

Flushing to Jamaica Select Bus Service

Stakeholder Meeting
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New York City Transit
Bus Company





Overview

Introductions

Public Outreach

Select Bus Service in New York City

Flushing-Jamaica Corridor and Related Initiatives

Project Timeline

Next Steps

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Composed of representatives from:

- Elected officials
- Community boards
- Community organizations
- Business representatives
- Major Institutions



Role:

- To provide input and guidance during project design and implementation
- To help relay important project information and updates to your constituents and members

Outreach process

Community Advisory Committee

Public Open Houses

On-street Public Engagement





Project Goals

Improve bus speed and reliability

Improve traffic flow to and through busy business districts

Improve street safety

Maintain community character



About Select Bus Service

Select Bus Service (SBS) is New York City's brand name for Bus Rapid Transit

SBS brings:

- Faster bus speeds

- More reliable service

- Improved passenger comfort & convenience

Seven SBS routes serving all five boroughs



Project Background

Flushing to Jamaica corridor identified in initial NYC BRT study (2006) and Bus Rapid Transit Phase II report (2009)

Characterized by “long and slow bus trips”



Project Background

2010: Pedestrian improvements in Downtown Flushing; capital buildout forthcoming

2011: Bus lanes and other transit improvements in Jamaica Center

2014: Mayor de Blasio announces Vision Zero initiative to eliminate traffic fatalities in New York





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Select Bus Service Features

Dedicated Bus Lanes





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Faster Fare Collection





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Signal Priority for Buses





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Revised Parking Regulations





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Real-time Passenger Information





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Pedestrian Safety Improvements





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Improved Station Amenities



Bus Corridors

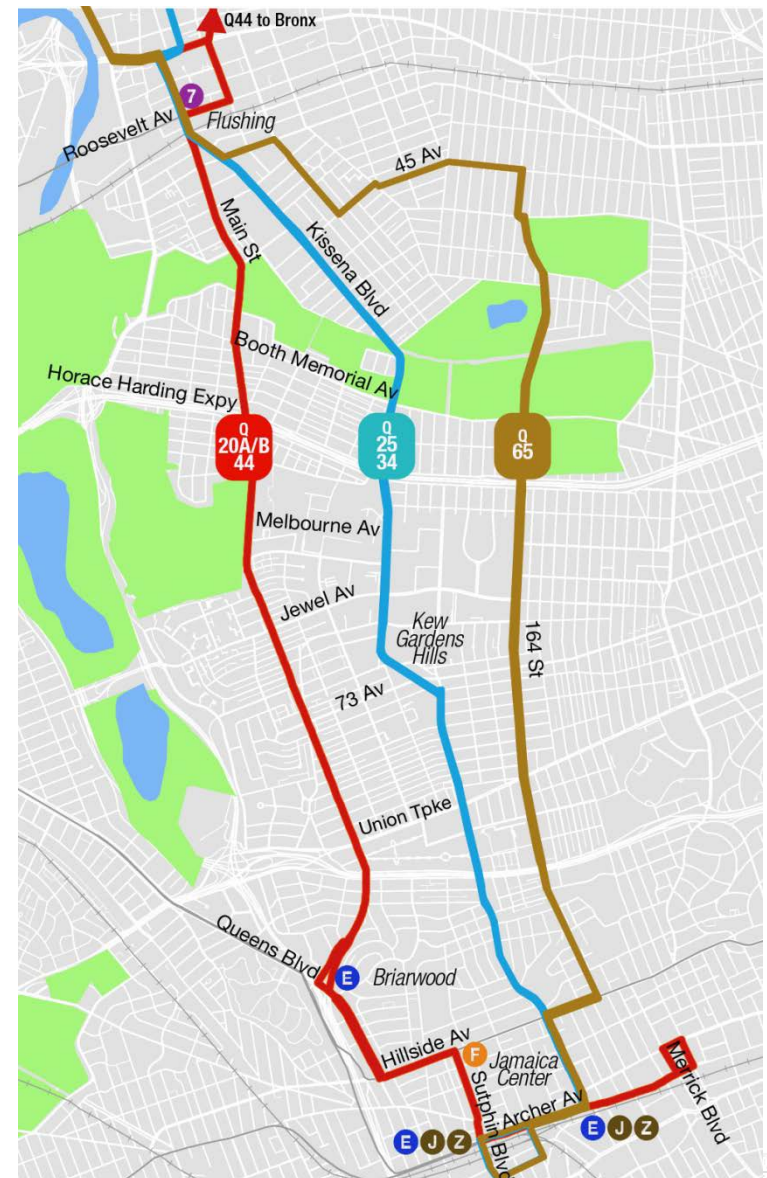
Flushing-Jamaica Corridor served by

- Q20A/B, Q44 on Main St
- Q25, Q34 on Kissena Blvd/Parsons Blvd
- Q65 on 164 St

Over 90,000 daily bus riders

Residents within ½ mile:

Mode to Work	% of workers
Subway	37%
Bus	14%
Driving	36%
Other	13%





Flushing to Jamaica Corridor

Traffic and parking data collection underway to:

- Understand traffic patterns

- Select corridor(s) for SBS design

- Guide discussion about specific areas

Related Initiatives:

Flushing In Motion

Traffic control system for Downtown Flushing enables NYCDOT to adjust signals in response to traffic conditions

Similar system led to 10% travel time reduction in Midtown

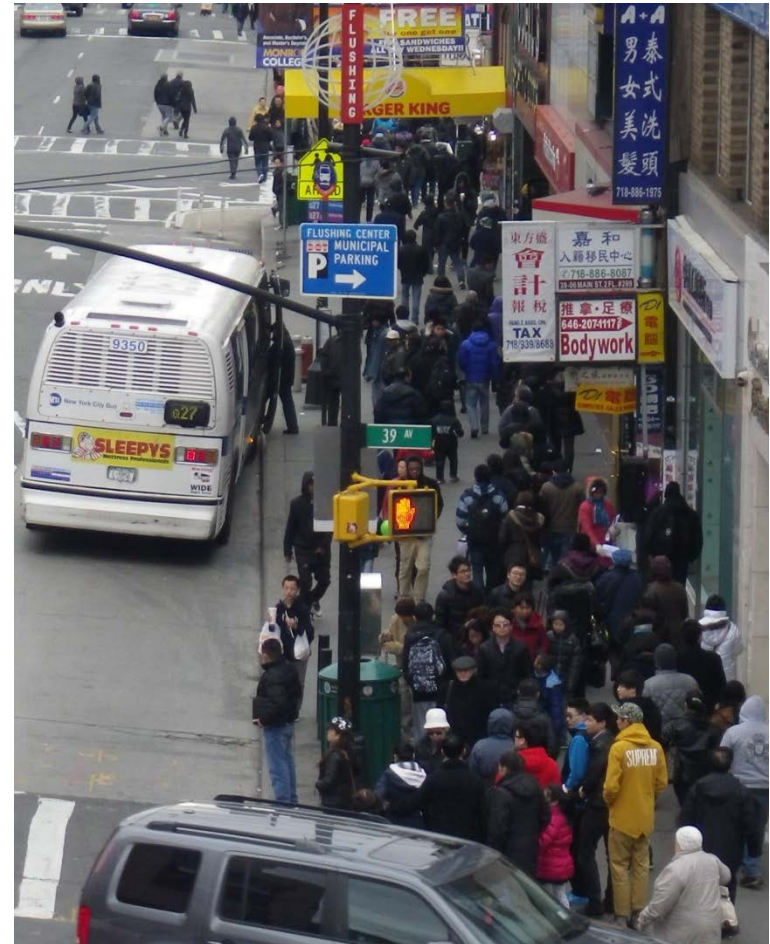


Related Initiatives:

Downtown Flushing Pedestrian Improvements

DDC Capital project to widen
sidewalks in Downtown Flushing

Detailed design in progress





Project Timeline

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Summer 2014

Step 1: Data collection & analysis

- Traffic counts
- Parking survey
- Safety data
- Travel-time surveys
- Transit operations
 - Ridership
 - Sources of delay
 - Current route paths



Project Timeline

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Winter 2014/2015

Step 2: Corridor Selection and Concept Design

- Identify selected roadway(s) for SBS improvements and terminal locations
- Develop concept design for selected locations to determine effects on:
 - Transit travel time
 - Traffic flow
 - Safety
 - Parking / delivery access
- Solicit input from CAC and community members



Project Timeline

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

2015

Step 3: Develop corridor plan

- Detailed street design
- Prepare Traffic Analysis for SBS corridor
- Identify SBS stop locations
- Identify pedestrian safety improvements
- Refine details with CAC and general public



Project Timeline



Step 4: Final Design plan

- Finalize corridor design
- Develop Implementation plan
- Prepare construction phasing plan for capital elements, if any
- Launch SBS service



Next Steps

Summer 2014

Traffic and parking data collection

Transit operations data collection and analysis

Develop routing concepts

Fall 2014

CAC Meeting #2



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Questions?

