

Community Board 10
Traffic and Transportation Committee Minutes
Oct. 11, 2006

The CB10 Traffic and Transportation Committee met in quorum on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at the CB10 office. In attendance were Committee members Louise Riso, Robert Cassara, Timothy Cross, Doris Cruz, Ronald Gross, Brian Kassenbrock, George Prezioso, Jean Ryan, and Lawrence Stelter. Also attending were Josephine Beckman CB10 District Manager, Board member Mary Nilsen, Stephanie Giovinco from Councilman Gentile's office, and from the 68th precinct Sgt. John Strype and P.O. Trischetti.

68th precinct police officers announced stepped up enforcement of trucks along 6th Ave. We gave them the letter from 6th Ave. resident Dr. Tournatore and they said it would be a big help. Board Member Mary Nilsen raised the issue of truck traffic on Dahlgren Place. Sgt. Strype told the Committee there is a P.O. assigned specifically to summons trucks. Ron Gross bought up the subject of trucks parked on 7th Ave. by McKinley park. Sgt. Strype said these trucks are ticketed after 2 summonses are booted and all fines must be paid before they are released. Board Members also asked the Police to look into a car repair shop that services ambulances. The ambulances are parked on 72nd Street, 7th and 8th Avenues blocking pedestrian ramps. They are stored overnight and on the weekend, taking parking spaces from the community.

The Committee requested DOT conduct the following studies and Josephine stated she would forward the letters to Commissioner Palmieri. The letter was sent out last week requesting:

1. Right turn only signs on Battery Ave. at 86th Street/
2. Left hand turn signal at 86th Street and Fort Hamilton Parkway to aid traffic flow and pedestrian crossing,
3. Study the N.E corner of Dahlgren Place at 86th St. At the Manhattan bound Gowanus Expressway, a delayed green signal or all way red signal to allow pedestrians to cross
4. The intersection of Bay Ridge Parkway at 7th Avenue in both directions a "left hand turn arrow" for existing designated left turn lanes.

Committee member Lawrence Stelter reported on the schedule bus cut back.

B63 – 5th Ave. – 12 minutes to 15 minutes

B37 – 3rd Ave. – 12 minutes to 15 minutes

Buses running about 20 minutes apart all day. Tim Cross made a motion to investigate "short turns" i.e. buses turning around before the end of the route and restore service in busy commercial areas.

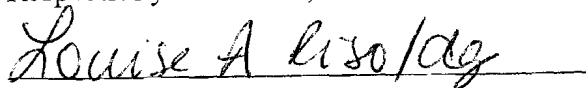
Passed unanimously.

Jean Ryan reported on the lift for wheelchairs. Brian Kassenbrock made a motion to send a letter to NYC Transit to complete and publicize the testing for the lift flap for wheelchair handicap passengers and to order and install them in a timely manner. Seconded by Tim Cross. Passed unanimously.

Ron Gross asked if we could contact NYC Transit to utilize dead heading express buses that travel into Manhattan. Currently, Express Bus Service from Bay Ridge to Manhattan stops at 5:30PM -- but buses ride back to Manhattan empty to pick up passengers to return to Brooklyn. The motion was to write to NYC Transit to continue the express bus service beyond 5:30PM in Bay Ridge since the buses are running empty back to Manhattan. Passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by George Prezioso, seconded by Brian Kassenbrock.

Respectfully Submitted,



Louise A. Riso

Chairperson CB10

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