

***Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

**Fiscal Year
2026**

**Bronx
Community District
11**

November 2024



INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter mandates that form an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, they are intended to support communities in their ongoing consultations with city agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders and influence more informed decision making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. This report also provides a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and may be used by a variety of audiences seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2024.

Community boards may provide substantive supplemental information together with their Statements and Budget Requests. This supporting material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. **Overarching Community District Needs**

Sections 1 – 4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

2. **Policy Area-Specific District Needs**

Section 5 is organized by seven distinct policy areas aligned with the service and program areas of city agencies. For each policy area, community boards selected the most important issue for their districts and could provide a supporting narrative. The policy area section also includes any agency-specific needs and a list of relevant budget requests submitted by the community board. If the community board submitted additional information outside of a specific policy area, it may be found in Section 6.

3. **Community Board Budget Requests**

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY24 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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Budget Requests: Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

Budget Priorities: Priority numbers apply to expense and capital Budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense and capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 7 of this document.

Supporting Materials: Some community boards provided substantive supplemental information. This supportive material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting the links provided in the Appendix into a browser.

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

Bronx Community Board 11

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	8,175,133	100.0	8,804,190	100.0	629,057	7.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	2,336,076	28.6	2,490,350	28.3	154,274	6.6	-0.3
White non-Hispanic	2,722,904	33.3	2,719,856	30.9	-3,048	-0.1	-2.4
Black non-Hispanic	1,861,295	22.8	1,776,891	20.2	-84,404	-4.5	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,028,119	12.6	1,373,502	15.6	345,383	33.6	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	78,063	1.0	143,632	1.6	65,569	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	148,676	1.8	299,959	3.4	151,283	101.8	1.6
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	3,371,062	100.0	3,618,635	100.0	247,573	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	3,109,784	92.2	3,370,448	93.1	260,664	8.4	0.9
Vacant housing units	261,278	7.8	248,187	6.9	-13,091	-5.0	-0.9

The Bronx

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	1,385,108	100.00	1,472,654	100.00	87,546	6.3	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	368,196	26.6	349,579	23.7	-18,617	-5.1	-2.9
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	1,385,108	100.0	1,472,654	100.0	87,546	6.3	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	741,413	53.5	806,463	54.8	65,050	8.8	1.3
White non-Hispanic	151,209	10.9	130,796	8.9	-20,413	-13.5	-2.0
Black non-Hispanic	416,695	30.1	419,393	28.5	2,698	0.6	-1.6
Asian non-Hispanic	47,335	3.4	67,766	4.6	20,431	43.2	1.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	12,494	0.9	19,866	1.3	7,372	59.0	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	15,962	1.2	28,370	1.9	12,408	77.7	0.7
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	511,896	100.0	547,030	100.0	35,134	6.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	483,449	94.4	522,450	95.5	39,001	8.1	1.1
Vacant housing units	28,447	5.6	24,580	4.5	-3,867	-13.6	-1.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

Bronx Community District 11

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	113,232	100.00	119,666	100.00	6,434	5.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	26,014	23	25,881	21.6	-133	-0.5	-1.4
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	113,232	100.0	119,666	100.0	6,434	5.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	47,838	42.2	53,788	44.9	5,950	12.4	2.7
White non-Hispanic	31,037	27.4	26,285	22.0	-4,752	-15.3	-5.4
Black non-Hispanic	22,981	20.3	23,567	19.7	586	2.5	-0.6
Asian non-Hispanic	8,671	7.7	11,154	9.3	2,483	28.6	1.6
Some other race, non-Hispanic	1,114	1.0	1,822	1.5	708	63.6	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,591	1.4	3,050	2.5	1,459	91.7	1.1
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	43,691	100.0	44,864	100.0	1,173	2.7	0.0
Occupied housing units	41,256	94.4	42,686	95.1	1,430	3.5	0.7
Vacant housing units	2,435	5.6	2,178	4.9	-257	-10.6	-0.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

Statement on Data Accuracy

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, such as top- and bottom-coding, imputation, table- and cell-suppression, and data swapping. The Census Bureau is employing a new technique with the 2020 Census, referred to as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS), based on differential privacy. With this approach, the Census Bureau “infuses noise” systematically across census data and sets a quantified disclosure risk, referred to as the Privacy Loss Budget (PLB).

While the new DAS approach may diminish the risk of disclosure concerns, it comes at a cost to data accuracy. Consequently, 2020 Census data users should be aware that all sub-state counts, except for housing units (which are unaffected by the DAS), may be adjusted to protect the privacy of Census participants and may be subject to reduced accuracy. Because DAS noise infusion is randomized, it is impossible for data users to know the degree to which any individual statistic is altered. However, it is possible to say that in general the relative size of errors decreases as counts increase. Consequently, data users should have greater confidence in the accuracy of the data as counts get larger. Further, an evaluation of a Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF), treated with a Disclosure Avoidance System like the one applied to 2020 redistricting data, showed that counts of 300 or more rarely have sizable errors (error beyond +/- 10% of the count). Therefore, while data users need to be cognizant of data accuracy limitations, they should have confidence in conclusions based on sizable counts, which are relatively unaffected by the Census Bureau’s latest disclosure avoidance method.

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Bronx Community District 11 (BxCB11) is a diverse community that extends across various neighborhoods including Allerton, Indian Village, Little Yemen, Morris Park, Pelham Parkway, Van Nest, and other areas encompassing zip codes 10460, 10461, 10462, 10467 and 10469. Our district is growing quickly, increasing in population from 113,232 to 119,666 between 2010 and 2020 (U.S. Census) but in that time averaged fewer than 50 new dwelling units per year (NYC DCP <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/6ddac8463c0d444e9c488a1b8d6a0af>), one of the lowest rates of housing construction in the city. The increase in population is uneven (NYC Population FactFinder): the greatest change is in our population aged 55-79, which increased by nearly 6,000 residents while we saw declines in children under 5, children and young adults 15-24, and adults aged 40-49. This growth has led to friction in the community and increased rent burden, but as construction has increased in recent years that additional housing is also causing concerns around neighborhood character and congestion. The Bronx Metro North project has already generated pushback from the community over concerns of increased congestion, higher rents, and effects to neighborhood character from upzoning.

One of the most common concerns in the district is traffic and parking. Given that our population increase is centered on adults 55-79 and that demographic is among the most likely to drive a car (<https://home.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/epi/databrief87.pdf>), this issue is likely to persist. Much of our district is poorly served by transit, and our district has 6 of the 100 hottest bus stops (<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/08/12/nyregion/street-wars-hot-bus-stops.html>) and they are concentrated on lines that frequently have service cut (Bx25/26). Other bus lines in the district are often multiple long blocks from residents, delayed, and infrequent. One major cause of delays is lack of enforcement of parking and traffic laws, leaving bus stops, bike lanes, and travel lanes frequently blocked by double parked vehicles that slow traffic (<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2024/07/29/upshot/traffic-enforcement-dwindled.html>). The mechanism to combat illegal parking, 311, is inefficient: In our district, the average response time is over 4 hours (311 data https://data.cityofnewyork.us/Social-Services/311-Service-Requests-from-2010-to-Present/erm2-nwe9/about_data). All these factors lead residents to conclude that the only way to get around is to drive, which drives increased congestion and parking scarcity. Residents desperately need more convenient and efficient ways to get where they need to go.

Another persistent concern is safety on streets and greenways. Reports of street/drag racing have greatly increased in recent years, traffic congestion leads to unsafe driving and vehicles persistently sitting in intersections, and a general lack of enforcement of traffic rules (see above) leads to fear while one is out and about. A proliferation of e-vehicles, both private and shared, and a lack of safe micromobility infrastructure (our district has only 2 protected bike lanes, both of which are persistently blocked by vehicles) pushes these vehicles onto greenways and sidewalks where they are in conflict with pedestrians.

Infrastructure resiliency is another pressing concern with several areas in our district prone to flooding in heavy rainfall and groundwater leading to sinkholes in roads and private property (<https://climate.cityofnewyork.us/challenges/extreme-rainfall/>).

A major draw to our district is our parkland and greenways. Parks and playgrounds make up a large portion of the district, but within that abundance is also inequity in upkeep. Some of our park facilities have been recently renovated while others desperately need refreshment, including the playgrounds at our public housing facilities (Parkside, Eastchester Gardens, and Pelham Parkway houses) and Morris Park's Loretto park basketball court. Other facilities are very well used but poorly served by waste containers and removal, which detracts from the environment and attracts pests. Bronx Park is the prime example of this. Upkeep on our parks and greenways is also inconsistent, with some having consistently clear and clean paths and others having overgrown or broken seating and paths.

Youth, education, and child welfare have been top priorities in BxDistrict 11 and remain so. As stated in the community snapshot of key indicators, 22.6 % of Bronx District 11 is comprised of youth under the age of 18 with families experiencing an income of 20% below the NYCgov poverty

threshold, and 49.4% paying 35% of that income to rent. The community has consistently requested city funding for a community center to serve as a hub for outreach to children and young adults and provide programming to engage them and offer enrichment. There are multiple appropriate sites in the district, but the only options are paid programs and out of reach of many of our residents. Facilities like this would also be ideal to host and disseminate information about programs that focus on generational health and readiness including making healthy choices, environmental education, anti-violence, and drug abuse prevention that are currently scattered and disparate. For more information about Bronx Community Board 11, visit:
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/bronxcb11/about/about.page>

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Bronx Community Board 11

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Traffic

The population of our district has increased substantially and that increase is centered among demographics most likely to drive a car. With no way to add more road or parking capacity without removing housing or parkland and traffic enforcement minimal, traffic is a perennial issue. District residents do not have adequate alternatives and so feel like they have no choice but to drive, so it is imperative that we get increased and more reliable bus and train service to alleviate the strain on the road network and make driving less onerous on those who do not have the choice to use alternatives. Bringing more amenities, especially community centers, into the district can also help give residents the option to walk to those amenities rather than feeling compelled to drive to another community for them. Adding traffic enforcement, including traffic control device, patrol officers, and automated enforcement, can also help to alleviate traffic issues. The many wide streets of our district, some (e.g. Pelham Parkway) uninterrupted by cross traffic for long stretches, invite regular street- and drag-racing and other dangerous vehicular activity. Adding DEP noise cameras to key intersections and corridors can help with this

Schools

School capacity, especially for middle school aged youth, is a frequently discussed issue. Our district is in school district 11, which encompasses all of Community Districts 11 and 12 as well as parts of CD10. That district has just under 30,000 students enrolled, but CD11 alone has over 22,000 school-aged children. As a result, many students leave the district to attend school, bringing lengthy commutes to even young children, while our school district is owed >3,000 seats. We also have understaffed services for special populations, including ELL students (over 20% of our population), gifted and talented students, and special education students. The lack of seats in these programs also drives students to schools (and commuting) outside the district. Beyond that, we need centralized activity centers in our district to offer enrichment, after school options, and life skills programming for our youth. Finally, a parking protected bike lane was installed in front of one school (Van Nest Academy) which runs between legal parking and the school entrance, meaning that when students

Parks and open space

While our district is well-provisioned with parkland, much of that land is poorly maintained. Some parks have received recent updates, but others languish and paths and greenways are frequently covered in cut grass and leaves, effectively narrowing those routes. On weekends, many of our parks are used for parties, and we are blessed to have sufficient space for our residents to celebrate in our parks, but those parks lack adequate waste receptacles to dispose of the trash generated. Many of our parks deserve rehabilitation, we need more places to centralize trash disposal, and our paths need to be cleared after other park work (mowing, etc.) to ensure safe conditions.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 11

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Programs, services or facilities for seniors (incl. remote programming, cooling centers)

Our fastest growing demographic is people over the age of 55, the demographic who also has the highest burden of NCDs and a need for programming to engage them in the community. We also need specialized health care facilities with the expertise and equipment to handle the care of this demographic.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Our health care facilities are not evenly spread throughout the district. While we have multiple hospitals in the southeastern part of our district, doctors and other health care facilities are largely concentrated there to the exclusion of other areas. When this is combined with mobility issues mentioned in the Traffic sections it makes it very challenging for some residents to seek medical care.

Needs for Older NYs

We are seeing the greatest increase in population among New Yorkers 55+ and, as such, need expanded access to health facilities, transportation options for those who can no longer drive, dedicated hospital staff (nurses at one local hospital have expressed concern that they now need to treat patients they were not trained to care for), and dedicated hospital equipment (such as specialized stroke ambulances).

Needs for Homeless

Our district is home to multiple homeless shelters, but the shelters themselves have experienced significant pushback from the community. We need outreach to help our community understand these neighbors and more opportunities for them to integrate into the neighborhood and get back on their feet for these projects to be successful.

Needs for Low Income NYs

More than a quarter of our community is severely rent burdened and 'affordable' housing units being offered are not actually affordable for those who live here and not being built quickly enough in comparison to market rate housing. We need a more localized definition of 'affordability'. Our public housing sites need substantial upgrades, but the one mentioned most commonly is Eastchester Gardens, which has applied for funding many times and continues to wait.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
3 / 12	DOHMH	Maternal Health Programs
5 / 12	DOHMH	Expand messaging around access to PrEP and PEP
11 / 12	DOHMH	Enhance programs and messaging for STI testing

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Bronx Community Board 11

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

For the past seven years, CEC11 has been owed 3,000+ middle school seats. In addition to the fact that we have nearly as many school-aged children in our district as CEC11 has enrolled in total despite being far larger we have several schools that are primary only, meaning that once students move from primary school to middle school they have to compete for seats with continuing students in other schools. This levies a heavy burden on those students and their families either to find an available seat through the challenging application process or commute to wherever they can find a seat.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

As stated above and in our district description, our greatest need is for more seats and more equitable access to student services. Our district is a TSI district, indicating inequitable achievement on standardized tests multiple years in a row, which highlights the need.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Our community needs more and more comprehensive spaces to offer free or subsidized extracurricular programming for our youth and community in areas like swimming, theater, music, organized sports, and arts. We have one facility, but that is hardly adequate for a community of our size.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
4 / 18	DYCD	School pool in Pelham Gardens neighborhood
6 / 18	DYCD	Youth Mental Health Center

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
9 / 12	DYCD	STEM programs at PS 121, 097, and Icahn Charter School 3
10 / 12	DOE	Purchase of STEM equipment

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 11

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Traffic violations and enforcement

Between September of 2023 and September of 2024, we have had one death and nearly 500 injuries reported in CD11 as a result of traffic violence. This is below our historical average of 3 deaths and over 500 injuries, but it is still concerning. Additionally, traffic and parking availability are one of the most commonly cited concerns, and traffic violations substantially increase the traffic that drivers experience. Our busiest commercial corridors are frequently flooded with double parked cars, which makes it extremely difficult for traffic to pass. Our wide roads, parkways, and highways encourage loud cars to race down them at all hours of the day and night, creating a nuisance and a danger. Cars parked in bike lanes, crosswalks, on sidewalks, and in front of hydrants create myriad dangers for anyone not in those particular vehicles. Meanwhile, the average 311 response time for parking violations is greater than 4 hours, which means most of these violations go unchallenged. With respect to cars speeding, running red lights (including pedestrian crossing lights), it is entirely unreasonable to expect police to chase down speeding cars, which only heightens the danger to the community in the unlikely event that an officer is there to witness the issue. We need automated enforcement (speed cameras, red light cameras, and noise cameras), more parking enforcement, and better traffic control at our busiest intersections.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

A need for NYPD and youth-related crime prevention programming for the youth in CD11.

Needs for Emergency Services

Given our large and growing population aged 50 and over, we need a specialized stroke victim ambulance to ensure that this vulnerable population has access to the best care possible.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
7 / 12	NYPD	Vehicle infractions

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Bronx Community Board 11

Most Important Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Water runoff and flooding

The recent surge in construction activity, with approximately a dozen new buildings erected within a 10 square block radius, necessitates a comprehensive data study. This study aims to assess the impact on traffic congestion and education in Bronx Community Board 11. Preliminary statistics indicate a 30% increase in registered vehicles in the past year, highlighting the urgency for a thorough traffic analysis. Additionally, an evaluation of school-aged children in the area is imperative, given a reported 20% rise in school enrollments over the past two years. Furthermore, gathering qualitative feedback from residents on concerns about traffic congestion, access to amenities, and overall satisfaction with the evolving landscape is essential. This study will provide a foundation for informed decisions on infrastructure, traffic management, and educational resource allocation, ultimately contributing to the continued prosperity of Bronx Community Board 11. Funding for this critical initiative is greatly appreciated.

Community District Needs Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

Our district is undergoing rapid growth, with dozens of buildings being constructed on the western edge of the district and many more planned for the areas around our new Metro North stations on the eastern and southern edges of the district. We already experience nuisance flooding throughout the district in heavy rains and while some larger mains have been replaced the local lines in neighborhoods are likely still inadequate.

Additionally, many areas on the northeastern side of the district experience sinkholes in yards and roads, indicating an issue with either historical waterways/groundwater or infrastructure problems. This has been brought to the attention of our Neighborhood Support Team, but we have yet to see any action.

Needs for Sanitation Services

There appears to be a rise in tagging activity along commercial corridors and in parks that needs addressed.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
9 / 18	DEP	Noise cameras

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
8 / 12	DSNY	Gun Hill Rd. Sidewalk cleaning

Bronx Community Board 11

Most Important Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Affordable housing creation

The need for housing, and especially actually affordable housing, is paramount in our community. We have grown by over 10% between the 2010 and 2020 censuses while building among the least housing (affordable or market-rate) in the city. Meanwhile, the NYC AMI is inappropriate for our district, where the median household income is about \$65,000. With our average household size of 2.44 (data.census.gov, 2023 ACS DP02), that is just about 50% AMI (<https://www.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/area-median-income.page>) meaning any 'affordable' housing at or above 50% AMI is not actually affordable for our neighborhood. As it stands, new developments will likely be unaffordable for existing community members.

Not just our community but all communities in New York deserve a more granular AMI definition to ensure that the housing that is built is appropriately priced. We need resources to address the shortage of truly affordable housing in our neighborhood,

We also need resources to encourage developers to develop housing that is aspirational for our community members: homes, co-ops, and condos that people who choose to make a life here can purchase and build equity and stability with.

Community District Needs Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Needs for Land Use

No Comment

Needs for Housing

While we have seen much construction of rental housing, our district historically has a relatively high home ownership rate and we need to incentivize local developers to not only build rental units but co-ops and condos as well.

Needs for Economic Development

Many of our prime commercial development plots are relatively inaccessible except by car. The southeastern side of our community recently lost their only supermarket. Given that nearly half (49.3%) of households in our community do not have reliable access to a vehicle (data.census.gov 2023 ACS, DP04), improving access to all corners of our community in the form of better bus transit and safe routes for micromobility will bring greater prosperity to our district.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

Bronx Community Board 11

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Traffic safety and enforcement (cars, scooters, ebikes, etc.)

The increasing diversity of transportation modes in our community demands a comprehensive approach to traffic safety and enforcement. Recent data highlights a rise in incidents involving cars, scooters, and e-bikes, necessitating immediate action. This proposal outlines a multi-pronged strategy, encompassing enhanced enforcement measures, targeted education campaigns, and infrastructure improvements. Additionally, addressing parking challenges is integral to alleviating congestion and ensuring pedestrian safety. By prioritizing these initiatives, we aim to create a safer, more accessible environment for all residents and commuters, while also promoting sustainable modes of transportation. This comprehensive approach will not only enhance safety but also improve overall mobility and quality of life in our community.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Our district is covered with wide, multi-lane roads that encourage fast driving and give the impression that driving a personal vehicle should be fast and efficient, but the size of our community and the number of people who need to move from place to place makes that impossible without destroying the community as we know it. We need education and encouragement for people to use other options and to increase our infrastructure supporting travel alternatives. Our district only has 2 protected bike lanes which are frequently blocked by motor vehicles and many painted lanes which are also frequently blocked by parked cars.

Our most congested roads, including Pelham Parkway, Lydig Avenue, Allerton Avenue, White Plains Road, and Boston Road, need better traffic signals and automated enforcement to encourage lawful driving.

Needs for Transit Services

6 of the 100 hottest bus stops identified in a recent report are located in BxCB11 (<https://projects.transalt.org/new-york-city-bus-urban-heat>). These stops need shelter. Additionally, service provision is suffering as a result of fare evasion, but those affected by low service provision are disproportionately lower income (<http://www.hunterurban.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Car-Light-NYC-Infographics-May-2024.pdf>, Hunter College). The city and MTA need to be proactive in maintaining service delivery despite budget issues..

Our train lines have infrequent service, only coming every 12-15 minutes outside peak hours. Encouraging transit usage requires that service to be frequent and convenient, and potentially incurring 20+ minute waits for those needing to transfer does not make an attractive service for many trips.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
3 / 18	DOT	Pelham Parkway sidewalk reconstruction
5 / 18	DOT	Daylighting by schools
8 / 18	DOT	Greenway upgrades needed
11 / 18	DOT	Add Pedestrian-level Lighting along Bronx Park East
12 / 18	DOT	Pelham Parkway lighting
13 / 18	DOT	Pelham Parkway North bike lane
14 / 18	DOT	Bus priority lights at Boston Rd and Pelham Parkway
16 / 18	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas
18 / 18	DOT	Add parking to Bronx Park East

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Bronx Community Board 11

Most Important Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Park care and maintenance

While we have many parks in our district they are not maintained equally. Many of our parks facilities need upgrading due to decades of use and deferred maintenance. Some of these are spelled out more specifically in our budget requests.

Our greenways (including the Bronx River Greenway, Hutchinson River Greenway, and Pelham Parkway Greenway) and park paths also are not adequately cleared after maintenance (grass cutting, etc.) and debris builds up on them, narrowing them significantly. These paths are heavily used and their whole width is needed, as demonstrated by parallel 'desire paths' being worn into the Pelham Parkway Greenway.

Our parks serve as the most reliable gathering place for area residents to hold events when the weather is fair, but there is insufficient trash can capacity. On nice weekends, trash is frequently piled up in many locations, detracting from the environment and attracting pests. We need more and larger trash cans that can provide centralized waste disposal options and encouragement for residents to use those facilities.

Community District Needs Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Needs for Parks

No further comments (see Most Important Area)

Needs for Cultural Services

Our district needs a community center that can provide enrichment, vacation child care, education in the arts, and as a gathering place for the community. City funding and help renovating existing sites or building a new one would be transformative to this neighborhood.

Needs for Library Services

While capital funding was restored to historical levels for FY25, our partners in the libraries provide much needed services for all our residents. The libraries in our neighborhood had nearly 200,000 visits in the past year and nearly 30,000 residents attend a program. They offer our ELLs programs to improve literacy, children and teens programs to engage them on weekends and after school, act as cooling centers for our whole community, and much more. They have requested funding increases to further their reach, and we support this.

Needs for Community Boards

Community Boards are the lowest level of city government with some of the highest needs. We have also seen many instances, both in our local community board and beyond, where board members have been insensitive in their wording. Our board members should all be required to take anti-bias training, which should be funded by the city.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 18	DPR	Allerton Playground bathroom repairs
2 / 18	DPR	Update Eastchester Playground equipment
7 / 18	DPR	Loreto Playground and Basketball court renovation
10 / 18	DPR	Add lighting in Bronx Park at Allerton Turf Field and Skate Park
15 / 18	DPR	Allerton Playground new playground equipment
17 / 18	DPR	Pride Flags

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 12	NYPL	Increase funding for libraries
2 / 12	DCLA	Establish free swimming programs and lifeguard training programs
4 / 12	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness
6 / 12	DOITT	Bias training
12 / 12	DPR	Williamsbridge Rd Street Trees

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Title	Priority Agency	Request	Explanation
Allerton Playground bathroom repairs	1 / 18 DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Allerton Playground bathrooms need repairs to floors, toilets, and repainting. The park should be refreshed and equitable to other city facilities</i>
Update Eastchester Playground equipment	2 / 18 DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The playground equipment at Eastchester Playground, in the Eastchester Gardens development, needs upgraded and refreshed.</i>
Pelham Parkway sidewalk reconstruction	3 / 18 DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	<i>Location: Pelham Parkway - Boston Rd & Southern Blvd The sidewalk along Pelham Parkway between Boston Road and Southern Blvd (technically not in any community board) is badly degraded, has few curb cuts, has vegetation blocking sight for pedestrian crossings, and lacks connection to the rest of the sidewalk network. We need proper crosswalks and raised pedestrian crossings or curb cuts at the offramps from Bronx River Parkway and for the sidewalk to connect to the Bronx River Greenway instead of end in dirt.</i>
School pool in Pelham Gardens neighborhood	4 / 18 DYCD	Other capital budget request for DYCD	<i>Possibly under School Construction Authority. Children in this neighborhood need opportunities to learn to swim, which has historically been denied to minority groups. BxCB11 has very few options for children to learn to swim, and adding swim facilities to our school buildings (such as PS 097 and/or PS 121) would provide much more reliable options for neighborhood children to build this skill and have opportunities for recreation.</i>
Daylighting by schools	5 / 18 DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Some of our most vulnerable road users are school children crossing streets near their school, yet we continue to allow cars to park up to and often in those crosswalks. To keep our kids safe, facilitate the citywide push for increased daylighting, and help bring NYC into</i>

compliance with state law, intersections around our neighborhood schools should be prioritized for daylighting.

Youth Mental Health Center	6 / 18 DYCD	Other capital budget request for DYCD	<i>There is a need for a mental health center/somewhere for youth to seek mental health care in the district. A specialized center would be best, but could also be located in schools.</i>
Loreto Playground and Basketball court renovation	7 / 18 DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The playground and basketball court at Loreto Park are badly degraded and in need of upgrades to play equipment and resurfacing of the basketball court. There are multiple cracks in the basketball court, missing planks in playground bridges, and overall worn out equipment. This is a vital resource in the heart of our community and deserves to be in usable shape.</i>
Greenway upgrades needed	8 / 18 DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>Greenways (ours include the Bronx River Greenway, Hutchinson River Greenway, and Pelham Parkway Greenway) are touted as places for people who are not in cars to get around, yet most of them are not purposefully lit at all - any light they get is ancillary to what is intended for a road used by cars. This means that greenways, which frequently have tree roots, potholes, sand patches, and other hazards, become substantially more dangerous as the sun goes down, which happens quite early for much of the year. This leaves people without cars with a dilemma: risk a car not seeing or not yielding to us and getting hit on the road or risk a crash and the ensuing injuries on the Greenways. Our greenways need proper lighting and far better care, both in maintaining smooth surface and clearing debris regularly, especially after mowing.</i>
Noise cameras	9 / 18 DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Our district, like many across the city, has seen a rash of street racing, loud cars and motorcycles, and other loud vehicle use. Our many wide streets encourage fast driving and donuts in intersections, and reporting violations to 311 or calling police is futile; these are, by definition, transient crimes - they are committed while moving. We need automated enforcement to preserve our quiet enjoyment of our neighborhood, and DEP noise cameras would be an</i>

Add lighting in Bronx Park at Allerton Turf Field and Skate Park	10 / 18 DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The Allerton Turf Field in Bronx Park is heavily used in the afternoon and evening hours, particularly on weekdays after school/work by both children and adults. From mid-September through mid-March, at least 6 months of the year, it is dark before 7 PM (and as early as 4:30 PM in December) which means that the field cannot be safely used at that time. Adding lighting to this facility would greatly enhance its usability throughout the year. This facility is essential for recreation and the health of the neighborhood.</i>
Add Pedestrian-level Lighting along Bronx Park East	11 / 18 DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Location: Bronx Park East - Unionport Rd & Adee Ave Current lighting is all street-level lighting, which does not effectively illuminate pedestrian areas or adjacent park facilities. Adding lower pedestrian level lighting will enhance safety along the corridor, in the Municipal Parking lot at Bronxdale and Bronx Park East, and allow residents to use areas just inside the park (such as the exercise area between Britton and Arnow Avenues) in fall and winter, when it is dark before 5 PM.</i>
Pelham Parkway lighting	12 / 18 DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Location: Pelham Parkway - Stillwell Ave & White Plains Rd. Lighting along Pelham Parkway lights both the roadway and the adjacent greenway, but uses the same lights for each application (while they are not exactly highway Cobra lights, they are similar). As a result, the Greenway gets very little light. Pedestrian level lighting would greatly enhance the usability of the greenway.</i>
Pelham Parkway North bike lane	13 / 18 DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Location: Pelham Parkway North - Stillwell Ave & Bronxwood Ave Pelham Parkway Greenway is a very heavily used pedestrian path that, even with its widening, is unable to support the volume of bike, scooter, and micromobility traffic it sees. Pelham Parkway North has an unused parking lane between Stillwell Ave. and Williamsbridge Ave as well as a nearly unused parking lane in front of the New York School for Special Education that</i>

extends to Bronxwood Ave. Creating a protected bike lane in this space would alleviate some of the congestion and conflict that arises on the Pelham Parkway Greenway and could either connect back to the Greenway at Bronxwood or continue on Pelham Parkway North to White Plains Rd. as a painted bike lane to connect to the lanes on White Plains Rd.

Bus priority lights at Boston Rd and Pelham Parkway	14 / 18 DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	Location: boston rd & Pelham Parkway <i>The intersection at Boston rd and Pelham Parkway is one of the most heavily used in our district and is frequently congested. Additionally, 7 active bus routes traverse this intersection, and 3 of them - Bx12 SBS westbound, and Bx22 (both directions) must cross over 1 or more lanes of traffic in the space of this intersection. This requirement leads to aggressive driving on the part of both buses and cars, creating danger for everyone on and near the roads. Adding bus priority lights to allow buses to cross the intersection before private cars would allow them to position themselves in the appropriate lane without fighting cars for space and enhance safety.</i>
Allerton Playground new playground equipment	15 / 18 DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Allerton playground needs new equipment and equipment that focuses on STEM learning (e.g. telescope)</i>
Upgrade or create new plazas	16 / 18 DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>The Pedestrian Plaza at Bronxdale and Antin Place in front of 2016 Bronxdale Ave is in need of equitable access to the residents in the community. There are boulders placed in the middle of the plaza but benches for residential use is needed. Without the benches and/or tables the plaza is just an empty space and not truly a plaza for pedestrians to enjoy. We are seeking funding from the DOT to upgrade the plaza so that the families in our community my enjoy it.</i>
Pride Flags	17 / 18 DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>To help improve access and equality to our public spaces – requesting the installation of Pride Flags during the month of June - along Pelham Parkway & The Rest of the CB11 district & Parks -</i>

welcomes all to our publicly funded spaces and ensures equitable access & Free Speech for those who are historically silenced locally. A symbol of resilience and tenacity – these flags improve "access" for all - as Pride Flags tend to only be installed by The Parks Department Downtown in the numerous parks in the more stereotypical "Gay or LGBTQIA+" areas of the city – so why not up here? Hence this request.

Add parking to Bronx Park East	18 / 18 DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Location: Bronx Park East - Pelham Parkway North & Allerton Ave <i>To deal with the loss of parking spaces through the neighborhood from Pelham Parkway North to Allerton Ave. and Bronx Park East to Boston Road, add angled parking to the residential (east) side of Bronx Park East wherever possible from Pelham Parkway North to Allerton Ave. Increased daylighting, the reconstruction of Pelham Parkway North, and bike lanes and other changes along White Plains Rd are all taking away parking spaces while the new construction of at least 10 6 and 7 story buildings on lots that were empty or single and two-family homes have increased the need for parking.</i>
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EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Title	Priority Agency	Request	Explanation
Increase funding for libraries	1 / 12 NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	<i>Our district is home to 3 well used libraries. While budgets have been largely restored after FY25 cuts, Sunday service has still not been restored. Our libraries need expanded funding to continue to offer the excellent services they currently do and to be able to expand. Our residents rely on the library as a cooling center, place to learn language, for recreation, to learn new skills, and much more. NYPL is requesting increased expense funding to operate these services and capital funding through the city's ten-year capital plan process to address their unfunded needs.</i>
Establish free swimming	2 / 12 DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural	<i>Our district has no free swimming programs, which puts aquatics</i>

programs and lifeguard training programs		organizations	<i>education out of reach of many of our residents. We do have limited facilities available but tuition costs and budget constraints for the institutions make programs difficult to access. We need access to swimming lessons and life guard training programs available for everyone (adults and youth).</i>
Maternal Health Programs	3 / 12 DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>People of color have disproportionately high maternal health deaths and complications. We need increased access to help educate mothers about the resources and medical programs available to them and how to advocate effectively for their health.</i>
Improve trash removal and cleanliness	4 / 12 DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	<i>Due to an overflow of trash in the parks of Pelham Parkway and to offset the smaller trash receptacles already in place throughout our parks on Pelham Parkway and to supplement the containment of heavy weekend trash, a request of Large / Enclosed Trash Receptacles, with safety lids throughout CB 11's heavily used park grounds. The ask is for the parks department to furnish these receptacle and service them on the weekend, setting them out on the mornings of Saturday and Sunday or holidays and disposing of content nightly.</i>
Expand messaging around access to PrEP and PEP	5 / 12 DOHMH	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	<i>By ensuring PreP (or Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) & Pep (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis) access and equity – these modern medicinal breakthroughs can end the HIV/AIDS crisis and as such - any and all access to these lifesaving medications and educational information around them are crucial to the district – that as of now has limited to none LGBTQIA+ resources or providers within it - with only one Pride Health Center located nearby at Jacobi Health & Hospitals.</i>
Bias training	6 / 12 DOITT	Information technology goods and services	<i>Community boards are made up of people representative of the community, and as such often bring together people who might not otherwise meet. This can bring unconscious biases to light and highlight areas where community members could grow, and we need support for this in the form of bias and discrimination training, similar to what</i>

many in NYS take already.

Vehicle infractions	7 / 12 NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>Our district is swamped with illegally parked cars. The average response time for a 311 report is over 4 hours, well over the average time in the Bronx as a whole and nearly double the citywide average, meaning any illegally parked car can effectively leave their vehicle where they like for as long as they like with no consequences. This makes our streets and crosswalks less safe, interferes with quality of life due to blocked in drivers honking, makes the few protected bike lanes we have almost unusable as trucks, delivery vehicles, and private vehicles park in them with impunity. We desperately need our traffic laws to be enforced, and we need personnel to do that.</i>
Gun Hill Rd. Sidewalk cleaning	8 / 12 DSNY	Increase Graffiti Removal/Cleaning	<i>Location: Gun Hill Road, Bronx - Boston Rd. & Ely Ave. Sidewalks and buildings along Gun Hill Rd. need cleaning of graffiti and gum/dirt on sidewalks.</i>
STEM programs at PS 121, 097, and Icahn Charter School 3	9 / 12 DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>Students in this district need greater access to STEM programs. Schools and students also need more equitable access to technology to make use of these STEM programs.</i>
Purchase of STEM equipment	10 / 12 DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	<i>Our students need greater access to STEM learning equipment (including robotic kits, microcontrollers, coding and programming, science tools like telescopes/microscopes/thermometers, etc.) in both schools and libraries. We need more funding devoted to getting this equipment in schools and supplementing what our libraries have.</i>
Enhance programs and messaging for STI testing	11 / 12 DOHMH	Provide more information and services for non-vaccine preventable illnesses	<i>As "PrEp" and "Pep" are not vaccines and require regular testing for other infectious diseases – the community requests for this "mirrored request" to reflect this wordplay and help destigmatize the conversations on sexual health and wellness further. By ensuring PreP (or Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) & Pep (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis) access and equity – these modern medicinal breakthroughs can end the HIV/AIDS crisis and as such -</i>

any and all access to these lifesaving medications and educational information around them are crucial to the district – that as of now has limited to none LGBTQIA+ resources - with only one Pride Health Center located nearby at Jacobi Health & Hospitals.

Williamsbridge Rd Street Trees	12 / 12 DPR	Plant new street trees	Location: Williamsbridge Road - Lydig Ave & Morris Park Ave <i>Williamsbridge Road is a vibrant commercial corridor, but it is also a wide road with little tree cover south of Lydig Avenue. In the summer, this means that it becomes a searing expanse of concrete to get through, making it difficult to enjoy the area or participate in cultural activities that are sometimes held here. Adding street trees to this road would greatly enhance it.</i>
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