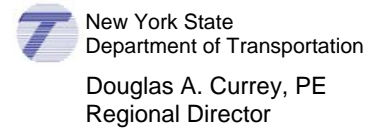




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New York City DOT, MTA-New York City Transit, and New York State DOT To Host Public Meetings on New York City Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study

As part of the study to determine how best to implement Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in New York City, a series of workshops will be held around the city to familiarize the public with this initiative and solicit their feedback on conceptual plans for 15 citywide BRT corridors. The first workshop will be held in the Bronx on June 5th.

MTA New York City Transit, the New York City Department of Transportation and the New York State Department of Transportation are working together to bring a BRT system to New York City's busiest corridors. Studied and implemented in other cities around the country and the world, BRT has the potential to improve the speed, reliability and appeal of the city's bus service. Elements of BRT systems already in operation in other municipalities include designated bus lanes, larger distinctive stations, advanced vehicles, specialized service design, improvements to fare collection, and real-time bus arrival information.

The New York City BRT study has identified 15 potential corridors suitable for BRT development. The study has also created conceptual plans for each corridor under consideration. The conceptual plans include potential BRT elements such as extending the length and hours of existing bus lanes, new bus lanes, traffic signal priority, and off-board fare collection. Additionally, bus stops, or "stations" will be more widely spaced, sited at high volume transfer points and at locations that are high traffic generators.

"Unlike our subway system, bus service is typically at the mercy of the surrounding traffic and can be confusing to use, particularly for new riders. The package of improvements included in Bus Rapid Transit can yield some real benefits to our riders in terms of speed, reliability, and ease of use," said NYC Transit President Lawrence G. Reuter. "These workshops will provide information on how and where it fits into the city's overall network of transit services. More importantly, the workshops will offer our bus customers the opportunity to give their input on specific proposals for the 15 corridors around the city."

Millard Seay, NYC Transit's Senior Vice President of Buses, noted, "Bus Rapid Transit represents an important means of improving service for MTA's 2.4 million daily bus customers. We look forward to working with our partners, the New York City Department of Transportation and the New York State Department of Transportation to bring these projects to fruition as quickly as possible."

"Bus Rapid Transit has reduced travel time and provided better service for bus customers in other cities," said DOT Commissioner Iris Weinshall. "We hope that these public forums will provide some insight as to how best to implement BRT in New York City."

"We are pleased to be a part of an important study that will benefit not only the daily commuters on NYC Transit's bus system, but of all New Yorkers who utilize mass transit. We thank the

public for their interest and welcome their participation.” said NYSDOT’s NYC Regional Director Douglas A. Currey, P.E.

The 15 corridors under consideration for BRT are:

- Bronx: Grand Concourse, Pelham Parkway/Fordham Road, and Webster Avenue
- Brooklyn: Flatbush Avenue, Kings Highway/Flatlands Avenue, and Nostrand Avenue
- Manhattan: 1st/2nd Aves. and 125th Street, and West Side: Route 9A/10th Ave./11th Ave.
- Queens: Horace Harding Boulevard, Guy Brewer Boulevard, Hillside Avenue, Merrick Boulevard, Flushing-Jamaica: Parsons Boulevard/Kissena Boulevard/164th Street, and Union Turnpike
- Staten Island: Hylan Boulevard

Five Public Meetings will be held (one in each borough) between June 5th and June 14th. For more information on the meetings in each borough, look for the Public Meeting Notice posted onboard buses, or click on our website at www.mta.info.

The dates and locations of the Public Meetings are as follows:

Bronx

Monday, June 5, 2006
Hostos Community College
120 E. 149th Street
Savoy Multi-Purpose Room
Bronx, N.Y.
Two Sessions: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Brief Presentations: 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Staten Island

Wednesday, June 7, 2006
126 Stuyvesant Place, Jury Room
Staten Island, N.Y.
Two Sessions: 5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Brief Presentations: 6:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.

Manhattan

Thursday, June 8, 2006
MTA Headquarters
347 Madison Avenue (at 45th Street)

5th Floor Board Room

New York, N.Y.

Two Sessions: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Brief Presentations: 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Queens

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Queens Borough Central Public Library

89-11 Merrick Boulevard

Auditorium

Jamaica, N.Y.

Two Sessions: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Brief Presentations: 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Brooklyn

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

Long Island University – Brooklyn Campus

1 University Plaza (Enter from Dekalb Avenue)

Health Science Center Building, Room 119

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Two Sessions: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Brief Presentations: 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.