

BRONX METRO-NORTH

Morris Park Station Area Public Workshop Recap



OVERVIEW AND EVENT DESCRIPTION

On Tuesday, December 11th, City agencies and the MTA invited residents and other local stakeholders to join them at Montefiore Einstein's campus in the Morris Park section of the Bronx to talk about the future of their neighborhoods. Over 120 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 conditions around the station area — including along Morris Park Ave near Bassett Ave and Eastchester Rd — and to envision what their ideal future for the area 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.
- Participants also engaged in one-on-one conversations with city staff using a 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, 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 area could be developed to the greatest benefit of the community in the future.
- Participants also saw their visions come to life as urban designers worked with them in small groups or one-on-one to translate their visions into street-level sketches.

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 early 2019. This will be an opportunity to learn about and comment on a preliminary set of priorities, recommendations, and strategies for the Parkchester/Van Nest and Morris Park station areas based on everything we've heard.

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 or sign up for our email list by emailing us at BMNS@planning.nyc.gov.



