

COMMUNITY BOARD 7 Transportation Committee Report

September 30, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Names of the committee members present:

- Katie Walsh, John DeLooper, Jerry Chan, Matthew Florkiewicz, Daniel Kaminsky, Gabino Morales, Maria Roca, Fay Walker. **Quorum Achieved.**

Agenda

Modeling Community Visions for a Future Without the BQE: An Interactive Meeting about what Third Avenue could look like without the BQE presented by the Institute for Public Architecture

- Janet Fink, Marcus Wilford, and Jennifer Pham from the Institute for Public Architecture (IPA) discussed the history and context of their Modeling Community Visions for a Future Without the BQE workshops, and discussed their interactive model in detail..
- The IPA team invited attendees to work with a scale model of the BQE/Third Avenue, and use their imaginations to explore different types of land use and road reconfigurations that could exist if the BQE/Gowanus Expressway was removed.
- Attendees asked questions to IPA's team about the model and what possibilities could be demonstrated.
- Attendees also shared feedback about issues such as flood mitigation, delivery truck infrastructure, Blue Highways, impacts of climate change and extreme weather events, and more.
- After experimenting with the IPA's model, attendees shared aloud how they created different designs and imaginings of what a future without the BQE could look like, especially in terms of street reconfiguration, new modes of greenery, reimagined housing and infrastructure redesigns, and more.

New business items:

- CB7's Transportation Committee has arranged two opportunities where board members can offer their support:
 - Third Ave Engagement Walk and Talk
 - Wednesday October 22nd from 12PM - 2PM
 - 60th St. to 36th St.

- Join fellow CB7 members as we walk and talk to businesses and neighbors along Third Ave about the Third Ave Street Improvement Plan.
 - This will be the first of several engagement opportunities. If you can't make this session but want to hear how you can participate in the future, please notify the board.

- **Third Ave Greenway Tour Walk**
 - Tuesday October 28th from 10AM- 12PM
 - 29th St. to Hamilton Ave
 - Join fellow CB7 members as we walk and talk to the team behind this finished portion of the Brooklyn Greenway.

- If you are interested in joining either of the sessions, please email bk07@cb.nyc.gov by end of day **October 16th**.

Time of adjournment

- 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting:

- TBD November 2025
- Engagement Opportunities on 10/22 and 10/28

Appendix A: Resources related to Meeting

- YouTube recording of Committee Meeting:
https://www.youtube.com/live/-ojP6i4LNDU?si=fqKtTTnRtv0mZi_K
- Modeling Community Visions Information Page at Institute for Public Architecture:
<https://instituteforpublicarchitecture.org/bqe2053-Modeling-Community-Visions>
- Modeling Community Visions Event Recap:
<https://instituteforpublicarchitecture.org/MCV-at-Community-Board-7-on-September-30>

Appendix B: Upcoming Events

- Street co-namings for Blas de Jesus Gonzalez on 10/4 at 1 p.m. (61st St./4th Ave) and for Padre Rushkin Piedra on 10/19 at 11:30 a.m. (60th St/5th Avenue)
- Third Ave Engagement Walk and Talk on 10/22 at 12pm
- Third Ave Greenway Tour Walk on 10/28 at 10am