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Public Safety & Transportation Committee Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 7:00 p.m. Bonifacio Senior Center 7 East 116th Street

***** MINUTES *****

- Present:** Beverly Alston, Jose Altamirano, Judith Febbraro, James Garcia, Peggy Morales, Theresa Richardson, Mia Brezin (staff), Angel Mescain (staff)
- Excused:** Brodie Enoch, Frances Mastrota
- Absent:** Muhammad Ali-Cisse, Jose Grajales, Lyndel Urbano,
- Guests:** Evan Bialostozley, NYC Transit; Rob Thompson, NYC Transit; Sheila Webb-Halpern, NYC Transit; Louis Bailey, WeAct; Glenn Hunter, Harlem Cultural Archives; Kelmy Rodriguez; Martin Baez, Community Leader; Maria Garcia, CB10; Jonathan Winstone; Capt. Fortune, PSA 5; P.O. Jackson, PSA 5; Madai Velez, DA's office

1. Presentations & Discussions

a. Update on implementation of M60 Select Bus Service

The MTA along with DOT provided a lengthy PP presentation outlining the improved M60 SBS service that runs East and West along 125th Street. Some of the highlights include shorter travel times for the SBS service and abbreviated travel times for the other buses using that route (BX15, M100, M101). The service has a dedicated lane painted red and metered parking as increased parking along the route as well. Bus bulbs have been installed making the drop and pick up of passengers more efficient along with the use of prepaid machines. Additionally at Madison Avenue real time bus information is available as part of an LCD. Overall the program appears to be beneficial to the users of this service DOT and MTA will continue to monitor the improvements and provide those reports to our committee.

2. Informational Updates

a. Captain Peter Fortune, PSA 5

The Captain was asked to provide an update on community relations and collaboration and support in light of the existing tensions in NYC related to the handling of several deaths by the NYPD. According to Captain Fortune his officers and Precinct have seen an increase in support and are grateful to the East Harlem Community for the kindness and understanding. He then took the time to bring us up to speed on the statistics affecting major crime areas including larceny robberies, homicides, assaults including domestic violence etc.

b. Madai Velez, District Attorney's office Community Liaison

Ms. Velez introduced herself as the new D.A. Liaison and spoke about the District Attorney's Office Summer Internship Program for 2015. She left several pamphlets and applications for anyone interested in applying. The internship does provide a small stipend. The applications can also be downloaded from the D.A. website.

3. New Business

a. Request for committee support for installation of No Right on Red sign at 138th Street Bridge and Fifth Avenue was presented to DOT and will be evaluated for installation.

b. A request was also made of the DOT to look into the feasibility of installing an advanced green at 135th Street and 5th Avenue.

c. DOT was made aware of a non-functioning street light at the NE side of 117th street between 1st and 2nd Avenue.

d. MTA was made aware of the fact that bus drivers may not consistently make provisions for wheelchair bound person and/or person using walkers/canes to board their bus before able bodied passengers. MTA representative indicated he would take the information back to the chain of command.

Announcements

4. Adjournment

a. Theresa Richardson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Jose Altamirano and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.