

BRONX METRO-NORTH

Co-op City Station Area Public Workshop Recap



OVERVIEW AND EVENT DESCRIPTION

On Tuesday, July 16th, City agencies and the MTA invited residents and other local stakeholders to join them at the Bartow Community Center in the heart of Co-op City to talk about future Metro-North service in their neighborhood. A diverse group of community members, area 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 related to pedestrian safety and access, connections to existing transit, and more. Some of the activities included:

- A station where MTA/MN staff was on hand to discuss overall service and the proposed Co-op City station
- City agencies were available to discuss information related to area economics, small businesses, existing travel patterns, and open space.
- An opportunity for participants to share their vision for the future station area.
- An interactive exercise focused on access to the station where agency staff and on-hand urban designers mapped out the routes people would most likely be using to get to/from the station as relayed by participants.
- One-on-one conversations with city staff using large-scale maps of the station area. This was an opportunity to think through specific challenges and opportunities regarding what is needed in the area to make a successful station area, with a focus on the location of particularly challenging or unsafe stretches of roadway or intersections.
- Local knowledge drove each conversation and helped provide invaluable insight to city agencies about needed improvements to ensure planning around coming stations is as beneficial to the community as possible. As the country's largest cooperative housing development, the event was a special opportunity to learn from residents of Co-op City and to ensure that their unparalleled understanding of connectivity and other challenges shapes planning work around the station area.

NEXT STEPS

We're compiling all that we've heard to date and we look forward to sharing it with you and your neighbors at an upcoming public open house to be scheduled for later in 2019. This will be an opportunity to learn about and comment on a recommendations not only for the Hunts Point station area, but for all four of the upcoming Metro-Norths stations at Co-op City, Morris Park, Parkchester/Van Nest, and Hunts Point.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

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Participants shared their vision for the station area with city agencies, touching on everything from improving job access to identifying dangerous or problematic intersections and roadways. Agencies were on-hand to answer questions and provide detailed information related to the study and MTA staff were present to respond to participants' questions about the status of station work.



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