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3   THE NEW SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

4   PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

5   FOR THE PROPOSED HAMILTON AVENUE

6   CONVERTED MARINE TRANSFER STATION

7   HELD AT: 4201 4th Avenue

8   Brooklyn, New York

9   June 24th, 2004, 6:02 p.m.

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 2 PUBLIC SPEAKERS:                        PAGE:
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 4 Edward Wade                               15
 5 Italia Guerren                           20
 6 Nicole Tai                               22
 7 Fred Xuereb                              24
 8 Nancy Walby                              28
 9 Jeremy Laufer                            33
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 2     MR. SZARPANSKI:  Good evening,
 3 my name is Harry Szarpanski, I'm
 4 Assistant Commissioner for the
 5 Department of Sanitation bureau of long
 6 term export of the City of New York.  I
 7 welcome the opportunity to appear
 8 before you tonight.
 9     I'm joined by two members of my
10 staff, Sarah Dolinar and Vaughan
11 Arnold.  We also have representatives
12 here from our consulting firm; we have
13 Susan Raila and Dan Harkins with the
14 firm Henningson, Durham and Richardson,
15 HDR; HDR is responsibile for conducting
16 the environmental review for the
17 Department's projects.  Also,
18 representatives of the firm of Ecology
19 and Environment helped organized this
20 meeting and they're here also tonight.
21     As you may know, the Department
22 of Sanitation is preparing a new
23 comprehensive solid waste management
24 plan for the City to replace the plan
25 that will expire at the end of October
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 2 of this year.
 3     The new solid waste management
 4 plan or as we refer to it, the new
 5 SWMP, will replace -- will plan for the
 6 management of all of the solid waste
 7 generated in the City over the next 20
 8 years.
 9     We expect to issue a draft of
10 the new SWMP in September; it will need
11 to be approved by the City Council and
12 by the State.  The new SWMP will be
13 supported by an environmental impact
14 statement.
15     The new SWMP will rely on
16 current programs to recycle, compost
17 and prevent or reduce waste.  A key
18 component of the new SWMP is the
19 long-term export of solid waste managed
20 by the Department through the state-of
21 -the-art marine transfer station
22 facilities that are proposed to be
23 built at the City's eight existing
24 marine transfer station sites in
25 Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and the
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2 Bronx. These facilities will
3 containerize waste and transport it by
4 barge for disposal.
5   The proposed Hamilton Avenue
6 converted MTS would handle the
7 Department-managed waste for Brooklyn
8 community districts 2, 6 through 11, 14
9 and 16 through 18 only, as in the past.
10 This program to build new marine
11 transfer stations is called the MTS
12 conversion program.
13   We are before you tonight to
14 hear your comments on the environmental
15 review and the proposed Hamilton Avenue
16 converted marine transfer station. In
17 addition, we seek your comments on all
18 of the proposed actions including the
19 MTS conversion program and alternatives
20 that were outlined in the draft scoping
21 document we issued on May 17th.
22   The draft scoping document was
23 mailed to all of the elected officials
24 and community boards as well to
25 environmental organizations and to our

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2 regulators. It was placed on the
3 Department's website and in public
4 repositories in your community and nine
5 other communities that are the proposed
6 sites for the new marine transfer
7 stations or for alternatives.
8   My comments tonight will be
9 brief. I will make a short power point
10 presentation before the public portion
11 of the meeting begins.
12   Copies of my statement and
13 presentation will be available at the
14 end of the meeting. Headsets are also
15 available at the sign-in desk for those
16 who require Spanish translation of
17 tonight's meeting.
18   Because the real focus of this
19 public meeting will be your comments,
20 please make sure that you take a moment
21 to complete a speaker sign-up sheet if
22 you plan to make a statement for the
23 record. You will be assigned a number
24 and I will call your name when it is
25 your turn to speak.

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2   We're interested in making a
3 complete record of your comments so
4 please state your name clearly and
5 slowly for the stenographer.
6   And typically we would ask
7 people to limit their statement to
8 three minutes, but we don't have that
9 many speakers so if you need to go
10 beyond three minutes, by all means,
11 make it reasonable.
12   Thank you for coming tonight
13 and I'll begin my short presentation.
14   (Showing slides) The
15 initiatives included in the new solid
16 waste management plan will address
17 long-term export of waste, new
18 recycling facilities in the City and
19 how commercial waste will be managed.
20   As I mentioned, we're here
21 today to receive your comments and you
22 can provide us comments either verbally
23 tonight or you can fill out a comment
24 sheet that we have out front; you can
25 submit a written statement that you

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2 have prepared or you can mail comments
3 to me by July 9th to the address listed
4 or to our consultant at the address
5 below, and the handouts that we will
6 give you will contain these addresses.
7   The draft EIS will look at the
8 proposed action, which is the marine
9 transfer station conversion program and
10 we'll look at alternatives being
11 evaluated; those alternatives are:
12 Rail/barge export of waste from private
13 transfer stations in the Bronx,
14 Brooklyn and Queens; rehabilitating the
15 existing marine transfer stations to
16 barge waste to an out-of-city unloading
17 facility and the delivery of waste in
18 collection vehicles or barges to an
19 out-of-city waste disposal facility.
20   This map shows the locations of
21 all of our marine transfer stations
22 throughout the City. It also shows in
23 this area, the Hamilton Avenue MTS and
24 the location of the 52nd Street barge
25 staging area.

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 2   The facility being planned to
 3 be converted, the MTSs, three are in
 4 Manhattan, three in Brooklyn, one in
 5 Queens, and one in the Bronx and also
 6 the 52nd Street Barge staging area.
 7   The objectives of the program
 8 are: To export waste by barge or rail;
 9 reduce the in-city transfer trailer
10 traffic; utilize more economical
11 disposal capacity and provide more in
12 transport and disposal options.
13   This drawing shows the various,
14 the three wastesheds in Brooklyn whose
15 waste will be allocated to each of the
16 three MTSs to be converted. The area
17 in blue is the Hamilton Avenue
18 wasteshed.
19   This is a typical cross-section
20 of the Hamilton Avenue MTS. The trucks
21 will be entering the facility by going
22 up a ramp at the right side, and once
23 they're up the ramp in the facility,
24 they will back up on the tipping floor
25 and then unload their waste to a lower

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 2 level which is the loading floor.
 3   At the loading floor, front-end
 4 loaders will push waste into one of
 5 four openings in the floor. Just below
 6 each of the four openings will be
 7 containers that will receive the waste
 8 and once the waste is in the container
 9 and it is tamped down, the container
10 will slide over to the next area and
11 the lidding operation will occur there.
12   This is where the lids will be
13 placed on top of the container and the
14 containers will be sealed. All this
15 occurs while inside the building. And
16 once the containers are sealed, they'll
17 move over to the outside of the
18 building where a gantry crane will pick
19 up the containers and place them onto a
20 barge.
21   The odor control system plan
22 for these facilities include a
23 ventilation system to prevent air from
24 escaping the processing of the building
25 even when the doors are open;

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 2 rapid-roll up doors so that doors don't
 3 stay open more than they need to; an
 4 interior water misting system inside
 5 the building to reduce the exhaust dust
 6 and a state-of-the-art odor control
 7 system to neutralize rather than just
 8 mask odors in the building exhaust air
 9 so that there's no detectable odors at
10 sensitive receptors outside of the
11 building.
12   This map shows the location of
13 the marine transfer station, the New
14 York City DOT truck routes and the
15 nearest sensitive receptor.
16   The design of the facility is
17 such that there will be no trucks
18 queuing on the street. The access
19 ramps are longer, the ramps are
20 designed to support the weight of the
21 trucks, and within the building, 12
22 collection vehicles -- at the site
23 itself, 12 collection vehicles can
24 queue and the tipping space inside the
25 building exists for six trucks at a

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 2 time.
 3   This is an aerial photo showing
 4 where the existing marine transfer
 5 station is, and I don't know if you can
 6 see it, it's outlined in red; the
 7 shaded area is where the new facility
 8 will be built.
 9   The existing facility will
10 first be demolished as will the
11 existing incinerator and the new
12 transfer station will sit over the
13 space, mostly over where the
14 incinerator existed.
15   The containerization operation
16 includes specially-designed intermodal
17 containers. They have leak-proof
18 seals. The lidding all will occur
19 inside the building and once the
20 containers are outside of the building,
21 they'll be loaded onto the flat bed
22 barges so that no waste will be exposed
23 to the outside of the building.
24   This shows a typical piece of
25 equipment that is used for lifting

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 2 containers.
 3   The draft EIS will evaluate the
 4 following alternatives: Rehabilitate
 5 the existing MTS to barge waste to an
 6 out-of-city unloading facility.
 7   Just to give everyone a rough
 8 timeframe when the public will be able
 9 to review and be involved with this
10 process, the public scoping meeting
11 that we're holding tonight is actually
12 the sixth of ten public scoping
13 meetings that will run through July
14 1st, the end of next week. We are
15 asking for comments on the scoping
16 document by July 9th if they're mailed
17 to us or you can submit it by fax up to
18 July 11th.
19   We expect to issue a final
20 scoping document on July 14th. The
21 draft EIS is expected to be issued on
22 August 6th and since the state has to
23 be involved in the permitting process,
24 we anticipate that the state will hold
25 the Part 360 permit hearings some time

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 2 between September 8th through the 28th
 3 and then the City Council will hold
 4 hearings on the solid waste management
 5 plan some time in September.
 6   The comments on the draft EIS
 7 will be received between August 6th and
 8 October 8th. We expect to publish a
 9 final EIS on December 9th.
10   We've established a toll-free
11 hot line for people who want more
12 information, or who want to call to
13 provide comments by phone and that
14 number is 888-NYC-SWMP.
15   We've also made available
16 documents for review at various public
17 repositories. There are two such
18 repositories in this area. And I will
19 now turn it over to people who wanted
20 to make comments.
21   The first speaker is Edward
22 Wade.
23   MR. EDWARD WADE: Thank you.
24 Thank you, Mr. Szarpanski, I read your
25 -- I read -- I read your books, but

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 2 there's so many questions that your
 3 presentation was not complete.
 4   We try in this community to
 5 cooperate and that's the problem here,
 6 when we cooperate, unfortunately we
 7 don't get cooperation with other
 8 people.
 9   If there's eight stations that
10 you plan on building; now, from the
11 records and it was very vague in your
12 report, there's a lot of paper in those
13 books, but I -- what I got out of it
14 was, the ten community boards are going
15 to return about 400 truck trips per
16 day, 400 Sanitation trucks, that's on
17 one load. On a good day they can do
18 three or four loads. That's 1200
19 trucks per day from ten community
20 boards to here. That's a problem, but
21 if everyone cooperates, I guess that's
22 what we got to do.
23   The problem is the sites you
24 picked, the eight sites. Of the eight
25 sites, they're not going to happen,

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 2 we're going to get, we guarantee we're
 3 going to get West 59th Street
 4 Manhattan.
 5   Governor Pataki said that's
 6 going to be a park. He went on
 7 television and he's putting a park in
 8 that area, going to build a stadium
 9 there, going to put a 600 million
10 dollar -- you think they're going to
11 put a garbage dump there?
12   West 91 Street. I'm sorry,
13 East 91st Street, right up the block
14 from Gracie Mansion. You think they're
15 going to put a garbage dump right next
16 to Bloomberg's home? That's never
17 going to happen.
18   West 135th Street, that's right
19 by Clemente Park, right where Donald
20 Trump is trying to build new buildings.
21 That's not going to happen either, just
22 like the generators, we're gonna get
23 it.
24   Greenpoint's already fighting
25 this, that's the other site. South

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 2 West Brooklyn down by Bay Parkway, the
 3 Senator here who is a friend of
 4 Bloomberg and Pataki said that's not
 5 going to happen. So that leaves us
 6 with one in Queens, which if they
 7 dredge, they can do it. So it looks
 8 like us and the South Bronx are the two
 9 left.
10   But what really bothers me is
11 your math, what I have here, left out
12 Staten Island. Now, Staten Island
13 makes garbage, there's a -- every man,
14 women and child in this country
15 generates nearly a ton of garbage a
16 year.
17   So, I guess we don't know where
18 their garbage is going, but I can guess
19 it's coming over the Verrazano Bridge.
20 So there's no marine transfer stations
21 in Staten Island.
22   So the problem I have is, that
23 you have one thing you put in here, one
24 big map, primary wasteshed; the primary
25 wasteshed for us is ten community

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 2 boards, and in that map, we are the
 3 secondary wasteshed? The secondary
 4 wasteshed for Hamilton Avenue is the
 5 entire city. We can get garbage from
 6 the entire city and this doesn't
 7 include commercial garbage, because
 8 they're going to run sanitation trucks
 9 from eight a.m. to eight p.m. in this,
10 but eight p.m. to eight a.m., are the
11 commercial trucks. And in that map on
12 the truck routes they left out, that's
13 an incomplete map. The trucks that go
14 through Windsor Terrace and Sunset Park
15 streets which they put up, they put
16 them in there, they didn't include in
17 that map, they're going to come down on
18 residential streets.
19   So be aware you're going to get
20 1200 trips during the day. I don't
21 know how many commercial trucks at
22 night. And I guess we got to do it,
23 but if we're going to be one of two for
24 millions and millions of tons of
25 garbage, then I don't think it's right,

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 2 this whole thing is based on eight
 3 drops and I can't see five of these
 4 ever happening because the Hudson River
 5 is going to parkland, that was
 6 guaranteed by Economic Development, the
 7 state and the Federal Government.
 8 They're not going to build them on the
 9 west and certainly not the Upper East
10 Side. So it boils down to us, the
11 Bronx and maybe Greenpoint. So I'm
12 very upset that is going to happen this
13 way; I'll share whatever we have, but I
14 don't think we should bear a burden for
15 the whole City.
16   MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you for
17 your comments. Our next speaker,
18 Italia Guerren.
19   MS. ITALIA GUERREN: Hi, how
20 are you? Good evening, I have very
21 brief comment from the Borough
22 President's office, that it was brought
23 to our attention that the notices for
24 the public scoping meetings were in
25 English only, and correct me if I'm

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 2 wrong, I don't know, I didn't see them
 3 myself, but if you really want the
 4 comment from the community they should
 5 have been in Spanish and perhaps
 6 Chinese as well.
 7   Now, I did see outside that you
 8 have the fact sheets in both English
 9 and Spanish and you have a translating
10 service, which is great, but if the
11 notice isn't in Spanish, then you
12 really can't get the whole community.
13 That's it, thank you.
14   MR. SZARPANSKI: Just a point
15 for clarification, we did put notices
16 out in papers in English, Spanish and
17 is it Korean also? I think it was
18 Korean also.
19   MS. ITALIA GUERREN: I'm just
20 responding to the comment we received
21 at the office though.
22   MR. SZARPANSKI: Okay, thank
23 you.
24   MS. ITALIA GUERREN: You're
25 welcome.

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2   MR. SZARPANSKI: Our next
3 speaker is Nicole Tai.
4   MS. NICOLE TAI: Good evening,
5 I am the chair of, co-chair of the
6 Sanitation Committee here at Community
7 Board Seven, but we don't have any
8 comments specifically tonight so I'm
9 just going to kind of take it
10 individually so that maybe your -- my
11 questions can be answered on some of
12 the documents you're going to be
13 generating. But I already anticipate
14 some of the questions that we're going
15 to be asking ourselves and that we're
16 going to have people asking us.
17   So, one of the things we're
18 really concerned about is solid numbers
19 and making it clear to the public what
20 those numbers are and the number of
21 truck trips a day from DSNY and the
22 number of commercial trucks a day. And
23 how much tonnage they're going to be
24 generating because we asked a number of
25 people in our neighborhood that would

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2 like to know, you know, how efficient
3 the trucks are going to be. So, we
4 like, if you can get the tonnage
5 numbers to us, that would be great too.
6   Let's see, we're concerned also
7 that commercial traffic may not be
8 using this station 'cause we like to
9 see some consolidation of the various
10 transfer stations that we do have here
11 into the MTS. So if you can address
12 those and anything I ask, that would be
13 great.
14   Also, we like to see some
15 alternatives to disposal presented; you
16 said something about including some
17 recycling alternatives and loosening
18 the recycling infrastructure, if you
19 can get more detailed and specific as
20 to what you mean by that and what that
21 entails, if that entails reading or
22 education; if there's going to be more
23 industrial parks generating products
24 out of recycled material and reused
25 materials, that would be really

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2 interesting to know.
3   So I think that's about it.
4 We'll probably have some written
5 comments for you after our meeting in
6 July. So, thank you very much for
7 coming down.
8   MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you for
9 your comments. Our next speaker is
10 Fred and I...
11   MR. FRED XUEREB: Fred Xuereb,
12 Community Board Seven.
13   MR. SZARPANSKI: Xuereb, thank
14 you.
15   MR. FRED XUEREB: Thank you.
16 I'm not representing the board, but I'm
17 a board member.
18   What I wanted to know was,
19 Great Kills, Staten Island, I
20 understand it's closed, yet from the
21 Space Shuttle, they can see it, that's
22 how huge it is.
23   You mean to tell me with all
24 that huge property that can be seen
25 from outer space, they can't put a

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2 facility in Staten Island? And think
3 about it, all right.
4   THE AUDIENCE: Harry, why don't
5 you tell him.
6   MR. FRED XUEREB: Is there a
7 particular reason?
8   MR. SZARPANSKI: All right, I'm
9 sorry, I should have mentioned as part
10 of my opening remarks, that there is a
11 facility that's already under
12 construction in Staten Island, handles
13 Staten Island waste; construction's
14 expected to be completed in October of
15 this year and it will handle Staten
16 Island waste. Initially it will truck
17 waste out of Staten Island, but there's
18 a rail extension being built so that
19 waste can be railed out of that
20 borough.
21   MR. FRED XUEREB: Because you
22 didn't have it on the map.
23   MR. SZARPANSKI: I apologize,
24 we are really focusing here on the
25 marine transfer station conversion

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 2 program, but I should of mentioned the
 3 entire City's waste.
 4   MR. FRED XUEREB: So they're
 5 not going to have a marine transfer --
 6 transfer station there at all?
 7   MR. SZARPANSKI: They have a
 8 land-based transfer station.
 9   MR. FRED XUEREB: Okay,
10 land-based, all-righty.
11   What Ed Wade had mentioned
12 about 59th Street, you're really going
13 to put one there? 59th, Manhattan,
14 West Side; is that one of them?
15   MR. SZARPANSKI: Let me just
16 clarify, the point of this session is
17 for you to make comments and ask for --
18   MR. FRED XUEREB: All right, I
19 just wanted to know --
20   MR. SZARPANSKI: --
21 clarification.
22   MR. FRED XUEREB: -- if it
23 would be on West 59th.
24   MR. SZARPANSKI: Just so you
25 know, and as I said in my presentation,

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 2 West 59th Street is one of the eight
 3 marine transfer stations that's
 4 proposed to be converted to
 5 containerization, that's correct.
 6   MR. FRED XUEREB: All right,
 7 now, I count seven communities, 2, 6,
 8 8, 10, 14, 16 and 18 and someone had
 9 mentioned is 10 going to be at that
10 station to be used?
11   MR. EDWARD WADE: Community
12 board?
13   MR. FRED XUEREB: That's what I
14 count here on the blue page.
15   MR. SZARPANSKI: I'll repeat
16 what I said before, districts 2, 6
17 though 11.
18   MR. XUEREB: Oh, 6, 3 and 11.
19   MR. SZARPANSKI: 6 through; 6,
20 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.
21   MR. FRED XUEREB: Oh, I see, I
22 see what you got.
23   MR. SZARPANSKI: 14 and then
24 16, 17 and 18.
25   MR. FRED XUEREB: I see what

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 2 you did, okay.
 3   MR. EDWARD WADE: What about 7?
 4   MR. SZARPANSKI: It's not part
 5 of this wasteshed.
 6   MR. EDWARD WADE: That's
 7 districts 6 through 11.
 8   MR. SZARPANSKI: 6, I'm sorry,
 9 6 through 11 we said.
10   MR. FRED XUEREB: And what
11 happens if the shipping companies go
12 out on strike, is there anything
13 contingent, anything to do with that?
14 Suppose the fellows that run the ships
15 decide to go on strike, what happens to
16 all the collection? Do you have
17 containers --
18   MR. SZARPANSKI: We'll address
19 that in our response to your questions.
20   MR. FRED XUEREB: Okay, that's
21 it. Thank you very much.
22   MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you.
23 Our next speaker, Nancy Walby.
24   MS. NANCY WALBY: Feel like I'm
25 back.

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 2   Good evening, my name is Nancy
 3 Walby, I'm speaking for myself this
 4 evening and I'm usually representative
 5 of the Brooklyn Solid Waste Advisory
 6 Board and we will be submitting written
 7 comments at a later time. But I do
 8 have some questions regarding
 9 specifically some things that I saw in
10 the draft scope -- scoping document for
11 Hamilton Avenue.
12   Let me start by saying
13 something more general, most of the
14 issues that affect Brooklyn communities
15 can be put into one of three categories
16 that we, the SWMP has followed; one is
17 the negative impacts due to truck
18 traffic; another is negative impacts in
19 the environment from improper or poor
20 siting in operation of transfer
21 stations; and a third is negative
22 impacts due to inadequate or lack of
23 enforcement of the regulations.
24   Now keeping this in mind, I
25 have some questions about the

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 2 information and section of the draft
 3 scoping document that deals with the
 4 traffic and transportation.
 5   Some parts of that section
 6 concerned me and I'll summarize those
 7 parts briefly; one, I think it's on --
 8 well, on page 69 of my copy, it's says,
 9 and I summarize here, "A detailed
10 traffic analysis may not be done at the
11 proposed action and this case the
12 Hamilton Avenue converted MTS is
13 projected to generate 50 or fewer peak
14 hour vehicular trip ends." And then
15 several pages later it's -- it appears
16 from the table 2.2-4 that 27 collection
17 vehicle trip ends are projected for the
18 Hamilton Avenue converted MTS during
19 the projected peak hour which is
20 assumed to be nine to ten a.m.
21   And then several pages later on
22 page 74 it says no weekend, and I put
23 this in, "traffic" I assume it's a
24 traffic analysis, will be conducted
25 because one, the facilities would not

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 2 operate on Sundays and of course that
 3 makes sense, but two, the Saturday
 4 background traffic and converted MTS
 5 traffic are lower than the weekday
 6 traffic.
 7   That may or may not be true. I
 8 have some questions regarding those,
 9 what I just said.
10   One, does this mean then that
11 no traffic analysis will be done for
12 the Hamilton Avenue converted MTS?
13   Two, how were the projected
14 collection vehicle trip ends determined
15 and how accurate does the Department of
16 Sanitation believe those projections to
17 be?
18   Three, I think it would be a
19 mistake not to do a traffic analysis
20 for the Hamilton Avenue MTS because any
21 increase in truck traffic in this area
22 will have some impact, especially due
23 to the plans that I understand that are
24 going on to the building of Ikea,
25 making this area more attractive to

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 2 shoppers; there's the Lowe's and
 3 Pathmark and it's attracting a lot more
 4 traffic than Hamilton Avenue.
 5   So even though you don't
 6 project 27, only 27 vehicles according,
 7 I think that it really warrants a
 8 traffic study 'cause there's going to
 9 be a large increase in traffic for
10 other, due the other facilities.
11   I also believe that it would be
12 a mistake not to do a weekend analysis
13 just for, again for that very reason,
14 specifically on Saturday, because
15 Saturday background traffic is not very
16 likely to be lower than on weekday
17 traffic.
18   I have traveled, I don't live
19 in the area, but I work in the area and
20 I have traveled down here on Saturday
21 and there's the entrance to the bridge
22 and again, the increase in the traffic
23 that the neighborhood seems to trying
24 to generate, you know, commercial
25 business is going to, I think have a

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 2 great impact.
 3   As I stated before, the
 4 Brooklyn SWAB will be submitting more
 5 detailed comments in the future but I
 6 just wanted to ask those questions
 7 specifically about traffic. Thank you
 8 very much.
 9   MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you. Is
10 there anybody else who signed up and
11 wants to speak?
12   MR. JEREMY LAUFER: Where do I
13 sign?
14   MR. SZARPANSKI: We'll wait for
15 you.
16   MR. JEREMY LAUFER: Okay, I'll
17 be back.
18   MR. SZARPANSKI: Our next
19 speaker is Jeremy Laufer.
20   MR. JEREMY LAUFER: Good
21 evening, I am the district manager for
22 Community Board Seven, but the
23 community board is not taking a
24 position on this issue as of yet, so I
25 am not representing the community board

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2 tonight.
3   I used to work in this
4 community in a different capacity and
5 in that capacity, I did a great deal of
6 research on sanitation when the former
7 Mayor had proposed a plan that was not
8 similar to this and relied heavily on
9 trucking and I think this could be
10 beneficial to the community, but what
11 we haven't talked about and what I
12 think would make it beneficial to the
13 community is the commercial waste
14 stream.
15   If we could recapture the
16 commercial waste stream and bring it
17 back into the MTSs as was done prior to
18 1986 when it was -- when the law was
19 changed to allow for the commercial
20 waste facilities in order to reduce the
21 burden on Freshkills, we need to bring
22 that back into the MTSs in order to
23 close some of these facilities that are
24 around mainly Brooklyn, actually 'cause
25 I believe 50 percent of the commercial

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2 trash comes to Brooklyn.
3   We will be able to alleviate
4 some of the burdens on our community
5 such as what's taking place on 50th
6 Street in Sunset Park where we have a
7 commercial transfer station which is
8 only one block away from residents
9 which has trucks that go down
10 residential streets, which has queuing
11 right next to residential buildings.
12   If we can recapture the
13 commercial waste, I think that would be
14 beneficial to the community as a whole.
15 And that's not something that I've
16 heard tonight, I think it's something
17 that needs to be said and I think needs
18 to be brought out before the public
19 'cause we can't decide whether or not
20 this is going to be beneficial unless
21 we know that it is going to be
22 recaptured, otherwise we run the risk
23 of bringing additional garbage into
24 this community, assuming that all of
25 these facilities get built, if we bring

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2 all of the residential trash back into
3 the MTSs, but we allow the commercial
4 stations to continue, they're going to
5 maximize their profits and bring more
6 trash into the community in order to
7 reach their current capacity. So thank
8 you.
9   MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you for
10 your comments. Nancy Zambello?
11   MS. NANCY ZAMBELLO: Yes, I
12 live on 19th Street between 4th and 5th
13 Avenue and I'm representing the 19th
14 Street Block Association, residents.
15   We just want -- our concern is
16 because as it is now, the Department of
17 Sanitation has their garages down, not
18 very close by where you're going to be
19 putting some facility and we do have
20 problems with dealing with garbage
21 trucks from different districts, not
22 even our own district coming up our
23 block right now.
24   And I'm just wondering how much
25 more are we going to be getting in

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2 traffic into our streets with this
3 oncoming; we already have a problem now
4 with the Department of Sanitation with
5 their trucks. So, our concern is you
6 know, is this going to impact more into
7 our area which we already have now.
8   MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you. Is
9 there anybody else who wants to speak?
10 If not, I encourage you if you think of
11 any other comments you want to make,
12 just write to us or just fax the
13 information to us and we'll address the
14 comments.
15   I see there's one more speaker
16 signing up.
17   (Pause in the proceedings.)
18   MR. SZARPANSKI: Marian Palm.
19 Just in time, come right in.
20   MS. MARIAN PALM: High, I'm
21 here representing St. Jacobi Lutheran
22 Church, Trinity Lutheran Church and the
23 Sunset Home Association, the League of
24 Cooperatives around Sunset Park and
25 they wanted me to reflect on the fact

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 2 that this meeting was held on this day
 3 when many people are already away from
 4 town, that it was hard for them to get
 5 here; it was difficult to get the
 6 materials from the library; that
 7 materials to read about the
 8 environmental impact statement were
 9 only available during one evening for a
10 couple hours and it's thicker than
11 President Clinton's biography,
12 autobiography to read.
13   So and another concern they had
14 was that the notice of the meeting and
15 the materials for the meetings, they
16 would of liked to have in Spanish and
17 in Chinese and English because they
18 wanted to be part of the process.
19   For myself, my own personal
20 concern as a parent of two sons with
21 asthma, and who was granted, and I
22 didn't follow up on it, a filter to use
23 after 9/11 because the cloud passed
24 over here, my personal concern is about
25 the air quality that will be, and also

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 2 so I would say it's about a hundred
 3 people that aren't here or at least
 4 they're other places that would have
 5 liked to have been here that I will
 6 bring this information to, okay. Thank
 7 you very much.
 8   MR. SZARPANSKI: Thank you. Is
 9 there anyone else who would like to
10 speak? Nobody else out there?
11   Thank you all for coming. And
12 as I said, I encourage you to write in
13 if you think of any other comments you
14 want to make and I'll be around after
15 this formal part of the meeting ends
16 and we can chat. Thank you all.
17   (Time noted 6:42 p.m.)
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 2 how this is going to effect the trucks
 3 and the traffic on the Gowanus and the
 4 new high school site which, I don't
 5 really understand from looking at the
 6 impact statement, how -- where the
 7 school's located and how this is all
 8 going to fit together.
 9   So those were concerns. I only
10 bring them forward to you this way, I
11 don't have a feeling about it one way
12 or the other, I'm just like the
13 advocate or the person in the community
14 who's, I'm multilingual too -- who can
15 bring forward the questions that the
16 people ask me to bring, okay.
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19 page.)
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 2   C E R T I F I C A T E
 3   STATE OF NEW YORK   )
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 5   COUNTY OF NEW YORK)
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 7   I, Marc Russo, a Notary Public
 8 within and for the State of New York,
 9 do hereby certify that the within is a
10 true and accurate transcript of the
11 proceedings taken on June 23rd, 2004
12   I further certify that I am not related to
13 any of the parties to this action by
14 blood or marriage and that I am in no
15 way interested in the outcome of this
16 matter.
17   IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
18 hand this 28th day of June, 2004.
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