

Utica Avenue Bus Priority and Safety Project

Construction begins on June 19, 2014

Expected completion: 3 weeks

Project Background

The B46 is the second busiest bus route in NYC, with 50,000+ daily riders, but operates at slow bus speeds. The corridor is characterized by heavy traffic volumes with delays due to left-turning vehicles and double parking, and significant speeding with over 60% of vehicles traveling above the speed limit. Due to these factors, Utica Avenue is a high-crash corridor, which witnessed 4 fatalities and 52 severe injuries between 2007-2011. The NYCDOT began working with the community in 2011 to address these issues.

Public outreach has included:

Meetings and project update presentations with stakeholders including:

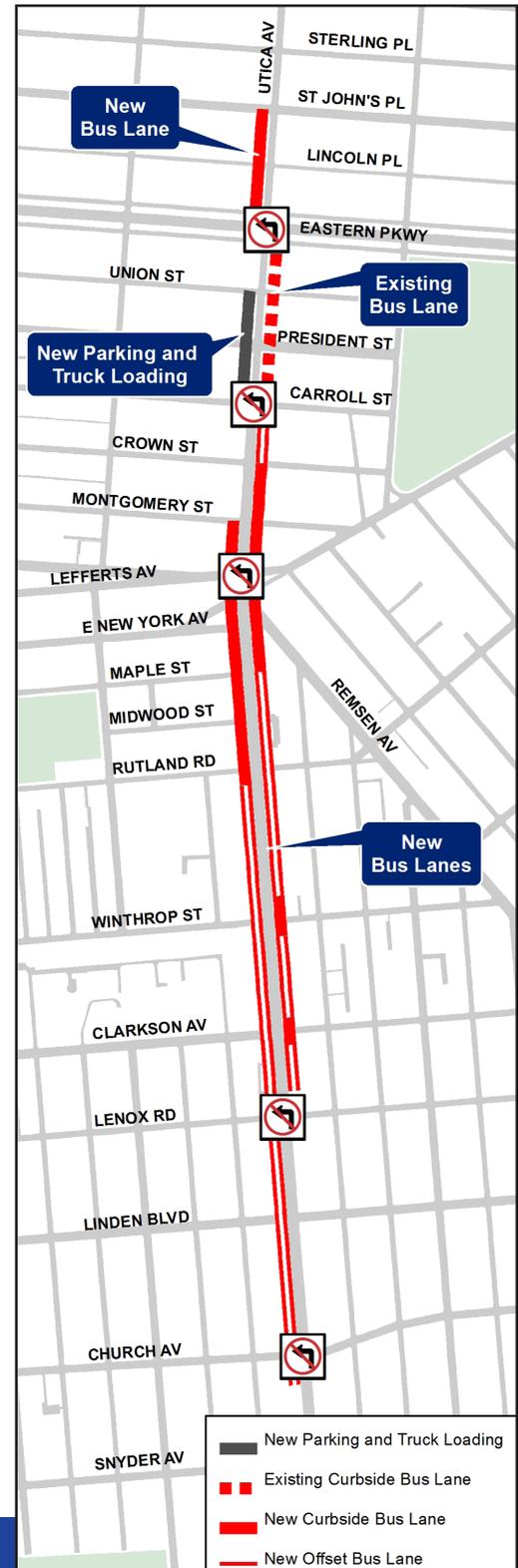
- Community Boards 8, 9, and 17
- Local merchants
- Office of Council Member Darlene Mealy

Traffic and Parking Improvements

- New curbside and offset (one lane from the curb) dedicated lanes for buses and right-turning vehicles
- Bus lanes are in effect 24-hours when offset and 7AM to 7PM Mon to Fri when curbside
- New left-turn restrictions at Eastern Pkwy, Carroll St, Lefferts Ave, Lenox Rd, and Church Ave to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety
- New left-turn bays at Crown St, E New York Ave, Midwood St, Rutland Rd, Winthrop St, Clarkson St, and Linden Blvd to improve traffic flow
- Removal of bus lane for new truck loading and parking from Union St to Carroll St

What's Next?

Traffic signal optimization from Malcolm X Blvd and Broadway to Utica Ave and Kings Highway to improve traffic flow is planned for late summer/early fall.



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