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Subject: Some news on the bike lane from CB6 Inbox X

For those not tracking closely the meager information coming out of DOT about the Bike Lane, here are two recent emails from Craig Hammerman, the District Manager of CB6, with whom you may wish to communicate related to these matters.

1. First is an email from Hammerman to a community member about DOT's timing of the "trial" on PPW, on Aug. 18. Those who have tried to get information on the methodology for the "trial" have been unsuccessful thus far in finding out much about how DOT plans to assess the bike lane. Suggestions are starting to emerge that voice doubts about DOT's objectivity on this project, proposing it would be fairer if an independent agent or agency carried out the evaluation.

"There will be a followup meeting to discuss the PPW bike lanes as part of the formal evaluation but it won't be in September. I'm not sure of the exact timing - a lot will depend on when DOT is ready to come out based on the data they are gathering, etc.

I will make sure you are aware of the meeting when it is scheduled!

Best, Craig

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2. The second is an announcement from CB6 suggesting that DOT apparently feels the only problem out on the bike lane is that occasionally cars not in the know (or possibly deliberately) park in the beige pedestrian areas between crosswalks at the cross-streets. Many of us feel that this ignores a lot of bad behavior, more dangerous to individuals using PPW than a few parked cars. As no accommodation for loading and unloading has been made on the street, this virtually guarantees more delays as cars, trucks, and school buses must stop in the traffic lane to discharge passengers or unload goods. Note contrary to what some bikers say, it is not illegal for vehicles with commercial plates to load and unload by standing in a traffic lane. You have Craig's email if you want to respond to this.

The link for the prototype plan referred to below is:
http://www.brooklyncb6.org/_attachments/2010-

08%20DOT%20PPW%20Ped%20Island%20Improvement.pdf, with a picture of two cars parked and ticketed and the plan for how the protective measures will be installed.

Fri, Aug 27, 2010 at 8:19 PM, Craig R. Hammerman <districtmanager@brooklyncb6.org> wrote:

Greetings!

This just in from the Department of Transportation...

PSA. PPW Pedestrian Island Safety Enhancement: Late Summer/Early Fall 2010
From the Department of Transportation...

Prospect Park West has been operating well and we are generally pleased with the results. However, one issue that has been brought to our attention and we have observed repeatedly is motorists are using the pedestrian safety areas at the "top of T" intersections for parking, loading and vending. These areas must be kept clear for pedestrian circulation and for visibility between cyclists and pedestrians crossing the bike path.

Because of the continued improper use of the islands, we have developed a treatment to prevent vehicle intrusion on the islands. The treatment would entail installation of two granite blocks and five additional delineators (in addition to the 4 existing) at each "top of T" as shown in the attached drawing.

We believe this treatment will effectively deter and discourage any further vehicular intrusion in the pedestrian spaces.

We anticipate installing the treatments in late summer early fall. (Posted: August 27, 2010)