

# BRONX METRO-NORTH

## Parkchester/Van Nest Station Area Public Workshop Recap



### OVERVIEW AND EVENT DESCRIPTION

On Saturday, October 27th, City agencies invited residents and other local stakeholders to join them at St. Raymond's Elementary School in the Parkchester section of the Bronx to talk about the future of their neighborhoods. Over 70 community members, workers, property owners and other local stakeholders came out to share their vision.

Through a variety of activities and exercises, participants had an opportunity to learn about the planning work being done around the station area and provide valuable input that will help shape recommendations for the area:

- Agency leaders and staff presented information relating to housing, economics, small business, demographics and travel patterns.
- Participants were then asked to think about the existing condition of Tremont Avenue and envision what their ideal future for the corridor would look like.
- Following the visioning exercise, agency staff gathered information about where users would be taking the new train service to, or from. Additionally, on-hand urban designers mapped out the routes people would most likely be using to get to/from the station.
- Participants then expressed their preferences for land uses, public spaces, and pedestrian amenities using a variety of national and local examples.
- Afterward, participants engaged in conversations using a large-scale map of the Tremont Avenue corridor. This was an opportunity to think through specific challenges and opportunities regarding what is needed in the area to make a successful station area, the location of particularly challenging or unsafe stretches of roadway or intersections, and preferences for the types and locations of future uses, such as retail and housing. Local knowledge drove the conversation and helped provide insights to the agencies about how the corridor should develop in the future.
- Finally, participants saw their visions come to life as urban designers translated big themes from the day into street-level sketches as part of a group discussion.

### NEXT STEPS

On Tuesday, December 11th, this process will continue at the Morris Park station area with a public workshop to be held from 4 to 7PM at Montefiore Einstein (Lubin Hall, 1300 Morris Park Ave).

Following the completion of the Morris Park public workshop, the technical team will compile all feedback for the Morris Park and Parkchester/Van Nest station areas. The preferences, priorities, and recommendations that came out of this work will then be shared as part of an interim public open house, to be held in early 2019.

### HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

To receive news and updates on the study as well as opportunities to be involved, please visit us at [www.nyc.gov/BMNS](http://www.nyc.gov/BMNS) or sign up for our email list by emailing us at [BMNS@planning.nyc.gov](mailto:BMNS@planning.nyc.gov).







Participants directed urban designers in a sketching exercise (top left) as well as provided input about their preferences for land uses, and public spaces along Tremont Avenue (left). Agencies were on-hand to answer questions and provide detailed information related to the study: the area's economic and housing profiles, small-business services, and more (above). Participants were also asked how they would travel to the proposed station in the future, identifying key patterns and critical connections (below).

