44th: 2 way
 - 44th to 40th: 1 way SB
 - 40th to 37th: 2 way
 - 37th to 24th: 1 way SB
 - 24th to West Side Highway: 2 way
 - Two years ago, the section between 37th and 34th was converted from two-way to one-way southbound to accommodate the No. 7

line construction. Once the No. 7 train construction is complete, the section between 37th and 34th can go back to being two-way.

- 2015 - There is a current proposal to convert the section between 57th and 44th from one-way southbound to two-way.
- 2016: Tentative plans to convert the section between 34th and 24th to two-way to accommodate the West Side Rail Yards development.

- Commercial bike enforcement update:
 - Enforcement team still inspecting locations
 - DOT agreed for CB4 to send DOT restaurant names and locations that need further education
- Street closure permit for 559 West 22 Street status update:
 - Location no longer has active DOT street closure permits
 - Additional inspections occurring this week until the construction fence it moved back to the property line.
- 2 lane street closure permit on West 25 Street between 6th Ave and 7th Ave:
 - Project includes a sidewalk vault job, with excavation extending into the roadway, permit #M01-2015009-B11, M02-2015009-B55. The contractor is Tri-State Renovations. The permits are valid up to 2/7/14. DOT is awaiting report from inspection team.
- Sidewalk swale program update:
 - Due to cost DOT typically looks for partners such as BIDs to construct Sidewalk sways.
 - No current Swale program in CD4
- Unpermitted buses on West 42 Street between 8th and 9th Avenue:
 - DOT working with all interstate jitneys to move to CB4 approved locations
 - DOT will be attending CB4's TRANs Committee in February to present

- **DOB**
 - Role out of 2014 NYC Construction Codes
 - 2014 Construction Codes went into effect on December 31st, 2014. The codes have been uploaded to DOB's website and are available, at:
http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/html/codes_and_reference_materials/2014_construction_code.shtml
 - After Hours Variances for 450 West 33 Street aka Brookfield Site
 - AHVs for this site have been issued to permit construction during small windows of time, during which rail lines below are expected to have the least amount of traffic or are completely free of traffic.



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- Storm enclosure inspection update
 - DOB is looking forward to a walkthrough scheduled on 2/2/15, together with CB4 and DCA, to figure out the best way to address the issue.
 - Status of Inspection of storm enclosure at 763 Ninth Ave
 - An inspection of the enclosure at this site on 12/31/14 determined the enclosure to be permissible, as per BC 3201.4.2
 - 311 reporting
 - DOB's Strategic Redesign division is reviewing the matter with DOITT, and to ideally activate a Storm Enclosure category, though which complaints may be registered
- **DEP/DDC**
 - DDC
 - 9th Avenue tunnel work:
 - West 48 Street and 9th Avenue is 60% complete
 - Due to traffic concerns will be working night shift from 11am to 6am
 - West 51 Street and 9th Avenue is complete
 - DDC reports that ConEd plates need to be better secured at 9th Ave and West 51 Street
 - 38 Street Water Tunnel Project:
 - 32% Completed.
 - Original project completion date 6/14/15
 - The project is going to run overtime and the contractor plans to extend his work hours.
 - Currently installing 24",36" and 48" trunk water main in 10th Avenue between West 30th Street and West 33rd Street.
 - Completed 50% of the box sewer installation on West 30th Street and will return in the spring to complete the second half of the street.
 - Starting work at the West 30th Street Heliport soon. This work must be completed by the end of April 2015. After the work at the heliport is complete DDC plans to bring the 20" main across West Street.

- **DEP**
 - Noise complaints about after hours construction continue to be the primary complain in CD4
 - Working on Private carter noise
 - Sending letters to West 34 Street Carters and scheduling noise inspection
 - Catch basin flooding NE corner of West 42 Street and 9th Ave
 - On DEP emergency repair list for 2015

- **DPR**
 - Status on park renovations
 - CCM: DPR is currently reviewing Scope of work and deciding whether or not to include in multi-site contract. Contract should be awarded by summer 2015
 - Hell's Kitchen: Is part of the multi-site contract which has just been awarded. The contractor has to complete paperwork and then the contract will be forwarded to the Comptroller's Office for registration. DPR expect work to begin in March.
 - Mathews-Palmer: DPR is working on the contract documents, which should be completed this spring. Following legal reviews, we can proceed to put the contract out for bid, probably in late summer.
 - Ramone Aponte: DRP sent out contract for Bid and should receive responses by Spring 2015

 - DeWitt Clinton
 - Mulch storage: DeWitt is a drop off for multi DRP Parks. DRP will observe if children and or dogs interfere with mulch

- **ConEd:**
 - In initial stages of major job to transfer load to the Clinton area
 - Engineers still working on full plan, once plan is confirmed ConEd willing to come and present to TRANS Committee.
 - Currently beginning prep work at three locations
 - West 38 Street btwn 8th and 9th Ave
 - West 40 Street btwn 10th and 11th Ave
 - West 41 Street btwn 10th and 11th Ave
 - All work will include weekend hours but no night time work
 - ConEd will re-secure plates at 9th Ave and West 51 Street

- **Office of Special Enforcement (OSE)**
 - Possible increase in enforcement staff due to Air BnB case

- **FDNY:**
 - Week of 1/21 major fire in underground Moynihan Station construction site: No fatalities or injuries
 - Working with Commissioners office and Red Cross to offer free fire detectors



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- **Commission on Human Rights**
 - New Commissioner Patricia L. Gatling just started and will be setting the agenda shortly
 - NYC CHR would like to review storm enclosures for ADA access

- **Manhattan District Attorney**
 - Focusing on educating students on bully, biased crimes, and sexual assault
 - MDA's office willing to come and create program with individual schools

- **MTA**
 - Uneven and Stored subway vent grates on 8th Ave and West 38 Street
 - Approximately 3 or 4 vent gratings that need to be replaced at the location. MTA cannot perform the work at the present time as there is a scaffolding leg from a private construction project that falls directly on the gratings. MTA put protections in the area, and have cleaned the area this past weekend.

Next DSC meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 10:00AM.