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### Public Safety & Transportation Committee April 5, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Bonifacio Senior Center, 7 East 116<sup>th</sup> Street

#### \*\*\* Minutes \*\*\*

**Present:** Beverly Alston, Jose Altamirano, Judith Febbraro, Amie Kiros-Petrucci, Frances Mastrota, Theresa Richardson, Jemar Ward, Jonathan Winstone, Diane Collier (ex officio), Mia Brezin (staff)

**Excused:** Peggy Morales

**Absent:** Jose Grajales

1. Call to Order / Adoption of Agenda

Meeting called to order at 7:12pm

2. Informational updates

a. 23 Precinct update from PO Gibbons

- i. Crime during this period is down overall compared to same period last year
- ii. Increased focus on Lexington Ave, south of 125th Street because of increased youth crew activity between Jefferson Houses and Wagner Houses focused on territory. Shooting homicide was committed on Good Friday against a youth Wagner resident, with additional shootings following in the coming days.
  1. The 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and PSA5 precincts are coordinating to attempt to control the situation and reduce violence. Additional officers are being assigned, including 13 new officers (academy graduates) in 23<sup>rd</sup> Precinct and 18 additional specialty officers assigned.
  2. ShotSpotter started functioning on April 1 in Manhattan north of 59th Street.

b. The 25<sup>th</sup> Precinct and PSA5 were not present.

3. Presentations and discussions

a. 2nd Avenue Subway Update

Richard Mulieri, Sr. Dir, Public Affairs, MTA Capital Construction. 646-252-2784  
[mulieri@mtacc.info](mailto:mulieri@mtacc.info) and Anil Pariks, SVP & Program Executive 2nd Ave Subway project

- Phase 1 is approx. 92.8% complete.

- Phase 2 will use existing tunnel from 99th St to 105th St. Plans include 106<sup>th</sup>, 116<sup>th</sup>, and 125<sup>th</sup> Street stations. West bound tunnel on 125<sup>th</sup> Street will run as far as 5th Ave to accommodate train storage. All stations will have ADA compliant elevators.

1. Discussed lessons learned from Phase 1, including earlier/advance remediation of fragile buildings, reductions of blasting and blasting hours; improved noise and dust mitigation; earlier community impact address; "Good Neighbor Initiative" with wayfinding and pedestrian experience management; monitoring rodent activity; coordination with agency partners.

- Phase 2 Roadmap

1. 2015-2019 Capital Program is still not approved, though initial contracts are out for RFP.
  - Current RFPs include Community outreach RFP; Extended PE Design and Environmental Review;
  - Pending Real Estate Acquisition Plan
  - Contemplating a design-build approach for design and construction
  - Gov. Cuomo included \$1B in state budget for Phase 2.
2. Community Outreach
  - Quarterly Community Advisory Committee Meetings (one per stations area); Public Workshops, Community Outreach liaisons; community information center; newsletters and emails; community board updates.

#### Committee Questions

F. Mastrotta: 2nd Ave & 97th Street: when will it be returned to the Parks Dept? Answer: will return with specific answer, but there is not a date determined as yet; estimate is late fall 2016. Question 2: does MTA recommend to building owners that they photograph cracks? Answer: Yes, a pre-construction survey is conducted with permission of the property owner.

Beverly: expressed concern about community liaison positions and conducting outreach to them. Answer: there will be a contracted consulting firm that will need to hire people, and MTA will advise CB11 when the contract is awarded.

Teresa: entrance plan on 2004 plan is out of date. Answer: the work was conducted on 2004 for the entire line; the MTACC will be updating as the project moves forward.

Jemar Ward: will there be underground passage to MNR? Answer: no.

Question about retail obstruction. Answer points to fence wraps in Phase 1 areas and wayfinding signs on corners.

Altamirano: inquired about the connection to the MetroNorth being tied tightly together. Answer: not the current plan.

Winstone: Are there plans for street-level retail on the ancillary structures to activate the avenues and contribute to economic development (unlike the phase 1 structures)?  
Answer: the president agrees and they will look for retail opportunities in ancillary structures. Some existing facilities have room for this as well.

#### Public questions

Question: some is in flood zone; what is being done? A: at 96th street, changes are planned to meet new flood plain guidelines. As the project moves north, it will be part of the design.

Question: Is MTA considering accessibility? Answer: all will be ADA compliant will elevators.

Question regarding location of elevators and interaction with board of housing complex at 106 & 2nd, as well as questions and discussion about flood mitigation.

When will parking be replaced on Phase 1?

- b. Public Plaza at East 125th Street and Park Avenue

EDC and NYCDOT's David Greene presenting the public realm project

Presentation of project site, challenges, and plans

Project has received federal DOT TIGER grant for this capital project because of high incidence of traffic crashes. 2010-2014, there were 58 crashes, placing this intersection in the 99th %ile of crashes in NYC. As such, it is also a Vision Zero priority.

#### Committee Questions

- c. Update on RFP Bridge on-ramp project and RFK Bronx Plaza rehab project

Refer to appended presentation from MTA Bridges and Tunnels.

Includes preparations for direct connection between RFK and Harlem River Drive for future project expected to be awarded in 2019 and completed in approximately two years.

Current project to be completed in 2017.

#### 4. Old business

- a. NYC DOT proposal for bus, pedestrian, and traffic improvements at 96th Street and Madison Avenue

Improvements were requested in District Needs

**Motion to support NYC Department of Transportation's proposal for bus, pedestrian, and traffic safety improvements in an area bound by 96<sup>th</sup> Street, 97<sup>th</sup> Street, Madison Avenue and Fifth Avenue by Jonathan Winstone. Motion seconded by Jemar Ward and passed with one opposed (Richardson).**

- b. Street renaming request for Alfredo "Chocolate" Armenteros Way at 122nd St & Third Ave

**Motion to support the renaming of 122<sup>nd</sup> Street and Third Avenue as “Alfredo ‘Chocolate’ Armenteros Way” by Theresa Richardson. Motion was seconded by Frances Mastrota and passed unanimously.**

5. New business

- a. Public Question: on 126th Streets between Third and Lexington Avenue, there was a sign added for No Parking 7a-7p; it is flagrantly ignored and the sign has been removed. Taxis, MTA buses, and paratransit vehicles from Citicare layover in front of the building all day, largely idling. This is a building for handicap services so it causes significant problems. There have a significant population that uses wheelchairs, and they are unable to be served by Access-A-Ride because of parking obstructions. Request is for additional parking restriction and parking enforcement. There was discussion among the committee. Mia introduced Lyle from DOT.

6. Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn by Jemar, 2nd by Jon Winstone. Meeting adjourned at 9:53pm.**