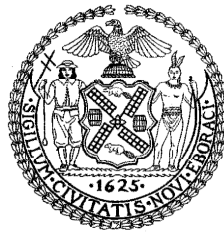


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Lenox Hill Hospital

131 East 76th Street, Einhorn Auditorium

New York, NY

6:30pm

Minutes

Present: Michele Birnbaum, Matt Bondy, A. Scott Falk, Larry Hockert, Jonathan Horn, Rita Popper, Barry Schneider, Judy Schneider, Charles Warren, and Hedi White.

Absent excused: Helene Simon

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Co-Chair Charles Warren.

1. Continued Discussion on NYC Bike Share in Community Board 8 by DOT

Jon Orcutt, Policy Director for NYC DOT, joined the committee for continued discussion of criteria for station siting for the NYC Bike Share program that is scheduled to launch in summer 2012. DOT will coordinate with the CB8 office to select a date for the community planning workshop regarding station locations within our district.

The committee discussed concerns and priorities for where to place station locations within CB8 and NYC DOT asked for any suggestions to be sent to them.

2. Discussion of three locations for DOT's Daytime Truck Loading pilot program -East 82nd Street and Third Avenue; East 83rd Street and First Avenue; and East 77th Street and Madison Avenue

Stacey Hodge from NYC DOT's Office of Freight Mobility presented a pilot program intended to reduce double parking on narrow residential streets, and to balance the demand for residential parking and truck deliveries to residential blocks (such as FedEx., UPS, groceries, utility providers, and home heating oil). This pilot program would take current no-parking zones and create new short-term truck parking zones from 9 AM to 7 PM, with a 1-hour limit. Objectives of the program include reducing double parking and congestion, and improving air quality. DOT would use time-lapse cameras to measure the effectiveness of the program.

DOT identified three locations within CB8 for this pilot program:

- East 82nd Street at 3rd Avenue
- East 83rd Street at 1st Avenue
- Madison Avenue at East 77th Street

A representative from the Madison Avenue BID raised concerns about the Madison Avenue location, and DOT agreed to meet with the BID to work to find an alternate location for the third site.

3. A request by Mary Manning Walsh Home for two “NP Anytime, Except Loading and Unloading” signs on York Avenue between 71st and 72nd Streets. (Requested by Mary Manning Walsh)

Helen Yee from the Mary Manning Walsh Home presented a request for two additional No Parking signs in front of their building at 1339 York Avenue between 70th & 71st Streets, to accommodate ambulette loading and unloading. Currently there is a passenger loading zone in front of the building's entrance, which the Home seeks to expand due to increased activity.

The committee suggested adjusting the signage and reducing the size of the requested expansion of the loading zone, which the applicant agreed to.

WHEREAS, the Mary Manning Walsh Home has requested certain parking signage changes in front of their building at 1339 York Avenue between 71st & 72nd Streets, to better serve their needs, and

WHEREAS, the number of admissions to the Mary Manning Walsh Home have increased greatly in recent years, resulting in increased ambulette traffic,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED, that Community Board 8M approves the following parking sign changes on the west side of York Avenue between 71st & 72nd Streets:

1) Change the “No Parking, Passenger Loading Zone” signs to "No Parking, Ambulette Loading & Unloading Only."

2) Extend the loading zone south by one additional parking space, to just north of the fire hydrant.

Approved 10-0-0

Yes: Birnbaum, Falk, Hockert, Horn, Popper, B. Schneider, J. Schneider, Simon, Warren, White

4. A request to remove the “Shared Path” sign and install “Walk Bike” sign on the 78th Street Pedestrian Bridge. (Requested by Ms. Siskind, resident) *joint with Parks Committee*

Ms. Siskind made the point that the 78th Street Pedestrian Bridge is not that wide and also has an incline and bicycles could create a problem for pedestrians if they are not walked on the Bridge. Josh Orzeck of NYC DOT indicated that they usually allowed bikes to be ridden on bridges like this and that DOT was not in favor of changing the signs. After some discussion, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, the 78th Street Pedestrian Bridge is not that wide and has an 8 percent incline, and

WHEREAS, Community Board 8 is concerned about pedestrian safety if bikes are ridden over the bridge,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 requests that NYC DOT or the Parks Department install “Walk Bike” signs on the Bridge and at the approach to the Bridge to protect pedestrians using the Bridge.

Approved 9-0-1

Yes: Birnbaum, Hockert, Horn, Popper, B. Schneider, J. Schneider, Simon, Warren, White
Abstain: Falk

5. Old Business

Three items were raised under old business:

- A. 81st St. Pedestrian Bridge: This item will be on the March agenda.
- B. Relative frequencies of SBS and local buses on the M15 line
- C. Revisiting the meter parking regulations on Lexington Avenue between 85th & 86th Streets

6. New Business

No item was raised under new business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren, Co-Chairs