

**Community Board 10**  
**Traffic and Transportation Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**January 8, 2007**

The CB10 Traffic and Transportation Committee met in quorum on Monday, January 8, 2007 at the CB10 office. In attendance were Committee members Louise Riso, Timothy Cross, Ronald Gross, Brian Kassenbrock, George Prezioso, Jean Ryan, Tobias Russo, and Lawrence Stelter, CB10 Chair Dean Rasinya, and CB10 District Manager Josephine Beckman. Also in attendance were Kate Carberry from Senator Golden's office, Ira Haironson and Melissa Farley from NYCT, and from the 68<sup>th</sup> precinct, Sgt. John Strype, officers Mario Venezia and Joseph Trischitta. Joan Regan also attended from the Narrows Botanical Gardens. Excused were Robert Cassara and Doris Cruz.

As you know at December's Board Meeting the issue about the MTA looking to install cameras as part of the Bus Rapid Transit program was recommitted for clarification. Melissa Farley summarized the camera proposal to the members of our committee. The DOT and NYC Transit discussed mounting cameras either inside the bus or at specific locations along the BRT route to monitor the bus lanes as far as cars blocking the bus lane for enforcement purposes. The issue is still under review and there are legislative issues involved similar to those involved with red light cameras. Installation of cameras that generate summonses for blocking bus lanes would require New York State legislation. This is an extremely long process and the MTA will keep us apprised.

Melissa Farley went on to explain that the NYC Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study is a cooperative effort of the New York City Department of Transportation, MTA New York City Transit and the New York State Department of Transportation to bring BRT to NYC to improve the speed and reliability of the bus system.

Five Corridors were already selected – one from each borough. The TA will not be accepting any other sites at this time until the results of the 5 corridors are complete. Each of the five Borough Presidents will be hosting an informational meeting about the pilot program. The Staten Island bus selected is the S79 which runs along Hylan Blvd and travels over the VZ bridge to Bay Ridge – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 86<sup>th</sup> and 92<sup>nd</sup> Street. The Brooklyn bus line selected runs along Nostrand Ave. Community Board Ten was invited to Staten Island Borough Hall on January 11<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the program. Josephine attended the meeting at Staten Island Borough Hall. NYC Transit offered to provide our T&T committee with a presentation and the District Office is already working to schedule that within the next month or two.

Next we discussed the MTA request for the part time relocation of the S-93 bus stop from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 86<sup>th</sup> and 87<sup>th</sup> Street to the far side of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 87<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> Street. Citing the increase in buses on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the volume of students from CSI, their proposed bus stop would be in place from 6 – 10 AM and 4 – 8 PM peak hours – Monday through Friday ONLY. The S-93 is a version of the S-53 and makes limited stops from Bay Ridge to the College of Staten Island. It has grown more popular and buses have been added to the route.

CB 10 and NYC Transit will request that DOT replace the coin fed parking meters with muni meters along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 87<sup>th</sup> Street to 88<sup>th</sup> Street. It was also suggested that DOT revisit the feasibility of installing bus shelters along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue due to long line of passengers.

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The motion to approve the part – time bus stop relocation to the far side of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue off 87<sup>th</sup> Street was made by Tim Cross and seconded by George Prezioso – and the Committee unanimously supported the request.

The Community Board received a letter from NYC Department of Transportation Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise Unit.(CSFF) The letter from Assistant Commissioner Gould-Schmit asks each of the 59 Community Boards to send two site recommendations for automated public toilets (APTs) by January 31, 2007. These structures are state of the art facilities that will be serviced twice per day for inspection and system maintenance. The city will be placing 20 over the next 2 years – 10 this year and 10 next year.

DOT stated – the only thing needed are water and sewer lines nearby and 8 foot clear path. Upon receipt of the recommendations, CSFF will begin a survey to assess the feasibility of APT installation. When the list of potential sites has been pared down, they will forward the list to all of the Community Boards for our feedback.

We discussed 2 locations that were raised at prior Community Board Ten meetings. The first was Shore Road Park near 71<sup>st</sup> Street. Joan Regan who was present suggested it was not something that would enhance the gardens.


The next site discussed was the 69<sup>th</sup> St. Pier. As we all know the pier receives many visitors and cyclists who travel along the bicycle path. It is also home to Brooklyn's September 11<sup>th</sup> memorial and has ceremonies each year and is visited by New Yorkers. In many ways it is the perfect location for an Automated Public Toilet.

The second site discussed was near Leif Ericson Park. While the Board is supporting a full Parkhouse/ Rest station for the Saturn Playground, the Dustbowl is located right across the street. It is home to many sport teams and presently has no facilities. The Committee members made it clear that we will continue to support the Park House at Saturn playground. Many felt recommending an Automated Public Toilet on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the Dustbowl at 67<sup>th</sup> Street would be a good addition.

After discussion a motion was made by George Prezioso and seconded by Ronald Gross for Community Board Ten to send in our 2 recommended sites for an APT to NYC Department of Transportation Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise . – First the 69<sup>th</sup> Street Pier and Second, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 67<sup>th</sup> Street near the Dustbowl and Lief Ericson Park. Motion was unanimously supported.

Motion to adjourn made by Ronald Gross, seconded by Timothy Cross.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Chairperson CB10

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