

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES 12/5/16

ATTENDANCE:

Sandra McKee, Fred Arcaro, Beatrice Disman, Molly ZHollister, Joe Parrish, Gene Santoro, Larry Scheyer, Ann Seligman, Nick Smolney, Brian Van Nieuwenhoven, Ronnie White, James Wilson

The meeting came to order at 7:05pm.

1] The first presentation was an update on the NYU Langone MRI machines located in the right of way of 38th st. by David Resnick.

Resnick stated that a space is being prepared to move the MRI's to that is currently under the control of NYU Langone, they have hired a construction manager and are on track to relocate the machines by spring of 2017.

Fred stated that the residents of 222 E41st. are deeply concerned about these machines and would like them removed as soon as possible.

Bea asked if there were any foreseeable complications, Resnick replied not outside of standard construction.

2] The second presentation, by Chelsea Yamada of Transportation Alternatives, addressed the closure of the L train for repair and the impacts on 14th St.

The TA campaign started in June and they have held several workshops with community participation, and are also holding a design competition.

The proposal recommends removing public vehicles from the street, incorporating SBS bus service, bicycle lanes and other pedestrian improvements although there is no actual proposal currently

Fred questioned viability of bike lanes.

Ann and Bea asked for more data and review of traffic patterns.

Members of the public who attended asked when a TA plan would be available, response was after January.

The DOT will have their proposal for review in the spring and it will include traffic studies.

3] The resolution for the east river greenway improvements was reviewed and passed 12 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.

4] The research on how to obtain more red light cameras is still ongoing and will be discussed at the next meeting.

5] The bus layover resolution was reviewed passed 13 for- 0 against- 0 abstentions.

6] The proposed right from 36th to Lexington was discussed and passed unanimously.

7] Chairs Report- Committee member Molly Hollister is being honored, all encouraged to attend.

- Cashless tolling is being introduced at the midtown and battery tunnels early next year to alleviate congestion.

8] New Business-

Molly noted that there have been many complaints about the lack of left turns from 23rd st. It is a new traffic pattern and we would like feedback from the DOT.

Nick noted that the waterside tenant association has a petition for modifying bus service on the M34 that we can review and support.

Larry questioned when the bicycle signals that were requested in our resolutions would be implanted and what was the time line was for the installation of the bicycle lane improvements presented to CB6.

The representative of the DOT was not present to address the issues noted above and the chair will try to follow up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.