

# CO-OP CITY STATION AREA



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# PLANNING WORK IN PANDEMIC

COVID-19 has changed the world. The Bronx has been particularly affected, and our health and economy are suffering. As we continue to fight back COVID-19, we seek to make the City a hub for public health research, create high-quality jobs, and make New York the fairest city in America. New Metro North service in the Bronx can support economic recovery of the borough and the city in the wake of the pandemic, and station-area planning can bring much needed amenities and services to the neighborhoods of the East and South Bronx.

However, as the City and MTA face extreme financial challenges, stakeholders of all kinds – elected officials, community residents, businesses, institutions - must continue to advocate for the regional rail stations and service to support New York City's recovery. The new stations can be critical to kickstarting the recovery of the borough and city's economy by thoughtfully and pro-actively planning for job growth, supporting existing commercial corridors, and working to get New Yorkers back to work in the Bronx, the city, or the wider region.

The draft recommendations shared in this remote open house are a first attempt at understanding how we move forward amidst the current health, social, and financial crises. Your guidance and feedback on the recommendations in the coming weeks will be fundamental to the plan's success as we seek to understand and respond to changing priorities during COVID.

Through the public planning process, you and your neighbors have already helped develop planning objectives that have only grown in importance as we confront COVID. These include:

- Create new or expanded open spaces where people can relax, play, and enjoy the outdoors.
- Help residents of the Bronx access opportunities for jobs in the borough, the city, and the region.
- Ensure affordable homes are available across the East and South Bronx.
- Help address longstanding health inequities, which have exacerbated the pandemic's impact on Bronxites, by working to reduce systemic barriers to good health. To address this we must plan for:
  - Access to transit that reduces reliance on automobile use and the pollution that comes with it.
  - Expanded healthy food options.
  - Convenient mixed-use neighborhoods that allow residents to accomplish their daily tasks within walking distance from home.

After you have viewed the recommendations, we encourage you to join the conversation, share your priorities, and provide your own guidance as a member of the community.



Photo: Restaurant outdoor dining, Bronx



Photo: Food distribution center, Bronx

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# HOW TO READ THE RECOMMENDATION BOARDS ?

## 1. NAVIGATION BAR:

This text tells you where you are.  
For instance, this is the "Land Use and Placemaking: Neighborhood Center" category of the Vibrant Communities section.

## 2. ISSUE/OPPORTUNITY:

This text explains the issue or opportunity to be addressed by each set of objectives and recommendations. These came out of conversations with the community.

## 3. OBJECTIVE:

The objectives state what we are trying to accomplish with each set of recommendations and are a response to the issue/opportunity identified.

## 4. RECOMMENDATIONS:

These are the recommendations for how to carry out the objective identified above

## 5. IMPLEMENTATION:

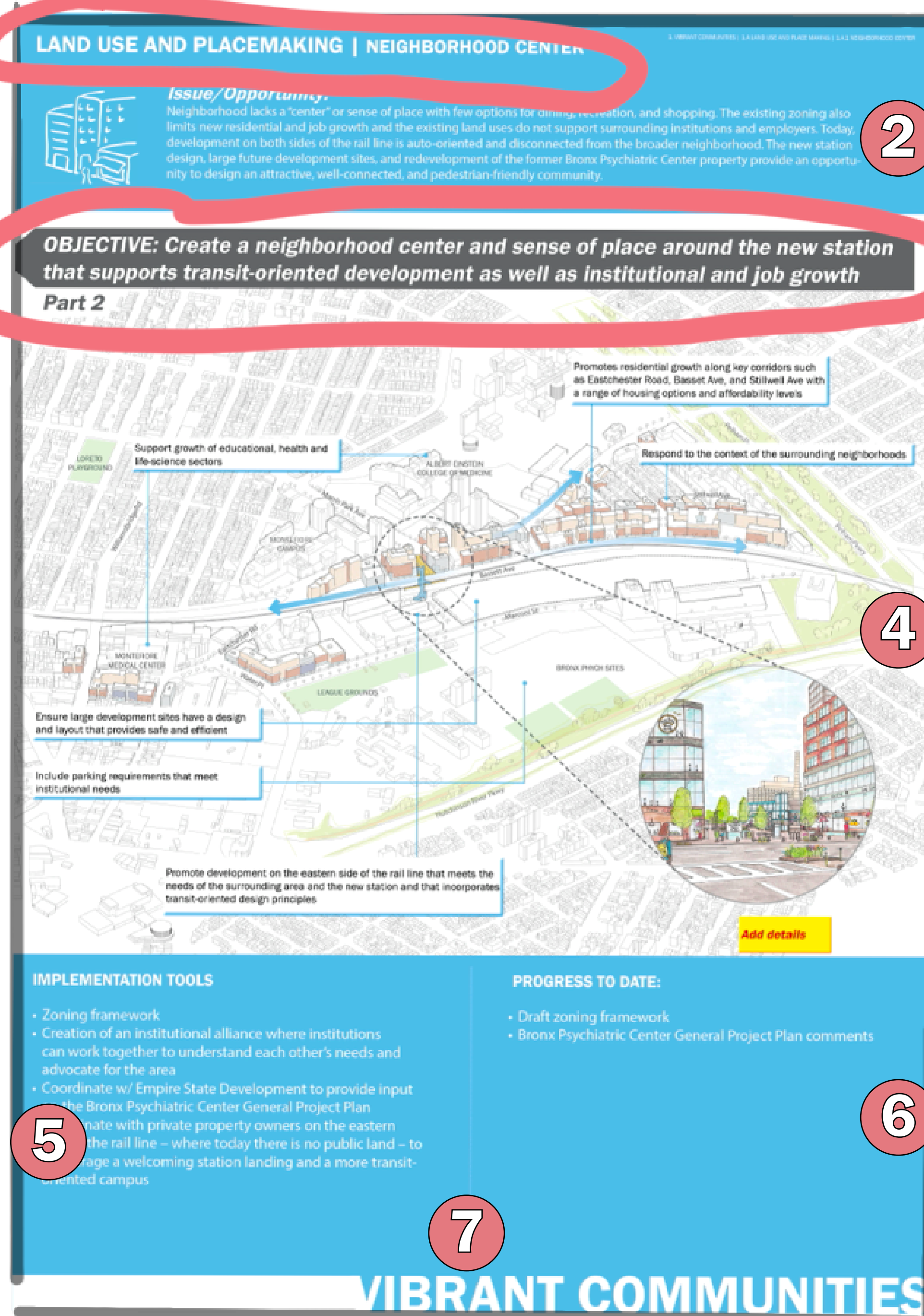
This section identifies how and by whom the above recommendations might be addressed

## 6. PROGRESS TO DATE:

This section identifies the progress to date the city has made, over the course of study, to advance certain recommendations.

## 7. SECTION TITLE:

This bar identifies which of the three major categories or recommendations (Vibrant Communities, Working Communities, or Connected Communities) you're in. Each of these categories is also associated with its own color (blue, purple, and orange, respectively)



### ACRONYMS

HPD - Housing Preservation and Development  
DPR - Department of Parks and Recreation  
DOT - Department of Transportation  
MIH - Mandatory Inclusionary Housing  
TOD - Transit Oriented Development  
BID - Business Improvement District

FDNY - Fire Department  
NYPD - Police Department  
DCLA - Department of Cultural Affairs  
MTA - Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency  
ZCFR - Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency

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- B. STATION AREA AND ACCESS
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*Working Communities, which focuses on growing jobs and connecting Bronxites to them*

## 3.CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

- A. VEHICULAR ACCESS
- B. PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ACCESS

# WORKING COMMUNITIES

## CO-OP CITY

### OBJECTIVES:

1. Connect the Co-op City station area to major job hubs in Morris Park, Penn Station, and the region
2. Help Bronxites become aware of, qualified for, and connected to current and future job opportunities in the city and region



# CONNECTING TO THE REGION

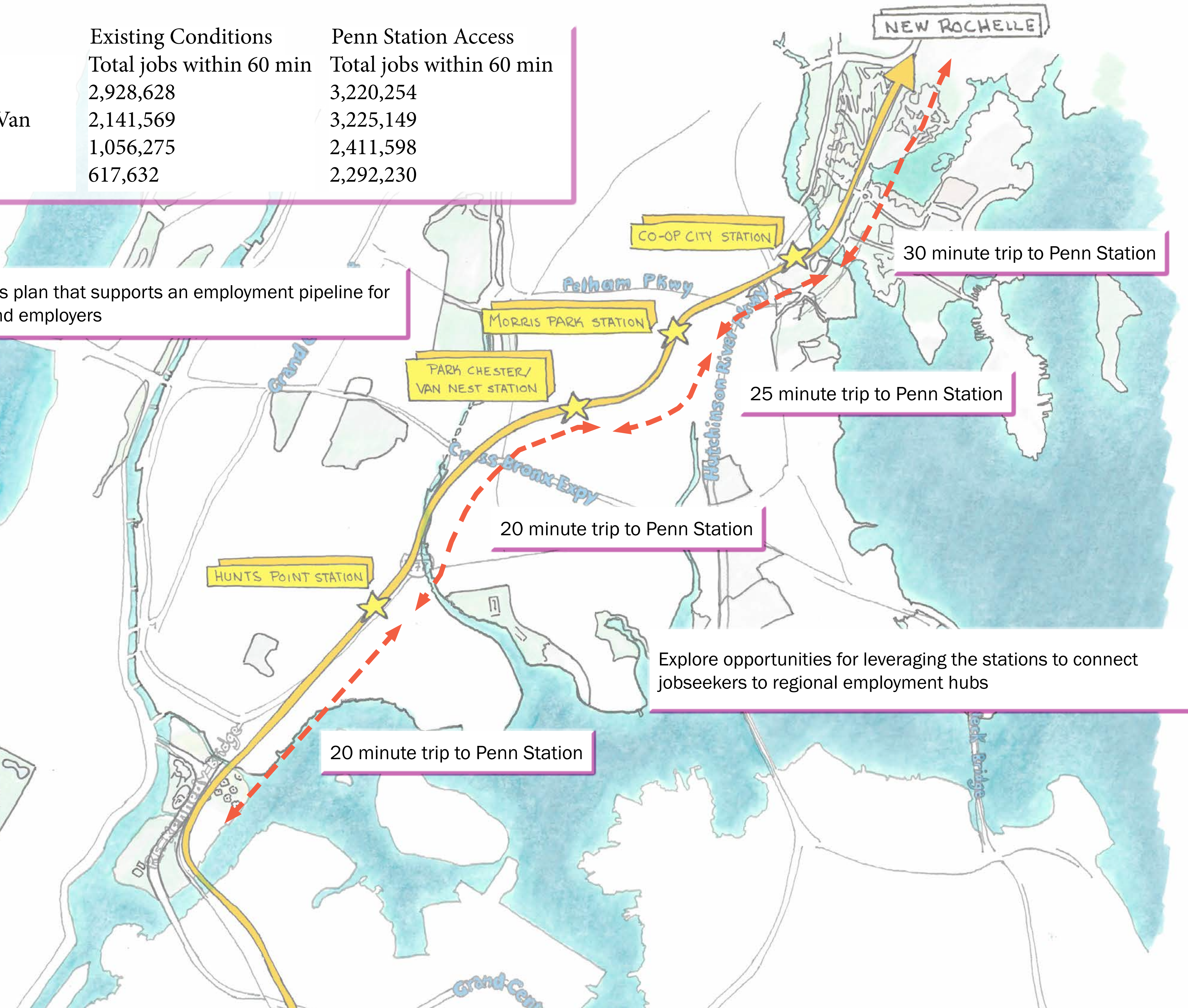
## Issue/Opportunity:

Co-op City is a dense and stable residential community that has limited subway and express bus access to Midtown, Hunts Point and other job centers and altogether lacks easy access to major jobs centers north of the city. New Metro North service in Co-op City offers opportunities for easier and faster access to major jobs centers north and south.

**OBJECTIVE: Connect Co-op City to major jobs hubs like Morris Park, Penn Station, and the region**

	Existing Conditions	Penn Station Access
	Total jobs within 60 min	Total jobs within 60 min
Hunts Point	2,928,628	3,220,254
Parkchester/Van Nest	2,141,569	3,225,149
Nest	1,056,275	2,411,598
Morris Park	617,632	2,292,230

Develop a jobs plan that supports an employment pipeline for jobseekers and employers



Explore opportunities for leveraging the stations to connect jobseekers to regional employment hubs

### IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS:

- BMNS Jobs Plan
- DOT Street Design Manual
- NYCT bus planning

### PLANNING TEAM PROGRESS TO DATE:

- Ongoing conversations with area institutions, such as Montefiore, and the City's Small Business Services and Workforce Development teams to better understand how to connect Bronxites to job opportunities
- Coordinated with NYC Transit Bus Redesign

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## Issue/Opportunity:

Bronxites are not always aware of, readily qualified for, and/or connected to job opportunities in the area, city or region. Local institutions and other major employers such as Montefiore, the largest employer in the Bronx, seek qualified employees for a range of positions.

**OBJECTIVE: Help Bronxites become aware of, qualified for, and connected to current and future job opportunities in the city and region**



Photo credits: NYCDCC At Bronx Job Fair



Work Force1 career centers @ nycmayorsoffice

**Create a place-based talent pipeline that addresses the needs and challenges of area residents and workers, and is rooted in their interests**

**Identify gaps and barriers for Bronx residents to access employment in the borough, such as at the Morris Park jobs center, with a focus on access to health care and life sciences jobs**

**Consult with the borough's largest employers to identify workforce and skills needs to fill existing and future jobs, with a focus on good-paying positions**

**Identify ways to better connect Bronxites to jobs in the area, the city, and the and region**

**Increase awareness among local job seekers of City programs, including training and job opportunities**

## IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS:

- Continued coordination among the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development, the Department of Small Business Services, and the New York City Economic Development Corporation
- Bring together Bronx employment and job networks, local organizations, service providers, institutions, and employers
- Resource fairs and SBS Mobile Outreach Unit to increase the awareness of jobseekers of services available to them, including City employment and training programs
- Train community-facing organizations on how to use the WorkingNYC and Career Ready NYC web sites as resources for their customers
- WorkForce1 Career Centers

## PLANNING TEAM PROGRESS TO DATE:

- The City launched efforts with institutions, workforce organizations, and community groups to discuss workforce needs and strategies. As part of an ongoing effort this will include organizations such as the Bronx Community College, the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, Hostos Community College, Lehman College, Workforce Professionals Training Institute, and NYC Employment and Training Coalition.
- Studied socio-economic and employment data to begin identifying potential challenges and opportunities of workforce landscape



**To voice your opinion on these recommendations, [click here](#)**

**To see how the study seeks to make Co-op City a:**

***Connected Community*, [click here: \[links to pdf\]](#)**

***Vibrant Community*, [click here: \[links to pdf\]](#)**

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