



## Transportation Committee Report

TO: Brooklyn Community Board 5 Members  
FROM: Mr. Wilfredo Florentino, Transportation Committee Chair

**The Transportation Committee of Brooklyn Community Board 5 met on Monday, March 7, 2016 at Marjorie Richardson Court on 359 Hendrix Street and heard the following items.**

1) Linden Boulevard from Van Sinderen Ave to 78th Street

A workshop concerning the Linden Boulevard Safety Improvements was held on February 5th, 2015 at United Community Centers

**The corridor includes: 66 KSI (persons killed or severely injured); 1671 total injuries and 4 Fatalities since 2009.**

**The top issues along the corridor include:** Long crossing distances, not enough time to cross, not enough space to wait, lack of left turn arrows, speeding, lack of margins on service roads, lack of clear markings at slips, visibility, lighting.

**Overall proposal benefits of plan:** Improvements to 2.4 miles of a high crash corridor; provide shorter and safer pedestrian crossings, lower corridor speed limit to 30 MPH and improving markings and signage discouraging speeding and better defined roadway space; left turn phases will allow for safer left turns, curb extensions allowing for simpler, safer right turns.

### Questions and Answers

Board Members noted that there had been a motorcycle fatality at the corner of Linden Boulevard and Drew Street, but that it was not reflected in the presentation.

- DOT checked our crash data and found no record of this. The closest fatality was a 2011 motorcyclist fatality at Loring Ave and Forbell Street.

Committee Members wanted to know if we were planning additional speed camera enforcement along Linden Boulevard in CB5 in light of speed limit decrease to 30 MPH.

- DOT has no plan to add speed cameras along Linden Boulevard between Van Sinderen Ave and 78th Street

**DOT is requesting a letter of support for the Linden Boulevard Safety Improvement Project. The Transportation Committee of Community Board 5 UNANIMOUSLY voted to APPROVE the request for a letter of support from DOT.**

2) Van Siclen/Seaview/Pennsylvania from Vandalia to the Belt Pkwy:

**Project Summary:** Pennsylvania Avenue intersection with the Belt Parkway is a barrier from the neighborhood to the greenway and recreational resources of Jamaica Bay.

**Current Issues:** Disorganized Roadway, Wide Travel Lanes Encourage Speeding, No Dedicated Space for Cyclists, No markings or signs to indicate a crossing, long crossing distances.

**Proposed Project Overview:** Bicycle Lanes on Van Siclen and Seaview Avenues; Improve safety for cyclists; Organize the roadway for motorists; Create Two-way Connection on Pennsylvania Avenue; Consolidate bicycle connection to the Greenway; Improve safety for both pedestrians and cyclists.

**Overall proposal benefits of plan:** Organizes the Roadway, Curb Extensions, Crossing Markings, Signs Create shorter, safer ramp crossing, Bike Stamps on the Sidewalk Create safe two-way connection to/from greenway, Curb Extension Shortens crossing, Two-way Bike Lane Protected by Jersey Barriers, Complete connection to Seaview Avenue.

### **Questions and Answers**

Committee requested a protected overpass over Belt Parkway to prevent pedestrians and cyclists from any conflict with Belt entrance and exit car traffic.

- DOT suggests that BK CB5 include this request in their District Needs Statement in order to put this project in line for study at DOT.

**DOT is requesting a letter of support for the Van Siclen Avenue Safety Improvements Project. The Transportation Committee of Community Board 5 UNANIMOUSLY voted to APPROVE the request for a letter of support from DOT.**

3) Loring Avenue from Euclid Avenue to Emerald Street:

**Study area boundaries include:** Cleveland Street on the west, Fulton Street on the north, and New Lots Avenue, Montauk Avenue and Loring Avenue on the south and the Brooklyn border on the east.

**The study area includes: 19 fatalities and 4 high crash locations.**

**Plan Proposals:** Organizes the Roadway, Street Markings, Add left turn bays.

**Questions and Answers**

Committee requested an all-way stop sign at Drew and Loring.

- DOT has been studying the intersection and we should have a final answer about whether or not it meets warrants for an all-way stop sign by April.

**DOT is requesting a letter of support for the Loring Avenue Project. *The Transportation Committee of Community Board 5 UNANIMOUSLY voted to APPROVE the request for a letter of support from DOT.***

**Item not heard at Meeting:**

**MTA 3-Train Reconstruction Update:** The Rockaway Avenue and Van Sicken Avenue 3-train stations will reopen on **Monday, March 28, 2016**. After these stations reopen, MTA NYC Transit will be closing the Saratoga Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue 3-train stations on Monday, **April 11, 2016**. These two stations will be closed until **early fall 2016**. After these station rehabilitations are completed, the Sutter Avenue and Junius Street stations will be the last of the six stations along the line that will undergo station renewals.

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