

COMMUNITY BOARD 10
Traffic and Transportation Committee Report
February 26, 2007

The CB 10 Traffic and Transportation Committee met in quorum on Monday, February 12, 2007 at the CB 10 office. In attendance were Committee members Louise Riso, Robert Cassara, Doris Cruz, Brian Kassenbrock, George Prezioso, Tobias Russo, Jean Ryan, Lawrence Stelter and CB 10 Vice Chair Mary Ann Walsh. Excused were Timothy Cross and Ronald Gross. Also attending were Robert Marino and Ted Orosz from NYC Transit and Joseph Barr from NYC DOT. From Poly Prep Assistant Headmaster Steven Andersen and Director of Safety & Security Vincent Rutuelo, Kate Carberry from Senator Golden's office and John Buckholz from Councilman Gentile's office.

INFORMATION ON BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM

Ted Orosz and Robert Marino explained this was a lengthy screening process. Every street in all the boroughs was researched. The Bus Rapid Transit is an additional "express" bus running along a current bus route. 5 corridors in each borough were chosen. In Brooklyn, Nostrand Avenue and in Staten Island, Hyland Blvd S79 to Mall and return to 86th Street, which naturally overflows into CB 10 Bay Ridge. There will be approximately one-third more buses coming into 86th Street. Joe Barr indicated two routes will be implemented in the next year; they do not know which ones. He indicated the advent of new shelters, new signs, long term better fare collection, bus lanes and increased service. The Committee was not overjoyed at the prospect of more buses on 86th Street and 4th Avenue. Toby Russo suggested perhaps these buses could connect at the 95th Street station. Jean Ryan verified the buses will be ADA approved. You can check the MTA website for more updated information.

Steven Andersen and Vincent Rutuelo presented some requests for some changes around the Poly Prep campus:

1. Currently they have parking for 23 buses 400 feet on 7th Avenue. Because of double parking and safety issues, they would like the space to be increased to 800 feet to make room for 40 buses along 7th Avenue towards Veteran's Hospital.
2. Increased street lighting along that strip on 7th Avenue.
3. Poly is undergoing renovations to the main entrance on 7th Avenue off 92nd Street. They are moving the entrance down and request a stop light at the entrance.
4. Poly is requesting that the B70 and B8 bus stop at the corner of 92nd Street and 7th Avenue be moved to the far side of the Poly entrance to increase visibility.


Steven Andersen also submitted plans for the relocation of the track to the far side of the Poly field, closer to the Veterans Hospital.

The Committee voted down the request specifically for the projected loss of parking for the Veterans Hospital and Victory Memorial Hospital.

Brian Kassenbrock requested a description of specific criteria from DOT for the placement of traffic lights, since traffic lights have appeared on residential street such as 76th Street on 10th and 12th Avenues and have been denied on the street corners of schools.

Motion to adjourn by George Prezioso and seconded by Brian Kassenbrock.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise A. Riso /az".

Louise A. Riso
Chairperson, Traffic & Transportation]
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