

**Uniform Services and Transportation Committee Meeting Notes**  
**Thursday, November 7, 2019; CB9 District Office, 16-18 Old Broadway, NYC**

**Attendance: US&T Committee:** Hon. Carolyn Thompson, Hon. Patricia Watler Johnson, Co-Chairs; Hon. Michele Caine; Hon. Ted Kovaleff; Hon. Patricia Lewis; Hon. April Tyler.

**CB9 Members** - Hon. Victor Edwards; Hon. Martin Wallace, Hon. Daria Hardeman. **Agencies** - NYC DOT - Lyle Blackwood

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

**Presentation: Tank and Fuel Island Replacement at the NYPD 26th Precinct:** Alexander Policastro, Mechanical Engineer, The LiRo Group; Jomo Blackman, Outreach Coordinator, Office of Community Outreach and Notification, NYC DDC

Handout of proposed plan was presented during the meeting. Upgrades/repairs should be completed within 3-4 weeks. Results of environmental studies will be posted on DDC website/database. DDC is requesting a letter of support from US&T Committee to proceed; committee members approved the letter & will submit request to Executive Committee for consideration. NYPD Detective Harper of the 26th Precinct did not have any objections.

**Presentation: Proposal on Dedicated Delivery Parking in CB9M:** US&T Street Safety Subcommittee Report: Martin Wallace & Daria Hardeman

Handout issued identifying subcommittee observations regarding double parking of delivery vehicles and potential solutions for resolution. Interactive discussion included suggestions for creating loading zones for temporary parking, parking on striped medians, reducing curb extensions near medians, use of No Parking areas near churches, proposed impact on Access-a-Ride vehicles and furniture delivery trucks, passage of NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson's Street Safety plan, regulation of motorized bikes/electric scooters, et al. Carolyn suggested ongoing meetings to continue this discussion; Lyle was in agreement. Martin requested to participate in future meetings and/or discussions. US&T Committee will meet with its subcommittee possibly in March 2020.

**NYPD Reports:**

**30th Precinct - P.O. Tuero:** Grand larcenies are up this year; Arrests were made on the CVS robberies, 145th Street & Broadway; Cars targeted on Riverside Drive, 140th - 150th Streets - Honda Accord, 2018-2019. Dodge Charger - robberies in garages; robberies youth preying on other youth, between the hours of 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**26th Precinct - Det. Harper:** Stats from Oct 7 - November 3rd; Cell phone theft - Citywide problem. Thirteen incidents of theft (including removing skin care products from shelves). Rite Aid and CVS were hit; they have an idea of who is committing these crimes. Also, package theft and cell phone snatches are driving their numbers up.

**PSA-6 - Det. Cheatham:** Stats from October 7 - November 3rd - Grant and Manhattanville houses. Carolyn asked if there were any reports of elder abuse. Although none were reported it is likely that there are incidents of theft via charges to credit cards (usually done by relatives). These crimes are hard to identify because the thief may be the caregiver or relative and elders are afraid to report them. Most others involve money, i.e. opening a credit card account in the elder's name.

**Action Items** - Liquor License Applications (New License, Renewals, Corporate Change, Renewal of Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe): All were approved by 26th and 30th Precinct Representatives. Class Change of a Liquor Licence Application - Carolyn will send email to the 30th Precinct with additional info.

**New Business:**

- MTA Representatives will be attending the December 5th US&T Committee meeting. Discussion topics will include the M3 Bus route - why does this bus come down St. Nicholas Ave but do not go up St. Nicholas Avenue?, request to remove the MTA benches on 145th Street (near the daycare center), M11 bus - absence of dispatchers at Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park appear to result in long layovers and route delays.
- Lyle provided an update on the October 21st CB9M City Bike Phase 3 Expansion Meeting at City College. Victor Edwards reported that he directed people to the website for community input and learned that a lot of the locations are not on the website; Lyle will look into that and follow up for resolution.
- Ted asked for a status update on 122nd Street being milled from Riverside Drive to Amsterdam Avenue. Lyle requested that an email be sent to him so he can forward to the appropriate Division that is trying to develop a schedule for Spring 2020.
- Victor gave a report of the November 6th Meeting with Columbia University re: 12th Avenue Construction - 125th - 133rd Street. Lyle discussed concerns with April Adams of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer's Office and will follow up with her. Muni-Meters will soon be installed outside the restaurants. A status of the 125th Street construction project will also be requested in order to restore parking access & remove the No Parking signs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Next US&T Committee Meeting - Thursday, December 5th @ 6:30 p.m.**

**\*\*\*There will not be a meeting in January 2020\*\*\***