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**Public Safety and Transportation Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, November 1, 2010 - 6:00pm**  
**Community Board 11 Office**  
**1664 Park Avenue**  
**New York, NY 10035**

**Present:** Olga Ambert, Brodie Enoch, Judith Febbraro, Aime Kiros-Pettrucci, Frances Mastrota, Peggy Morales, Derrick Taitt, Tasha Williams and Theresa Richardson (Public Member)

**Excused:** Jose Altamirano, Martin Garcia

**Absent:** Diane Green, Cora Shelton

**Guests:** Maria Savoca-Transportation Alternatives  
Cathy Stephens-Transportation Alternatives  
Tom Lunke-HCDC  
Dalila Hall-NYC DOT  
Maurice Cummings-NYS Assembly  
Lauren Ferebee-Zamarac LLC  
Jay Weiss-Zamarac LLC  
Randreta Ward-Evans-President Riverton Square  
Beverly Alston-Community Board 11 Member  
Diane Collier-Riverton Resident

Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Chair Peggy Morales

### **Discussions and Presentations:**

**NYC DOT discussion and findings on "Walk Through" of 135<sup>th</sup> Street at Madison Avenue**  
*A visual handout was provided to facilitate this discussion.*

Brodie Enoch, Co-Chair of the Public Safety and Transportation Committee began the discussion by describing the proposals that DOT is recommending along with the opposing view of surrounding neighborhood residents.

Dalila Hall, DOT explained the rationale for proposed changes made by DOT in response to community request for change to improve park access and traffic safety. Dalila explained why

the direction change to northern service road is necessary and how it aids safety improvements for both pedestrian as well as vehicular traffic.

Tasha Williams asked how drivers will be made aware of changes enacted by DOT; Dalila explained that signage will be conspicuously posted leading up to that street and the intersection to avoid any confusion. The signs would include “NO ENTRY” and “NEW TRAFFIC DIRECTION” to assist drivers.

Tom Lunke spoke in support of proposal changes. Tom provided some background on his work with the community seeking to acquire the necessary improvements to this intersection. Tom added that the proposed changes would serve to greatly improve the safety concerns that have been problematic to this area in the past.

Randreta Ward-Evans spoke on behalf of the Riverton Tenant Association who is advocating to keeping the current direction of the northern service road moving west. Randreta also asked for a new signal light to direct vehicles accordingly.

Diane Collier explained that most vehicular accidents in the intersection involve vehicles coming off the FDR exit ramp and that most pedestrian involved accidents occur between Madison and Firth Avenue to benefit pedestrian park goers.

Peggy Morales stated that irrespective of how the committee votes on this issue the PS&T committee is charged with ensuring the public safety of all people living in that community.

Ms. Collier affirmed that Riverton has “always” asked for a bi-directional lights and pedestrian crossing lights with countdown clocks. In addition Riverton residents have requested that the islands be shortened to allow west-bound traffic on the northern service road.

Tom Lunke affirmed that the DOT proposal is the best option to serve the neighboring community, residents of buildings in the immediate area and pedestrians and save people’s lives.

**Motion:** That this committee support the changes with the condition that bi-directional and countdown lights be implemented in the intersection – made by Tasha Williams seconded by Frances Mastrota. In Favor: 4 Against: 3 Abstained: 0 Present Not Voting: 1

**Rider Rebellion “Bill of Rights” Brodie Enoch – Transportation Alternatives**  
*Bill of Rights was distributed for discussion*

Brodie Enoch as representative of Rider Rebellion and Transportation Alternatives is asking the committee to support the “Bill of Rights” movement campaign. Brodie was asked if this movement would include those people that drive across bridges and tunnels. At this time the campaign is targeting transit riders only.

**Motion:** That the committee support the Rider Rebellion “Bill of Rights” campaign – made by Frances Mastrota seconded by Theresa Richardson. In Favor: 7 Against: 0 Abstained: 0 Present Not Voting: 1

### Old/New Business

#### Ali Akbar- Parking Regulation change request

Mr. Akbar a small business owner along second avenue had appeared before the committee at its September meeting with a request that parking regulations changes implemented by DOT within Community District 11 along 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues as part of the implementation of the Select Bus Service. Mr. Akbar has presented to the committee a list of signatures mostly pertaining to his patrons in support of his request to install parking meters along the street that runs in front of his establishment at 111<sup>th</sup> Street and 112<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Motion:** To support the request for regulation changes at 111<sup>th</sup> Street and 112<sup>th</sup> Street along Second Avenue opposite the SBS lane which will include parking meters – made by Derrick Taitt seconded by Judith Febbraro. Approved unanimously  
***DOT is amenable to conduct a feasibility study for implementation of parking regulations.***

#### Derrick Tate-Street Renaming request

A request was presented to CB11 many years ago (2000) requesting our support to rename the street located at 126<sup>th</sup> Street between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue to St. James Place. We now have all of the required documentation to vote on this item as a committee and bring it before the board for a vote as well.

**Motion:** To support the renaming of 126<sup>th</sup> Street between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue to St. James Place – made by France Mastrota seconded by Judith Febbraro. Approved unanimously

### Budget Priorities

Tabled for a working meeting with available committee members on 11/8/2010 @ 5:30pm @ CB11 office.

**Motion:** To adjourn made by Olga Ambert seconded by Frances Mastrota.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm