

East 149th St Bus Priority Improvements

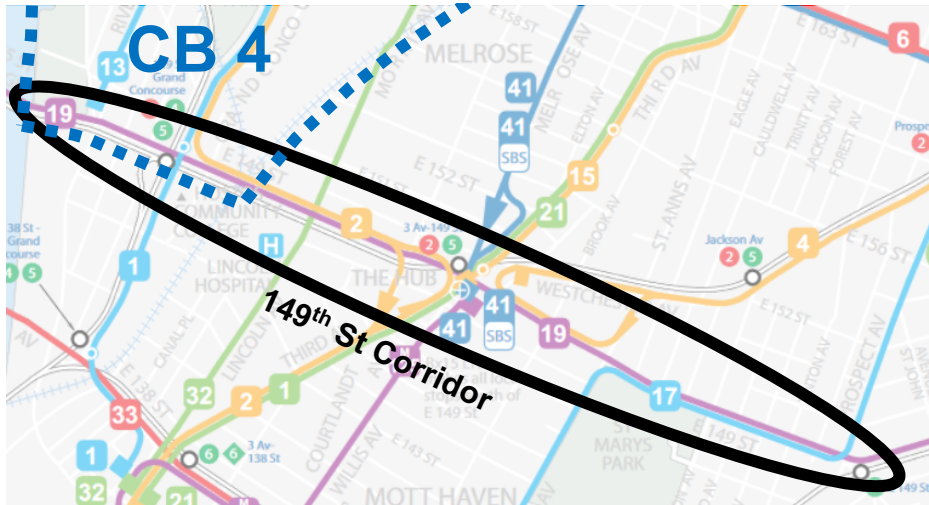
Community Board 4 Update – June 23rd, 2020



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Existing Conditions on E. 149th St



149th St & Walton Ave, 3/5/20

- 4 bus routes, 55,000 daily riders
 - Bx2, Bx4, Bx17, Bx19
 - These routes serve high concentrations of essential workers
- On 149th St, buses can be slower than walking: **3 mph** within CB 4*
 - Heavy congestion all day long
 - Buses often arrive off-schedule, 2 or 3 at a time
- Traffic blocks emergency vehicles

* 6am-6pm average, Mon-Thu

Proposed Treatments

Bus Lanes



Webster Ave, The Bronx

Pedestrian Islands



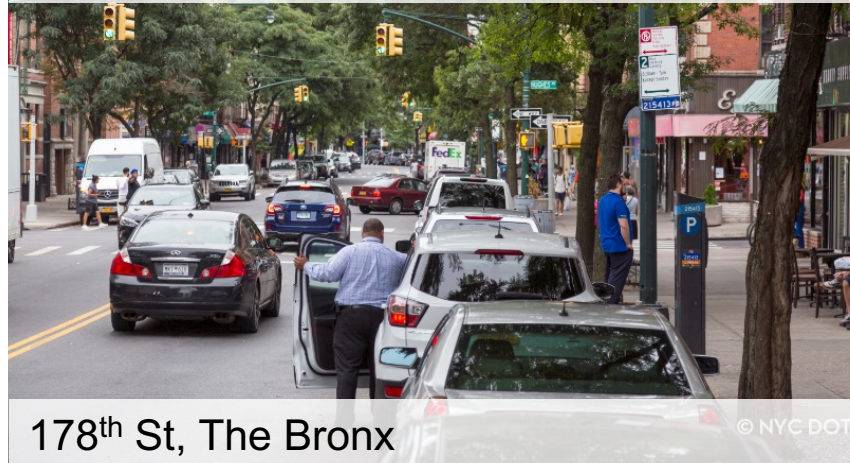
Baychester Ave, The Bronx

Turn Bays



Webster Ave, The Bronx

Curb Management (Meters, Loading Zones)



178th St, The Bronx

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Project Updates: Timeframe

- On June 8th, Mayor de Blasio announced **20 new miles of bus lanes and busways** throughout NYC
 - Faster implementation as the city returns to work from COVID-19
- 149th St construction moved up to **begin this month**
 - **Install now:** Starting with bus lanes (without red paint), “BUS ONLY” markings, basic signage, and some concrete work
 - **Install when available:** Red paint, overhead signage, remaining concrete, and signal timing changes
- DOT will continue to monitor conditions during and after implementation
- DOT will continue to work with CB 4, CB 1, elected officials and stakeholders to make adjustments as needed

Project Updates: Bus Lane Hours

- Bus lane hours: **7am-8pm, All Days**
 - This is when congestion takes place, and when bus speeds are 3.5 - 5.0 mph across all of 149th St



Example of bus lane without red paint

Updated Project Timeline

Fall 2019

- Present potential treatments to CB 4, CB 1
- Collect traffic data & survey merchants

Winter/Spring 2020

- Present draft street design plan to CB 4, CB 1
- Develop detailed final plan

June 2020

- Mayoral announcement June 8th
- Present detailed final plan to CB 4, CB 1 & elected officials
- Install bus lanes, street markings & basic signage

Summer 2020 - 2021

- Add red paint, overhead signage, remaining concrete, and signal timing changes
- Monitor performance & make adjustments as needed

THANK YOU!

Questions?



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