

Transportation Committee Meeting

August 17, 2021

Park Circle Improvements

Why this project?

- Resent requests from FDNY and community for improved traffic flow
- This has been an ongoing project to improve Park circle for several years and this is latest attempt to do so.

Existing conditions-

- Lacks clarity regarding which lane leads to exit
- Vehicles must merge into outside lanes to exit
- Often vehicles make multi-lane merges for the inner lanes. This leads the blocking of other vehicular movements

Proposed-

- All lanes lead to existing exit- this will in turn create shorter queues and reduce lane changes
- Increased signage and marking will guide vehicles to correct lane and exit
- Quick curb and plastic delineators will prevent multi-lane merges

Committee response-

- On the whole, this seems like a valuable improvement to the circle. We noted that this circle sees a tremendous amount of traffic and this is a stop light town-both big hurdles for Park Circle's effectiveness
- A few entrances that may have been overlooked in this study and will require attention be paid to them. DOT agreed that they would do so
- No vote or approval was sought by the DOT and the committee again voiced its displeasure. A letter was sent to the DOT outlining our thoughts (letter attached)