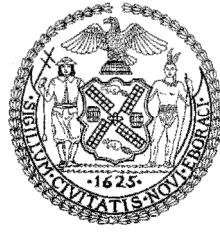


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**The City of New York**  
**Manhattan Community Board 8**

**Transportation Committee**  
Wednesday, September 5, 2012  
New York Blood Center  
310 East 67th Street (Conf. Room 1 & 2)  
New York, NY  
6:30pm

Minutes

*Present:* Michele Birnbaum, A. Scott Falk, Larry Hockert, Jonathan Horn, Rita Popper, Barry Schneider, Judith Schneider, Charles Warren, Hedi White, Michael Dillon (Public Member), & David Menegon (Public Member)  
*Excused:* Helene Simon

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Co-Chairs Charles Warren & A. Scott Falk.

**1. A discussion of East 96th St. & FDR intersection.**

In June 2011, Community Board 8M passed a resolution regarding pedestrian safety improvements at 96th Street, the FDR Drive, and the Esplanade, calling on NYC DOT to install or repaint crosswalks at all crossings, install pedestrian crossing lights, and install informational signage.

At the July 2012 meeting, the committee received a complaint that the crosswalks were not adequately striped and that during one crossing phase the new pedestrian signals were causing pedestrians to cross directly into the flow of oncoming traffic. The committee asked DOT to look at the conditions at that intersection.

Josh Orzcek of DOT reported that the Department recognized that the timing for one leg of the pedestrian crossing creates a conflict, where pedestrians crossing on the northern side of 96th Street have a walk signal directing them to cross in front of traffic turning left from 96th Street onto the northbound FDR entrance ramp. The Department is planning to change that pedestrian signal's timing to coincide with the green light for cars exiting the northbound FDR to turn left onto 96th Street; in addition, that exit lane will be changed to a left-turn-only lane, with a left-arrow signal head.

In addition, DOT is reevaluating the painted markings on all of the crosswalks, because they are not clearly delineated. DOT wants to redraw the crosswalks to make it clearer where pedestrians should cross.

**2. A request for (4) parking spaces in front of Ronald McDonald House, 405 East 73rd Street.** (Request by Mr. Sullivan, President & CEO, Ronald McDonald House)

William T. Sullivan, the president & CEO of Ronald McDonald House New York, appeared with a request to expand the no-parking zone in front of their building to accommodate their two vans that operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week, transporting families between the facility and various hospitals. According to Mr. Sullivan, the no-parking zone had recently been decreased without explanation by DOT through the movement of the No Parking signs.

One member of the public objected to the request because of traffic problems on the block that he said were created by Ronald McDonald House, but other members of the public spoke in favor of the request.

The committee unanimously passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Ronald McDonald House has requested that the no-parking area in front of their building at 405 East 73rd Street be increased to four spaces, equal to the length of their building, and

**WHEREAS**, the Ronald McDonald House uses this space to provide round-the-clock van transportation between their facility and their 13 hospital partners for the families of hospitalized children,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED**, that Community Board 8M approves changing the parking regulations in front of 405 East 73rd Street to “No Parking Any Time” for the total length of four parking spaces.

*Approved: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions*

*Yes: Birnbaum, Falk, Hockert, Horn, Popper, B. Schneider, J. Schneider, Warren, White*

*Public Member Votes: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions*

*Yes: Dillon, Menegon*

### 3. Old Business

Helen Yee from the Mary Manning Walsh Home returned to discuss the signage change supported by the committee in February 2012 for ambulette parking in front of the Home’s building at 1339 York Avenue between 70th & 71st Streets. Ms. Yee reported that the change in regulations has unexpectedly led to increased ticketing of cars parking briefly in order to drop off residents of the Home, because what had been a passenger unloading zone is now a no-parking zone. The CB8M office will reach out to traffic enforcement to discuss the issue.

### 4. New Business

Two residents wanted to discuss issues surrounding the East 91st Street Marine Transfer Station. The committee co-chairs explained that this was not the forum for such a discussion, and referred the residents to the Environment & Sanitation Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren, Co-Chairs