

East 91st Street MTS Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2017

A meeting of the East 91st Street MTS Community Advisory Group (CAG) was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 11:00am at Asphalt Green, 555 East 90th Street, NY, NY 10128.

In attendance were:

- CAG Members: Carol Tweedy (Chair), Gorman Reilly (Vice-chair), Evan Firestone, Sarah Gallagher, Jesse Townsen for Council Member Ben Kallos
- Government Representatives: Michael van Itallie for Senator Liz Krueger, Minna Elias and Shelby Garner for Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Katarina Matic for Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Afraz Khan for Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer (phone), Andrew Kunkes and Will Brightbill for Council Member Dan Garodnick

Other attendees were:

- Asphalt Green: Maggy Siegel
- DDC: Jade Bailey, George E. Berenson, Glenn Brue, Win Chen, Louise Levi, Bharat Parekh
- DOT: Ed Pincar
- DSNY: Anthony Bianco, John Capo
- P2P: Jean Barish, Ruth Berghammer, Helaine Eisenberg, Asbjorn Finsnes, Franca Gioia
- Greeney and Hansen: Hossein Azadfar, Glen D. Johnson

1) Approval of the June 6, 2017 CAG Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of June 6, 2017 were accepted as written. There being no further discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved.

2) 91st Street intersection

Glen Johnson Project Manager for Greeley and Hansen presented a draft of traffic improvements at the York Avenue Intersection. The full presentation is attached as part of the minutes. The proposed design improvements implemented “zero tolerance” tools and include:

- Accessible Pedestrian Signal Poles at all four corners
- Curb/sidewalk extension at the NE and SE corners
- Modifying northbound York Avenue lanes to allow for proper turning of DSNY vehicles
- 3-inch high crosswalk speed table at the MTS ramp entrance
- DSNY Guard Booth in ramp barrier to ensure trucks are making proper entrances/exits

Maggy Siegel raised a concern that there was insufficient provision for the school buses that needed to park along the east side of York to allow students to access Asphalt Green. Ed Pincar of DOT agreed to review this issue.

Mr. Johnson reminded the committee that these changes were proposed and that it was expected there would be community comment.

3) Truck Routes

Truck routes were discussed. Trucks from Districts north of the MTS will leave the facility, head west on 91st and make a right on 1st Avenue. Trucks leaving to return south will make a left on York. Trucks will be moving on 91st at approximately 8am. Ruth Berghammer reminded DSNY that there are 5 children's facilities between 1st and York. She requested that the department consider delaying the traffic until after school starts.

Red light cameras will not be allowed for the 91st intersection. The state limits the City-wide total to 140. A full traffic study was done in 2016. Jade Bailey agreed to request the report for the CAG.

Asphalt Green cannot obtain status as a school zone where the speed limit is 20 mph compared to current limit of 25mph on York.

4) 92nd St. Ramp

Louise Levy reported that there is no firm date for the preliminary design. She was able to report that the ramp will start east of York Avenue. Whether it will involve park alienation has not been resolved although John Capo said he would investigate. Ed Pincar agree to investigate whether 92nd St. would be made 2-way. The goal for operations opening at 92nd St. remains July-December 2021.

5) Air Quality Monitoring

DSNY distributed a draft of the "East 91st Street Marine Transfer Station Air Monitoring Protocol, allowing the CAG to review. It provides for monitoring two times a year at 4 spots. It includes testing down to 2.5 microns.

Katarina Matic, from the office of Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, informed the committee about Assembly Bill #7214. Introduced by Ms. Seawright, it has passed both the Senate and the Assembly. It would require the state's Department of Health to "conduct a study on the high incidence of asthma in Manhattan and to prepare a remediation plan" for the eventual MTS. The bill has not yet been transmitted to the Governor. Carol Tweedy asked members of the Committee to remain after adjournment to discuss the Bill.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Tweedy