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Public Safety & Transportation Committee
September 3, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Bonifacio Senior Center, 7 East 116th Street

***** MINUTES *****

- Present:** Jose Altamirano, Yolanda Brown, Judith Febbraro, Marissa Mack, Jeffrey Monteiro, Jessica Morris, Robert Perkins, Dawn Sanders, Jonathan Winstone, Nilsa Orama, Carly Wine (staff), Angel Mescaín (staff)
- Excused:** Diane Collier, Amie Kiros-Petrucci
- Absent:** Jarquay Abdullah, Andrew Padilla
- Guests:** Arlen Zamula, DOHMH; Kioka Jackson, 25th Precinct Community Council President; Jennifer St. Ines, NYC DOT; Jessica Cignarella, NYC Transit; Marcus Book, NYC Transit; Carl T. Vreeland, Resident; Carey King, Uptown Grand Central

1. Call to Order – Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 PM.

2. Informational updates

- a. Department of Transportation: Ms. Jennifer St. Ines reported that Lexington Avenue between 103rd Street and 110th Street will be resurfaced on Friday, September 6, 2019.

3. Presentation & Discussions

- a. Presentation of Bronx Bus Re-design by NYC Transit

The Bronx Bus Redesign proposes changes to bus lines and routes along 125th Street. Bus line Bx15 will no longer run along 125th Street; in its place, M125 (new bus line) will service 125th Street. Bus line M100 currently operates out of the Bronx Bus depot. The redesign proposes the shortening of M100 so that it instead ends on the west side of Manhattan and operates out of a bus depot at 125th Street and Amsterdam Avenue. 125th Street will continue to be serviced by M101. NYC Transit responded to inquiries about changes to problematic bus routes in Manhattan with a promise of a Manhattan

Bus Redesign in the near future.

b. Committee discussion on FY 2021 Statement of District Needs and Budget Requests

The committee reviewed and revised budget requests related to the following agencies: Transit Authority, Department of Transportation, and FDNY. During this discussion, the committee reported concerns about street striping along Lexington Avenue and quality of life issues concerning drug abuse and publicly discarded syringes.

4. Old Business

a. Committee discussion on congestion pricing

The committee discussed the anticipated rollout of congestion pricing below 60th Street and shared their concerns. Jennifer St. Ines from Department of Transportation (DOT) was present to provide some clarity about DOT's and MTA's roles in implementing congestion pricing. MTA is responsible for the planning and implementation of the tolls (collecting the congestion fees) and the establishment of the Traffic Mobility Review Board, which will ultimately determine toll rates. DOT is responsible for the installation of infrastructure including toll booths. DOT is also charged with conducting studies to inform legislation including the study of parking impacts above the congestion zone.

5. New Business

a. Removal of CityBench in front of Taino Towers

6. Announcements

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.