

Good Evening:

The Traffic and Transportation Committee met in quorum on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at CB 10's District Office. We met with Ms. Melissa Farley and representatives of the MTA to discuss bus service cuts in our area. Jean Ryan pointed out the deficiencies of subways and other transportation for disabled riders if surface transportation is cut. Alan Bortnick and George Prezioso voiced the frustration of our community at the severity of the proposed cuts. Larry Stelter pointed out that if the B37 service is completely eliminated it will interrupt a long tradition of transportation on 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue. Specifically we asked the representatives how the proposed cuts were determined, if any CB districts were spared and if the service cuts would be followed by lay offs at the MTA. Ms. Farley will respond with information as to our specific requests.

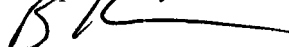
The NYC DOT has informed us that the site chosen for Bayridge's first Automatic Pay Toilet at the 69<sup>th</sup> Street pier is not a good one due to sewer connection difficulties. The NYCDOT asked us for new site recommendations. There was much discussion as to design of the APT and possible problems in the proposed model. I am in the process of getting more information on the subject. Each committee member will return at next month's T&T meeting with two suggestions for a site. We will discuss them and recommend the most promising ones to the entire board.

The District Office received information from the MTA about a proposal to utilize the east side of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave at 86<sup>th</sup> street for B64 and Staten Island buses. The volume is great and the idea is to utilize the less busy east side of 4th Avenue to pick up and discharge passengers. The committee voted to request the entire board to endorse a letter to the MTA and our elected officials to investigate the use of the east side of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 86 th Street for bus service. VOTE

The Committee voted to support a request to have the entire board endorse communicating with our federal elected officials in support of Go21's campaign to increase investment in the infrastructure of intermodal freight railroads. There is no conflict in supporting Go21's position and it would save energy and reduce congestion in our transportation systems. VOTE

In addition, a letter was sent to NYCDOT about the APT and compliance with the ADA. Our crackerjack staff is attempting to have NYCDOT Borough Commissioner Joseph Palmieri attend our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted

  
Brian Kieran