

# Q44 Select Bus Service

Queens Community Board 12 Transportation Committee

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# About Select Bus Service

- Buses 15-23% faster
- 10%+ increases in ridership in first year
- 95%+ customer satisfaction
- Better bus stops and connections
- Safer streets
- Maintain traffic flow





# Select Bus Service Features



Improved fare collection



Bus lanes where appropriate



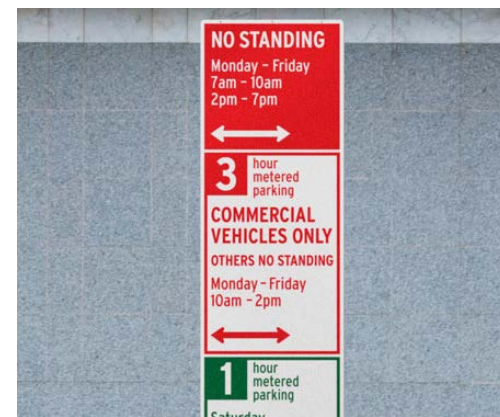
Transit signal priority



Passenger information



Improved station amenities



Improved Curb Regulations

# Select Bus Service Fare Payment



- Riders pay with MetroCard or coins before boarding
- Take ticket from machine
- Board bus through all three doors



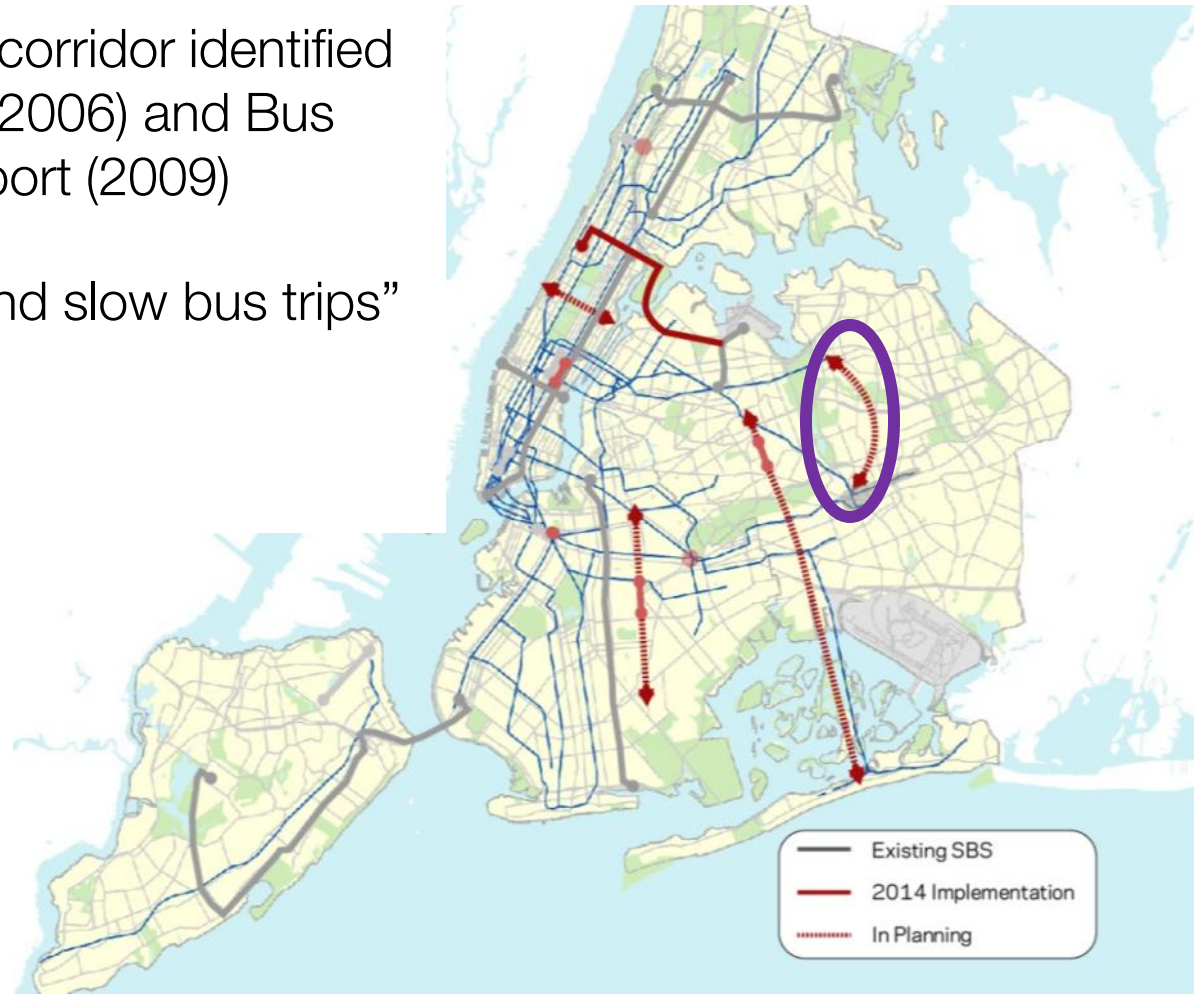
- MTA NYCT conducts random fare payment inspections



# Project Background

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

Characterized by “long and slow bus trips”



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## Two SBS Candidates:

### Main Street:

### 2015 SBS Implementation Goal

42,000 daily riders on

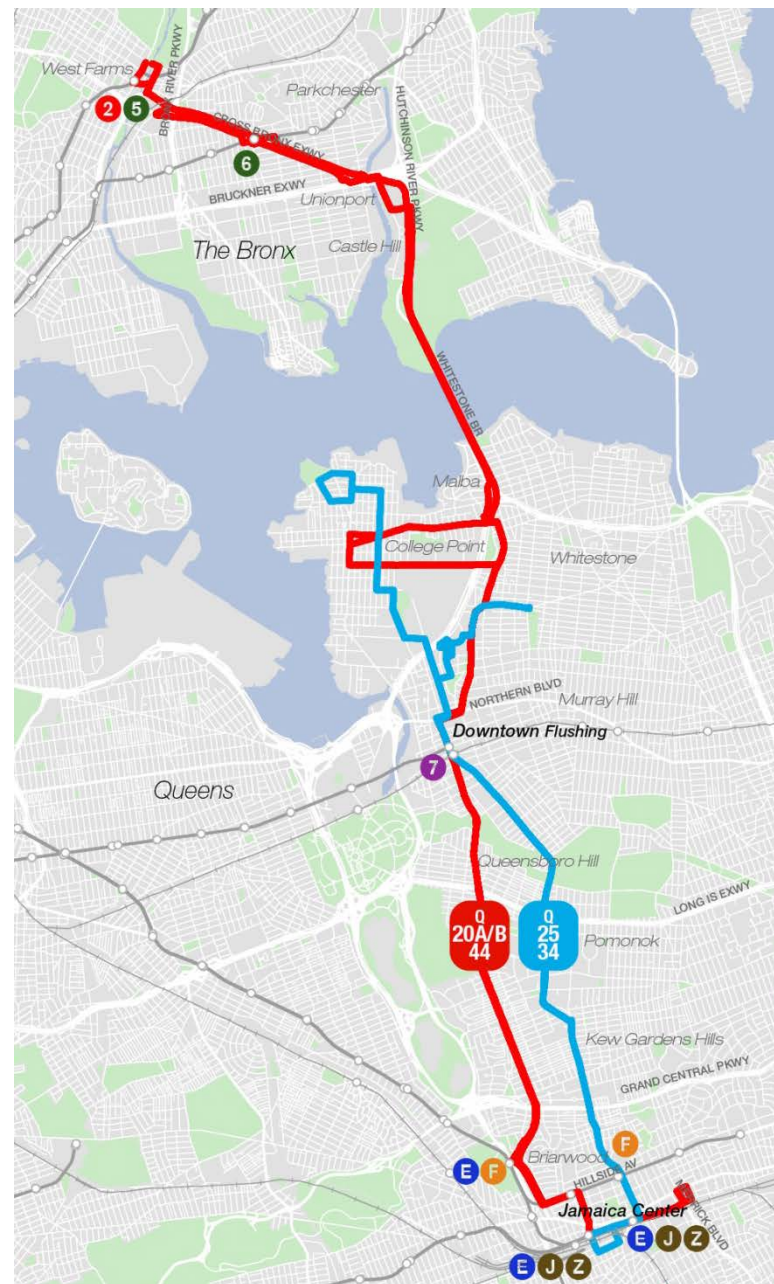
- Q20A/B: Jamaica to College Point
- Q44: Jamaica to West Farms

### Parsons Blvd/Kissena Blvd:

### Future SBS Implementation Goal

26,000 daily riders on

- Q25: Jamaica to College Point
- Q34: Jamaica to Whitestone

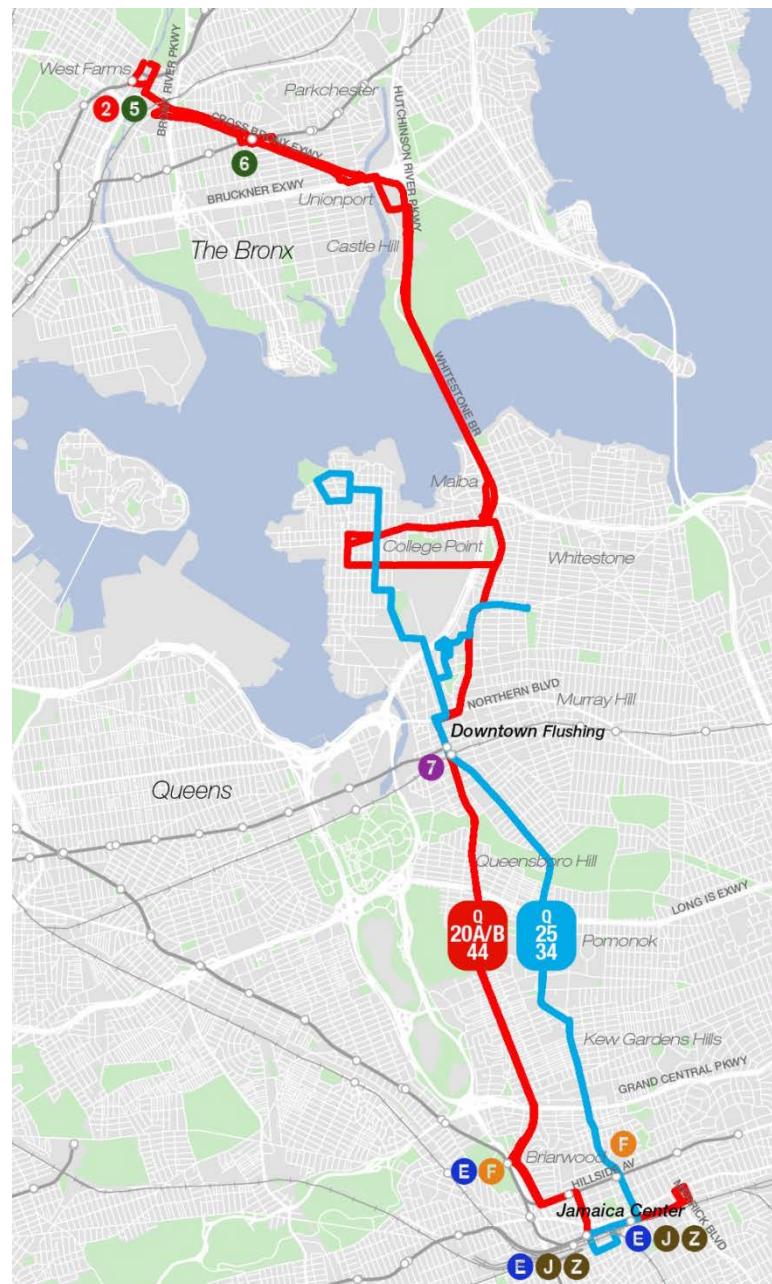




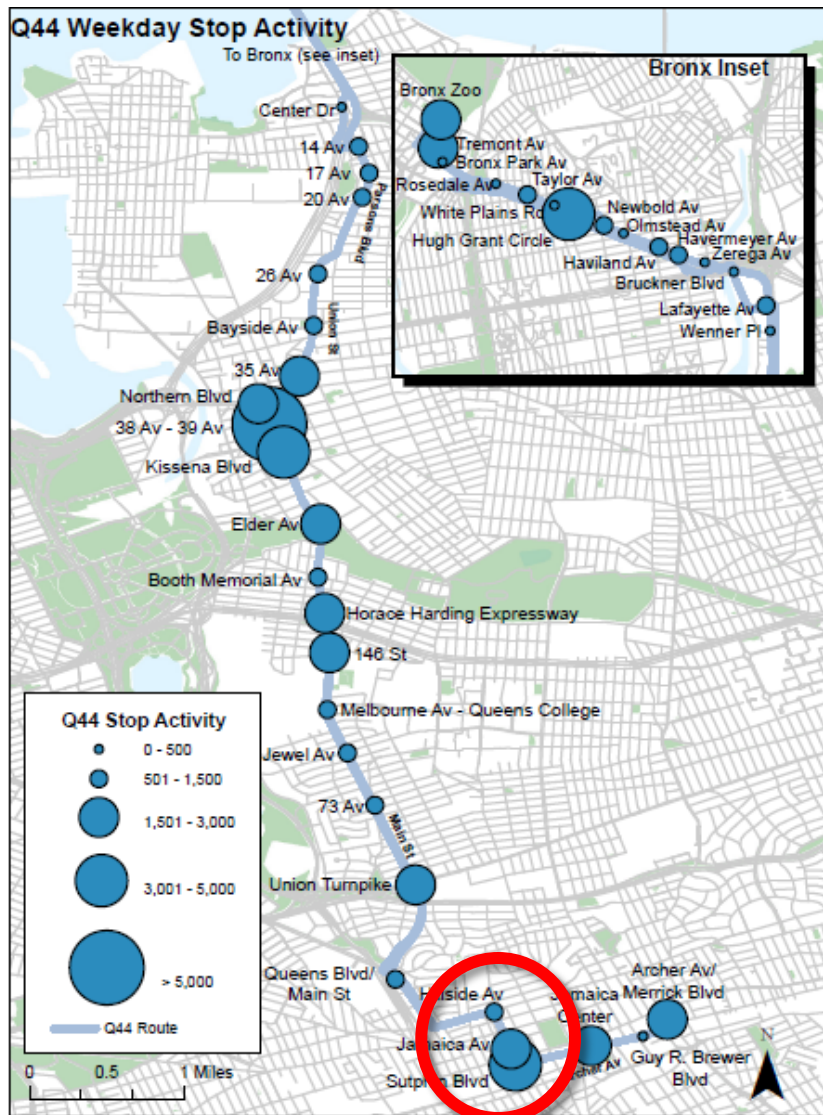
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Q44 was prioritized for SBS upgrade based on

- Ridership – Over 29,000 per day on Q44
- Key connection between Queens and The Bronx
- Main Street offers more opportunity for on-street bus priority



# Bus Ridership and Speed





# Q44 SBS Overview

Q44 LTD will be replaced by Q44 SBS

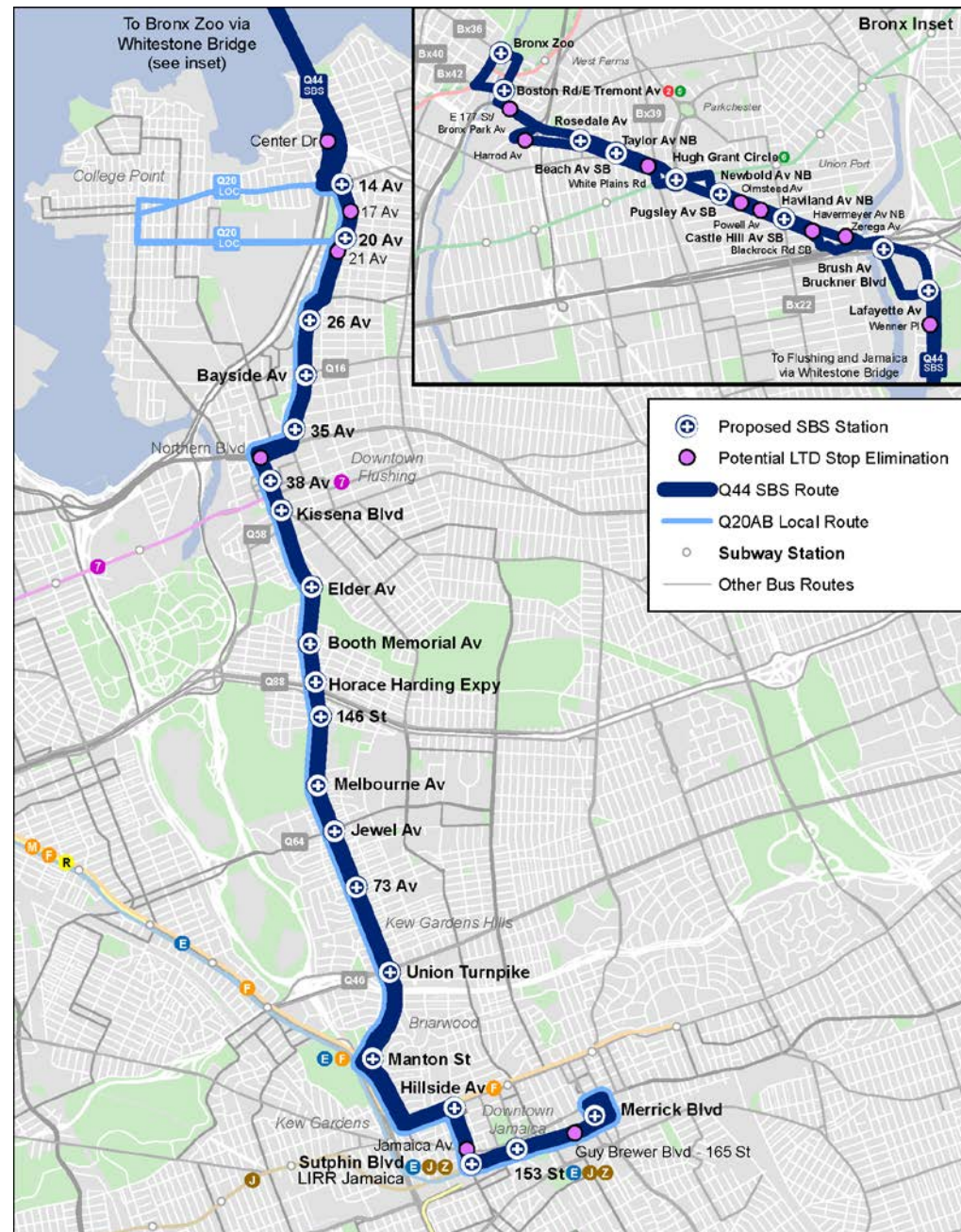
SBS will follow same route as LTD from Merrick Blvd in Jamaica to the Bronx Zoo



# Q44 SBS Stops

SBS will make fewer stops than Q44 LTD to better serve the busiest stops

- 8 fewer stops in The Bronx
- 6 fewer stops in Queens

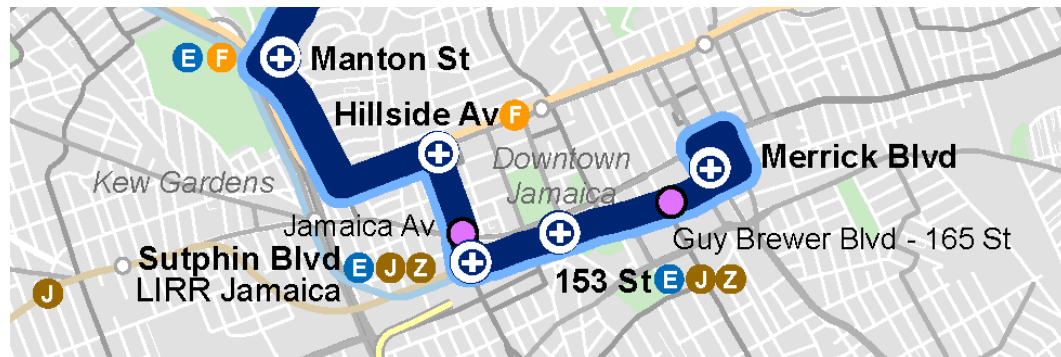




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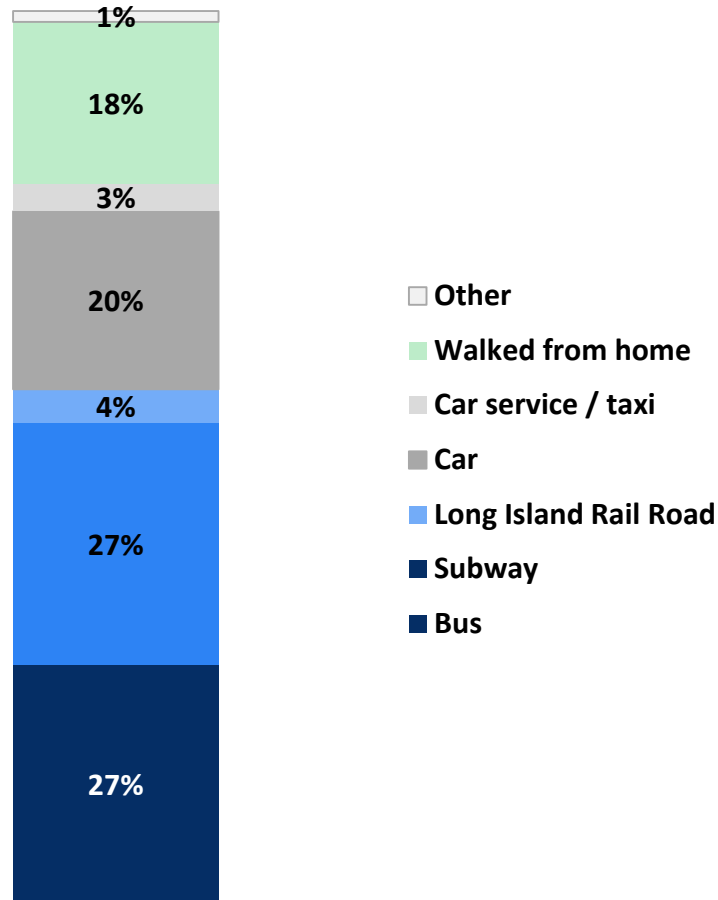
Stop removals proposed in Jamaica

- Archer Av/Guy Brewer Blvd
- Sutphin Blvd/Jamaica Av



# Sutphin Blvd On-Street Survey

How did you get to Sutphin Boulevard?



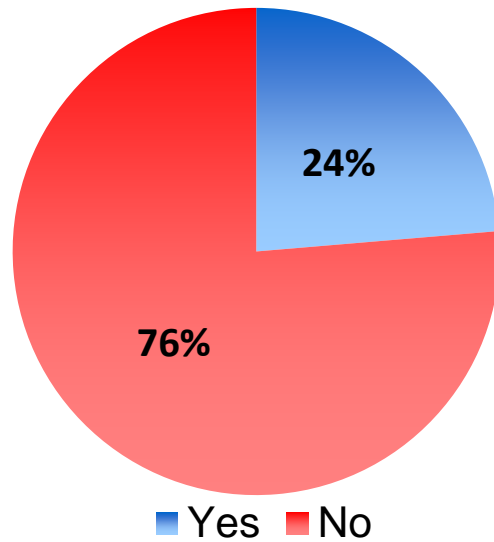
58% of those surveyed use transit

1 in 4 drive

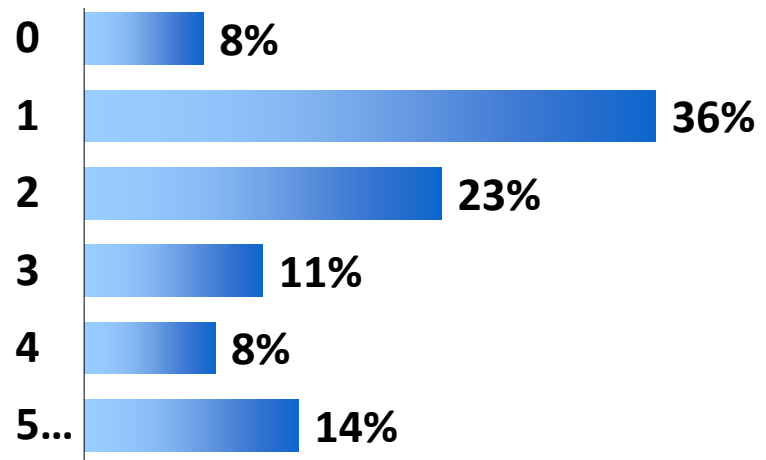


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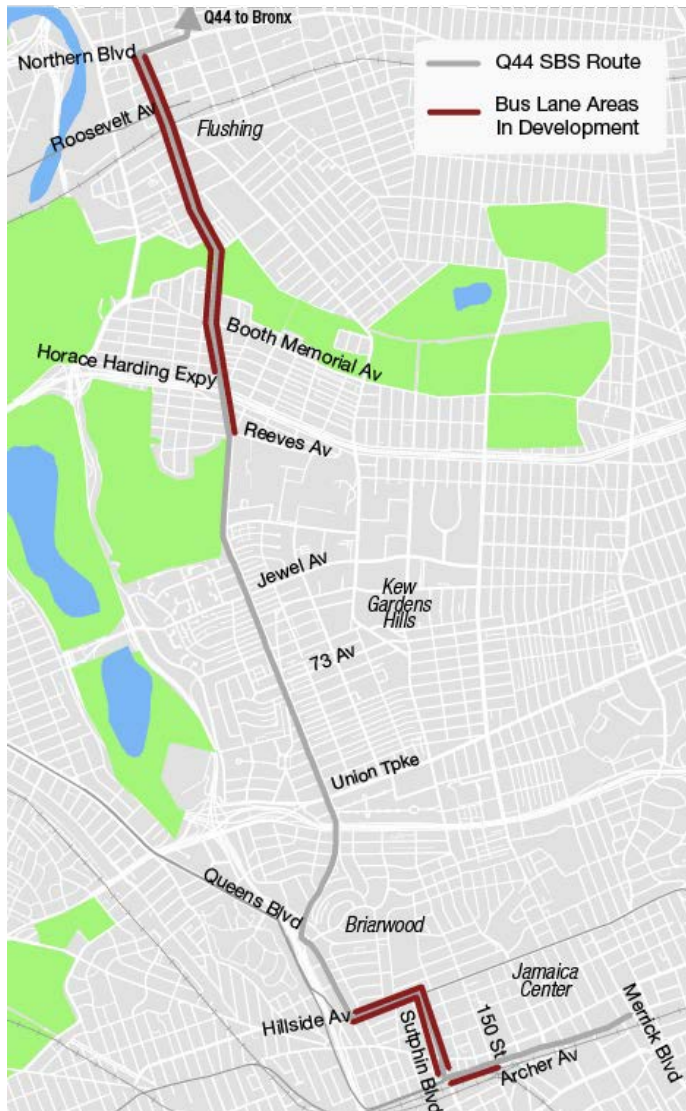
If you drove, did you park on Sutphin Blvd?



If you drove, how many blocks away did you park?



# Q44 Bus Lane Proposal



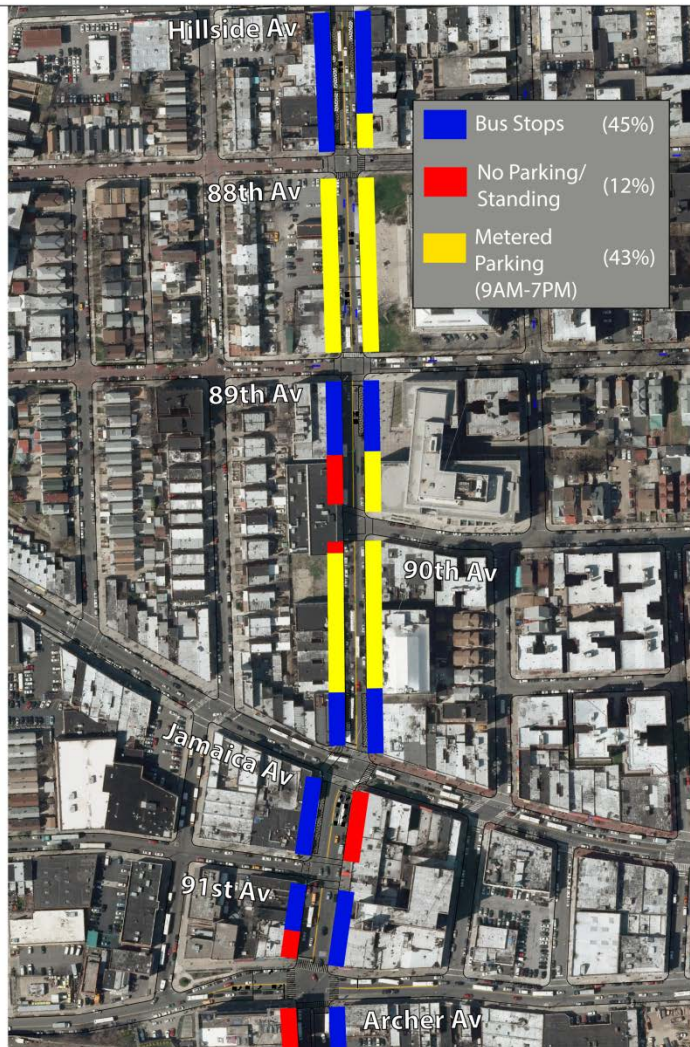
Bus lanes from Reeves Av to  
Downtown Flushing

Curbside bus lanes with midday  
parking in some areas of  
downtown Jamaica and Flushing



# SBS Improvements on Sutphin Blvd

Sutphin Blvd: Existing Regulations



Bus stops occupy nearly half of the curb space on Sutphin Blvd

Parking occupancy rates under 80% on blocks with metered parking

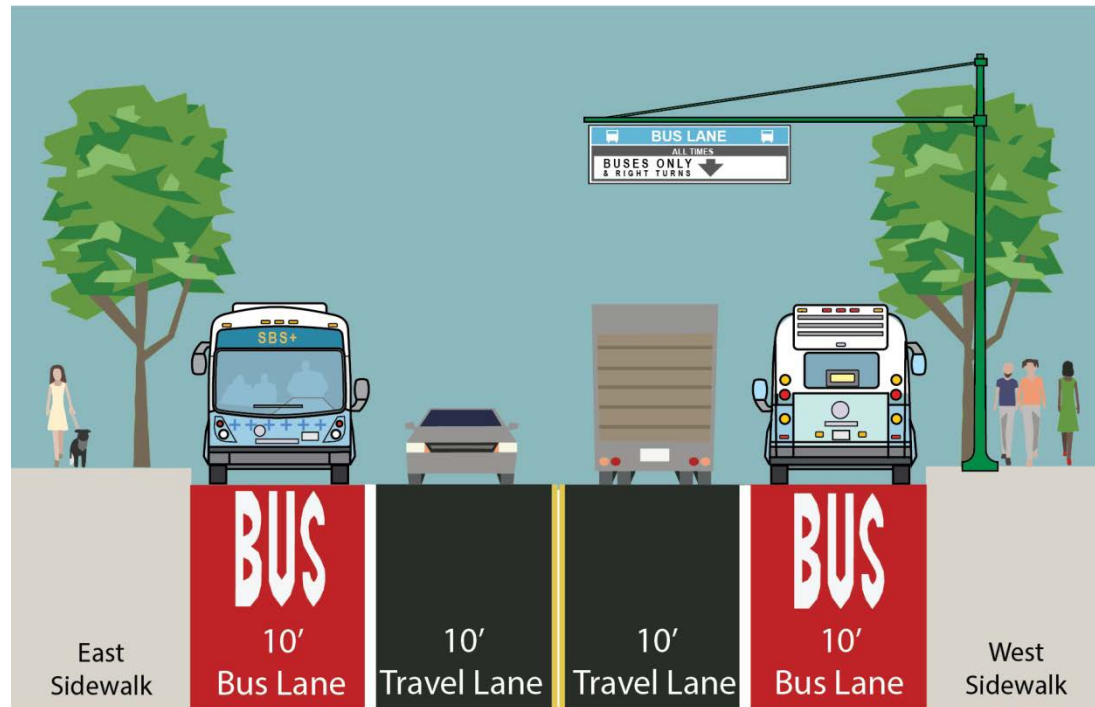
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Example: Jamaica Avenue



# Next Steps

Additional traffic/parking analysis

Ongoing outreach with merchants and other stakeholders

Goals:

- Late Summer bus lane implementation
- Fall Q44 SBS launch

