WELCOME/BIENVENIDOS

PARKCHESTER/VAN NEST

PUBLIC WORKSHOP/TALLER PÚBLICO

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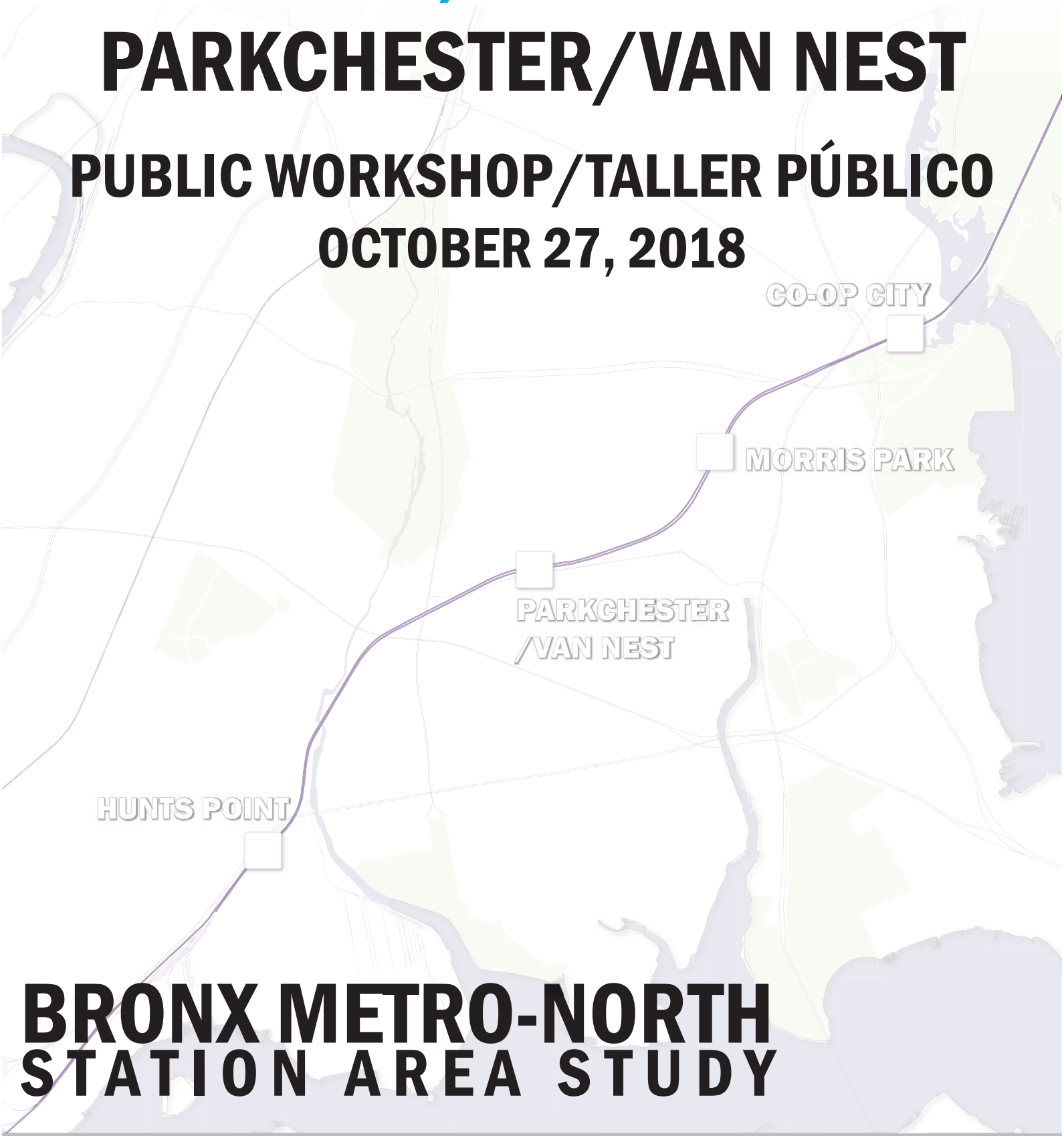

BRONX METRO-NORTH
STATION AREA STUDY

Suggested Route

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Interactive activities have been indicated in pink.

Ruta Sugerida

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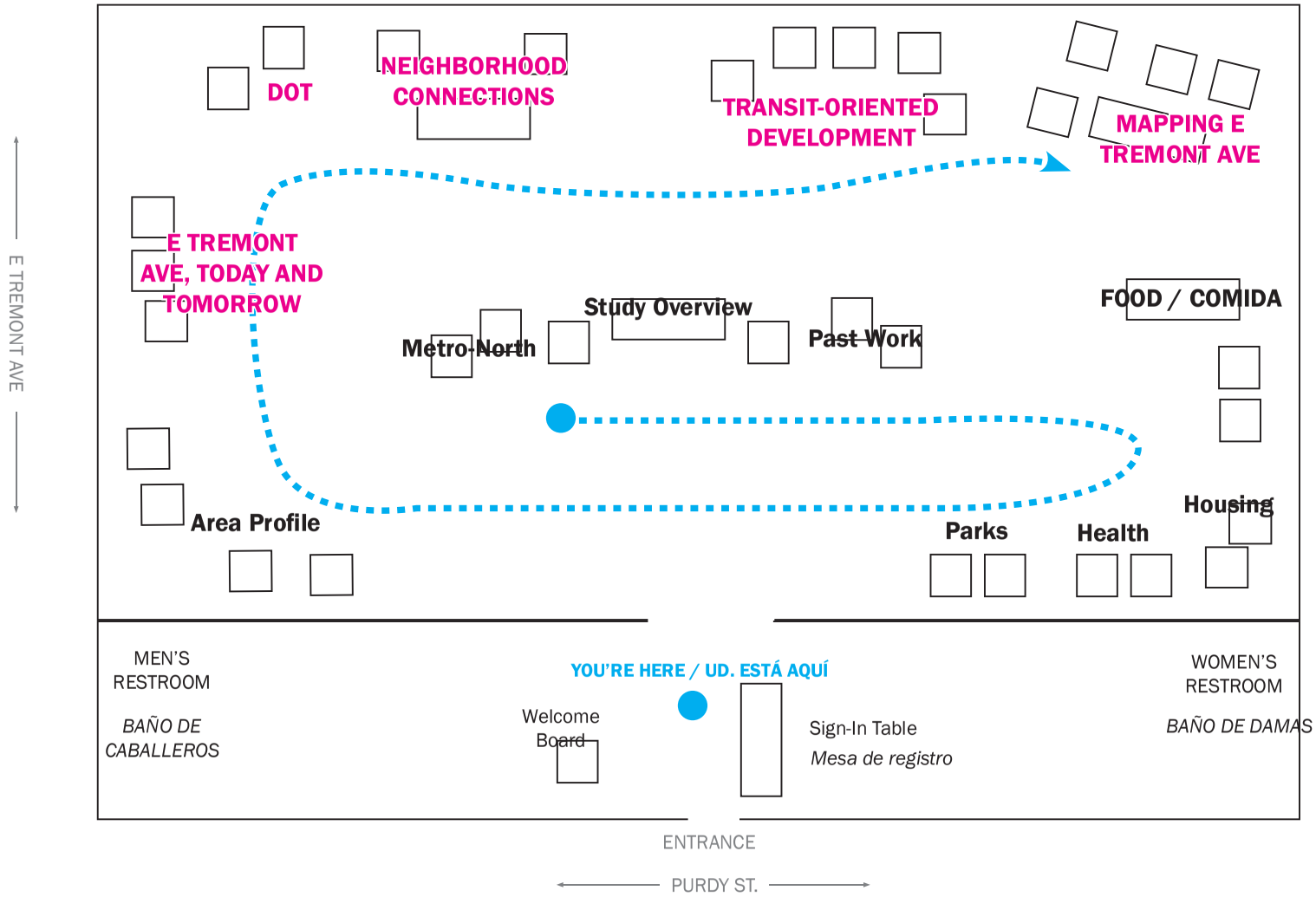
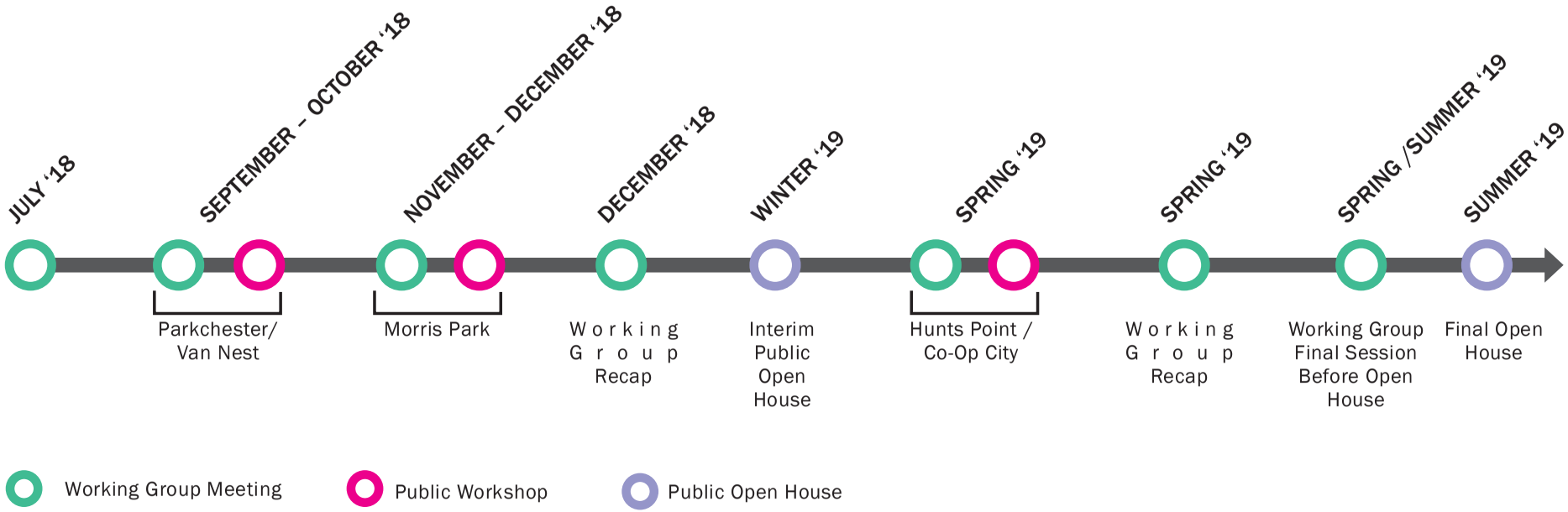


STUDY TIMELINE

Over the course of the coming year, the Working Group will **work with local stakeholders and institutions, as well as the MTA, on a comprehensive study** of new Metro North station areas.

The Working Group will **oversee the study, shape a driving vision, guide public outreach, help convene area stakeholders, and set priorities and recommendations** for each station-area.



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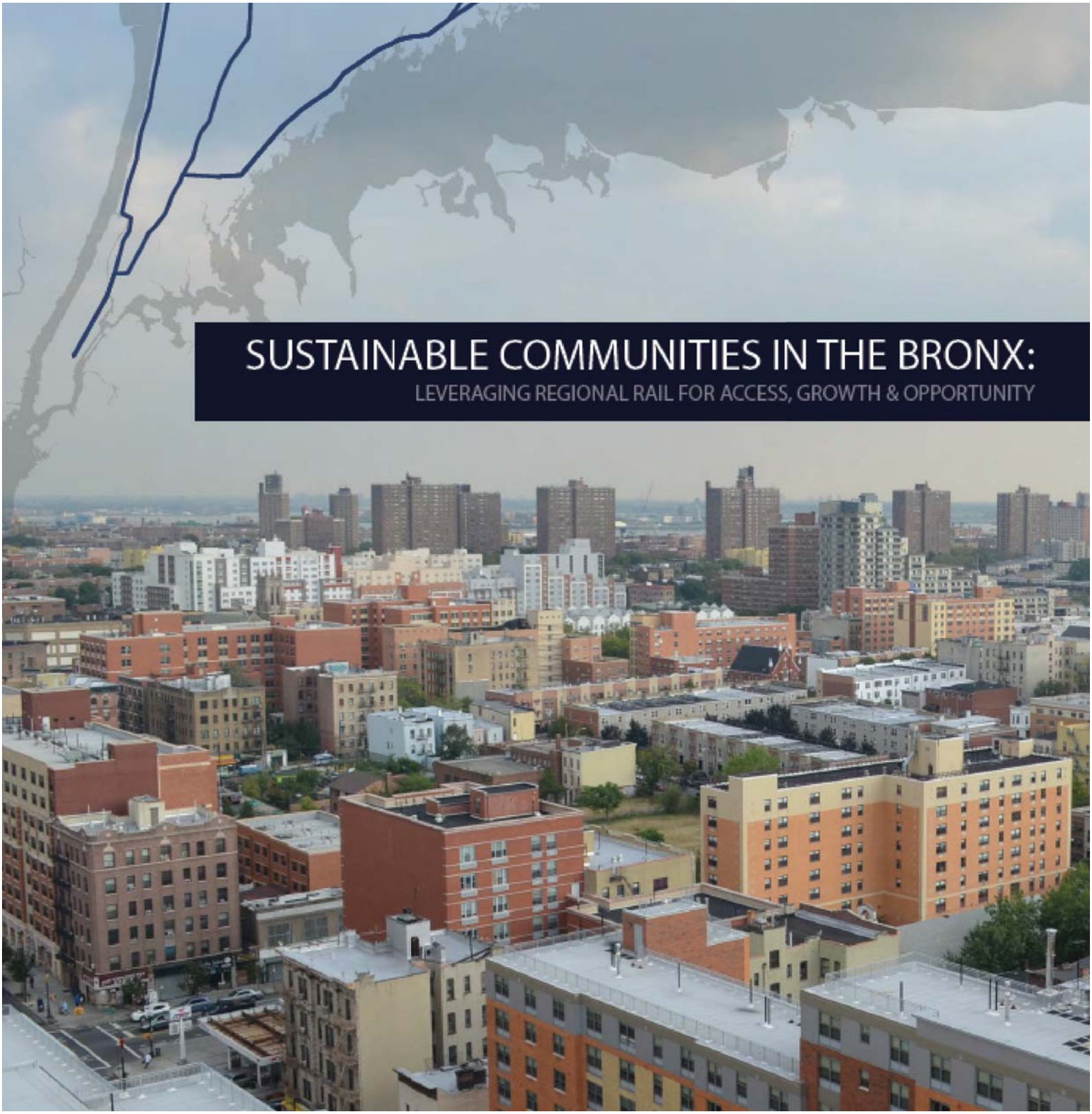
STATION AREA STUDY: Parkchester/Van Nest

BUILDING ON PAST WORK:

2014 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES IN THE BRONX REPORT



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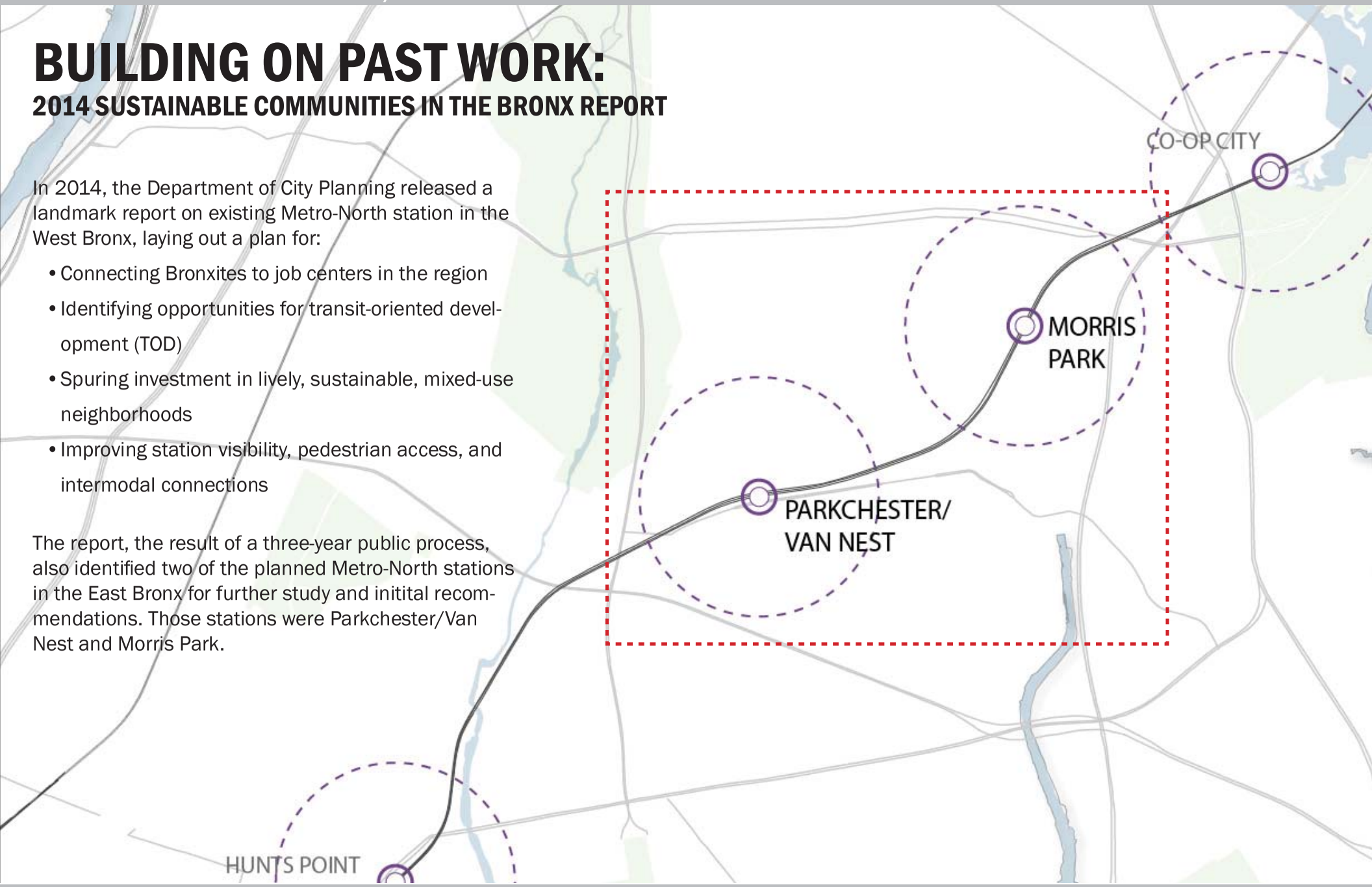
BUILDING ON PAST WORK:

2014 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES IN THE BRONX REPORT

In 2014, the Department of City Planning released a landmark report on existing Metro-North station in the West Bronx, laying out a plan for:

- Connecting Bronxites to job centers in the region
- Identifying opportunities for transit-oriented development (TOD)
- Spuring investment in lively, sustainable, mixed-use neighborhoods
- Improving station visibility, pedestrian access, and intermodal connections

The report, the result of a three-year public process, also identified two of the planned Metro-North stations in the East Bronx for further study and initital recommendations. Those stations were Parkchester/Van Nest and Morris Park.



BUILDING ON PAST WORK:

2014 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES IN THE BRONX REPORT

Recommendations for all four stations included:

Transportation:

- Collaboration with MTA around station-area planning
- Development of strategies to address pedestrian circulation and safety needs to enhance access to the stations
- Coordination of transit services to better connect to and from station areas
- Improving station visibility, pedestrian access, and intermodal connections

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Recommendations for the Parkchester/Van Nest and Morris Park stations included:

Land Use Issues:

- Refine recommendations on levels of growth and uses in opportunity areas to include zoning districts
- Understand market needs and opportunities around each station area –both housing and commercial

Economic Development Issues:

- Understand opportunities for economic development and job growth to support existing development and meet borough and city-wide needs.
- Identification of infrastructure investments (sewers and drainage, transportation, broadband, schools, e.g.) needed to support station area growth and redevelopment.

Previous recommendations around the Parkchester/Van Nest (top) and Morris Park (bottom) station areas

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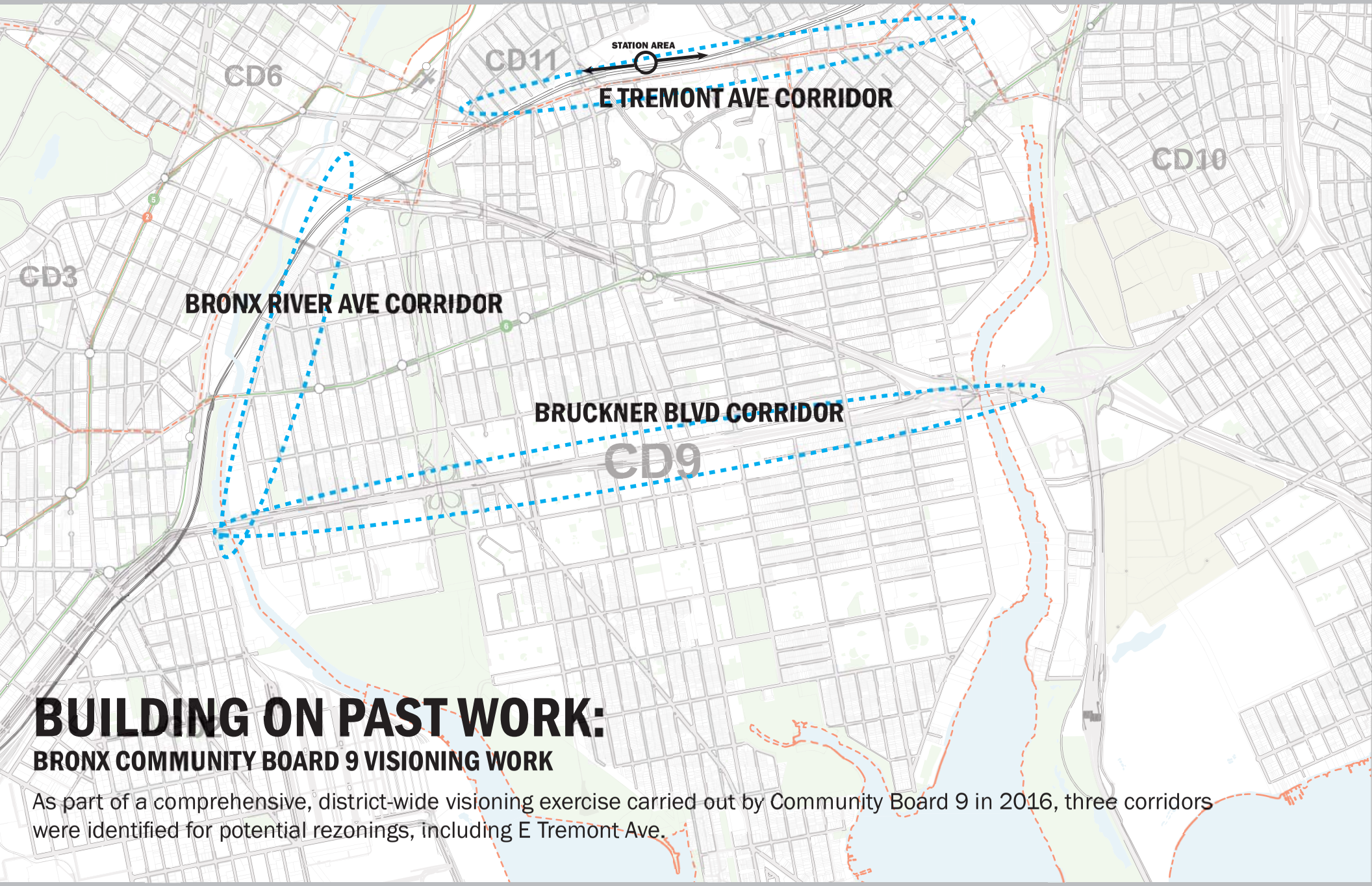
STATION AREA STUDY: Parkchester/Van Nest



BUILDING ON PAST WORK:

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 9 VISIONING WORK

As part of a comprehensive, district-wide visioning exercise carried out by Community Board 9 in 2016, three corridors were identified for potential rezonings, including E Tremont Ave.

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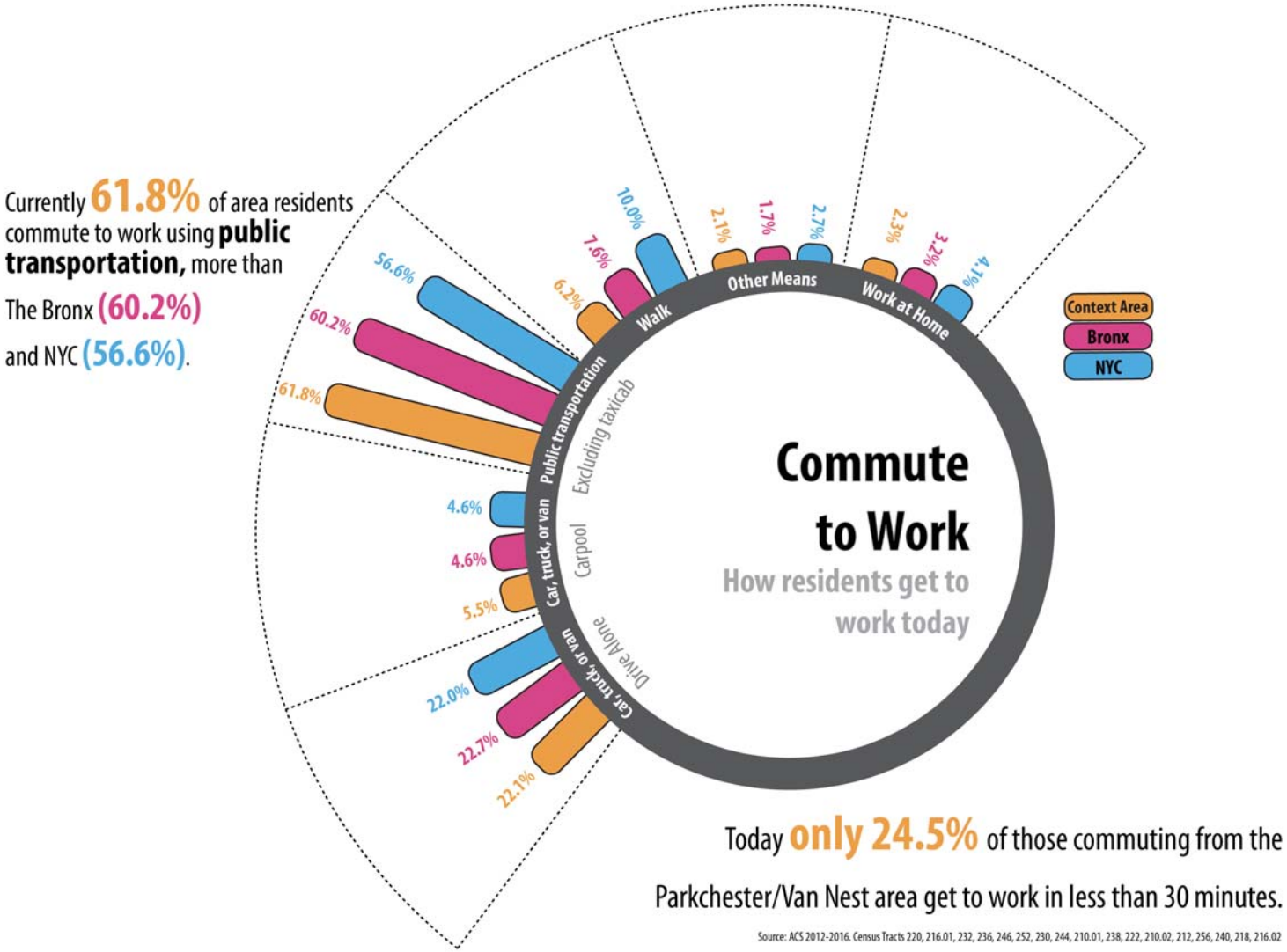
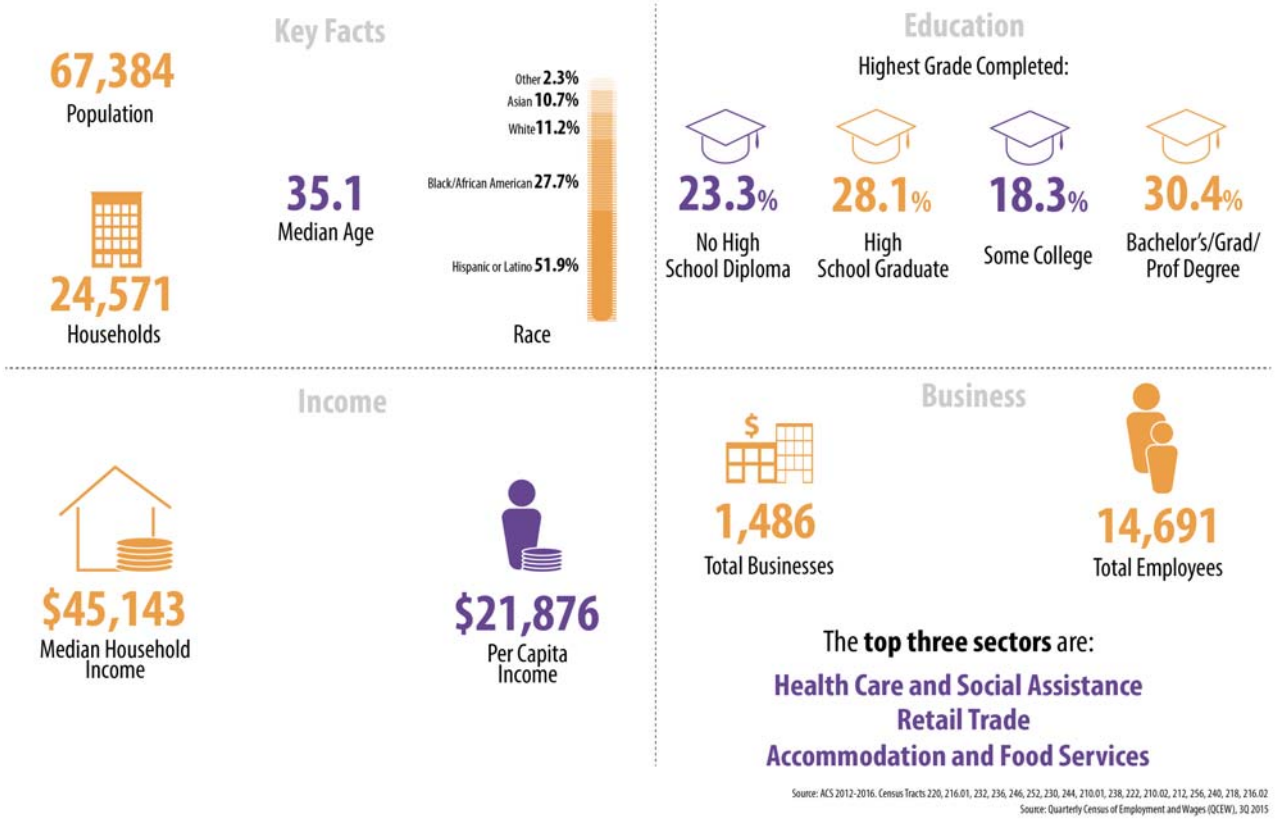
STATION AREA STUDY: Parkchester/Van Nest



COMMUTING

Within the half-mile area around the planned Parkchester/Van Nest station area, a significant majority of residents commuting to work from the Parkchester/Van Nest station area use public transportation today — 61.8%. This is higher than the average for the Bronx (60.2%) and for the City at large (56.6%).

However, today only a quarter of area residents can get to work in thirty minutes or less. New Metro-North service will provide an additional option for Bronxites traveling to jobs centers in Westchester County, southeast Connecticut, and Midtown Manhattan. The trip to the important and growing jobs center that surrounds Penn Station — including Hudson Yards — will be access via a 25 minute trip via new Metro-North service.



DEMOGRAPHICS

The half-mile area surrounding the Parkchester/Van Nest station is home to a diverse population of over 67,000 people, housed in a range of typologies, from the master planned community of Parkchester, to the low-scale neighborhoods and quiet streets of Van Nest.

The area surrounding Parkchester/ Van Nest is also home to an important concentration of businesses, totaling more than 1,400 and employing as many as 14,691 individuals.

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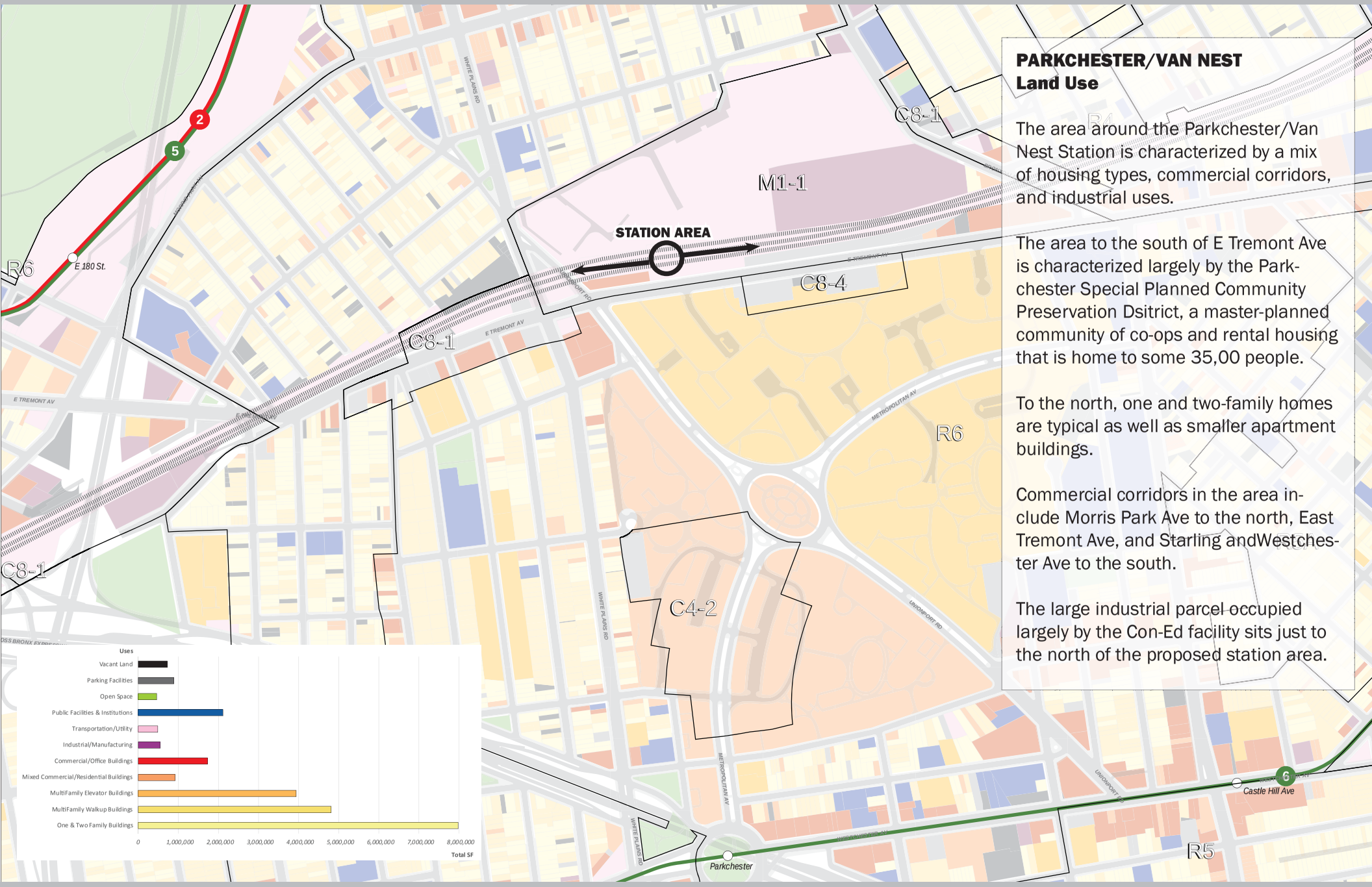
STATION AREA STUDY: Parkchester/Van Nest



PARKCHESTER/VAN NEST
Land Use

The area around the Parkchester/Van Nest Station is characterized by a mix of housing types, commercial corridors, and industrial uses.

The area to the south of E Tremont Ave is characterized largely by the Parkchester Special Planned Community Preservation Dsitrict, a master-planned community of co-ops and rental housing that is home to some 35,00 people.

To the north, one and two-family homes are typical as well as smaller apartment buildings.

Commercial corridors in the area include Morris Park Ave to the north, East Tremont Ave, and Starling andWestchester Ave to the south.

The large industrial parcel occupied largely by the Con-Ed facility sits just to the north of the proposed station area.

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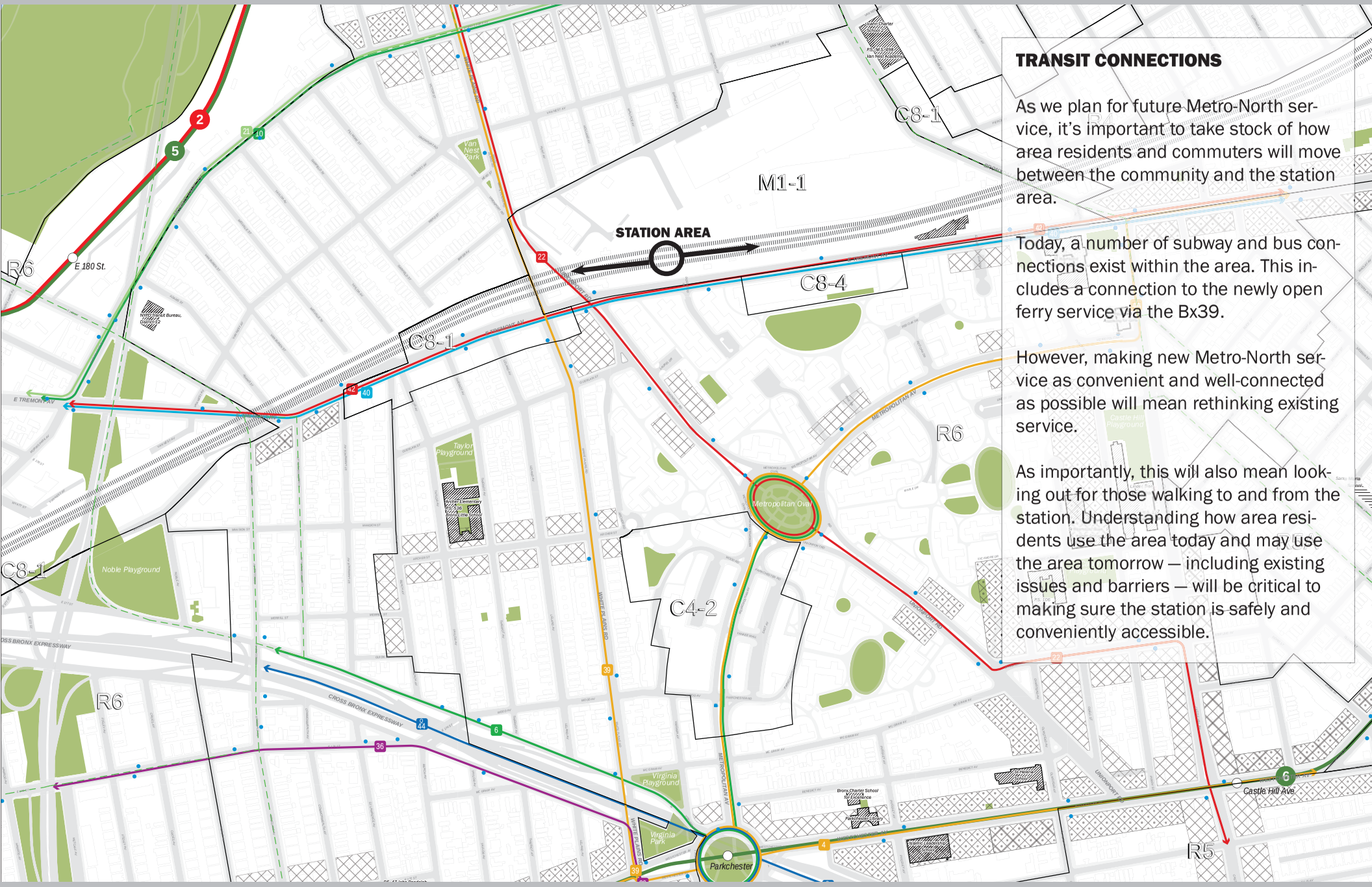


TRANSIT CONNECTIONS

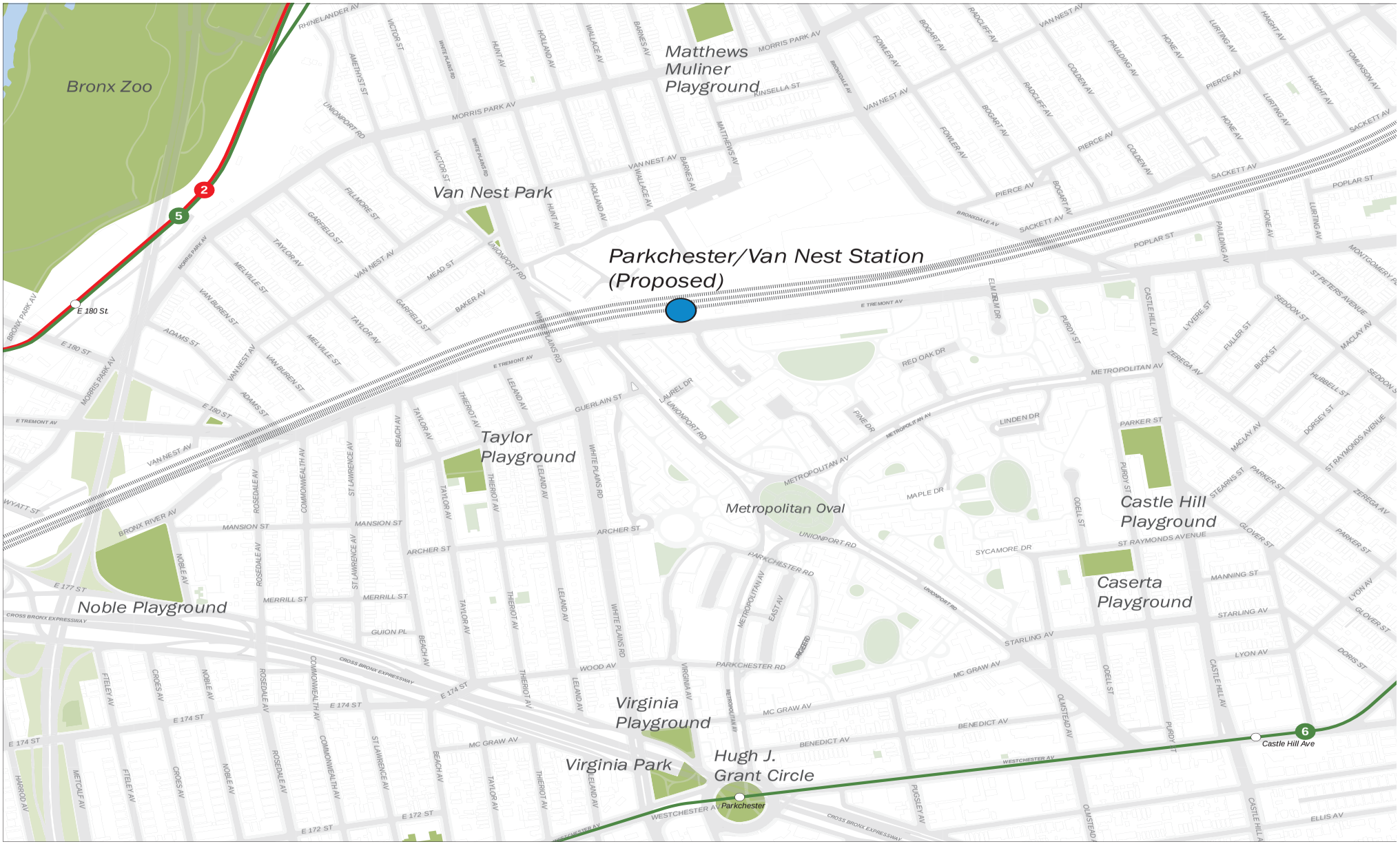
As we plan for future Metro-North service, it's important to take stock of how area residents and commuters will move between the community and the station area.

Today, a number of subway and bus connections exist within the area. This includes a connection to the newly open ferry service via the Bx39.

However, making new Metro-North service as convenient and well-connected as possible will mean rethinking existing service.

As importantly, this will also mean looking out for those walking to and from the station. Understanding how area residents use the area today and may use the area tomorrow — including existing issues and barriers — will be critical to making sure the station is safely and conveniently accessible.

Parks & Open Space



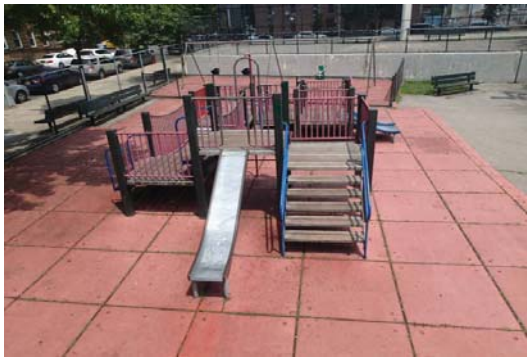
PARKS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Caserta Playground

Castle Hill Playground

Virginia Park

Van Nest Playground



Taylor Playground

Wood Park

PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY

Van Nest Park
[Seating Plaza & Veteran War Memorial
Flag Pole Construction]

Hugh Grant Circle and Virginia Park
(Parks without Borders)
[New pavement, lighting, & landscape accessibility]

Noble Playground Comfort Station

Parks & Open Space

What park do you visit the most?

How do you get there? (Car, Bus, Subway, Walk, etc)

What's your favorite thing to do in your park?

VISION ZERO
BY THE NUMBERS

832 LPIs

or Leading Pedestrian Intervals installed in 2017.

24.9 miles

of protected bike lanes installed in 2017. In total, more than 60 miles have been installed since the start of Vision Zero.

Left turn calming treatments installed at **110 intersections** in 2017.

390 speed humps

1,300 schools

in priority locations received safety education since the start of Vision Zero.

AHEAD

SPEED LIMIT 25

1,287,968

automated speeding Notices of Liability issued in 2017.

Traffic Fatalities

STRATEGIES for TRANSPORTATION

DESIGN NYCDOT Street Design Elements

TOOL BOX

Public Plaza

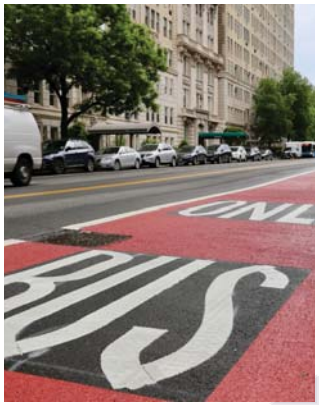
Protected Bike Lane

Pedestrian Island

Traffic Calming: *Before*

Traffic Calming: *After* (lane removal)

Bus Stop Under the El



Bus Lanes

Street Light

City Bench

CityRack

Wayfinding

Neckdowns

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STATION AREA STUDY: Parkchester/Van Nest

Workforce trends

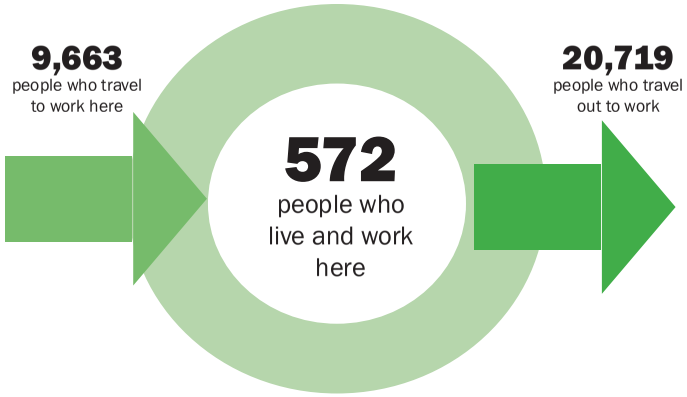
Slightly under 3% of the people who live in the study area also work within it; 97.3% of the residents of the study area work outside of the neighborhood. Most residents commute via public transportation, and residents with commutes averaging between 60 and 89 minutes represent the largest cohort of commuters. **More than twice as many people live in the area and commute out than commute to the area from elsewhere today.**

59K
residents

14K
workers who travel here

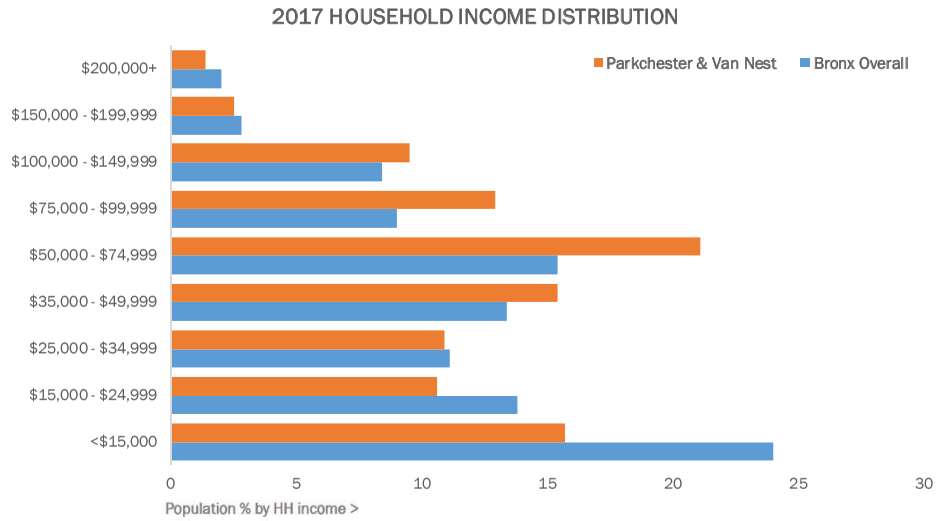
1.5K
businesses

Inflow and Outflow of Jobs



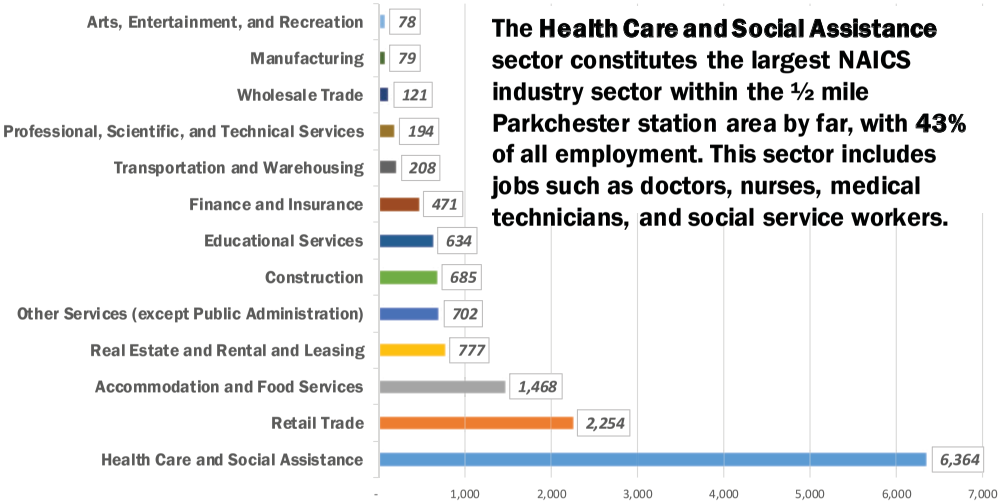
Workforce Incomes

Household incomes in Parkchester/Van Nest trend closer to the middle of the income distribution than those of the Bronx at large, as shown below:



Workforce Sectors

Healthcare is a major employer in the Bronx, and Parkchester/Van Nest mirrors that trend. Within the last decade, the Arts and Entertainment sector has seen the highest growth, followed by Public Administration.



The Health Care and Social Assistance sector constitutes the largest NAICS industry sector within the ½ mile Parkchester station area by far, with 43% of all employment. This sector includes jobs such as doctors, nurses, medical technicians, and social service workers.

Data Source: QCEW 2016

Health

1. What are your primary health concerns for this area?

2. Are there aspects of the neighborhood that you feel promote good health?

3. What are the primary challenges in the neighborhood that keep it from being as healthy as it might be?

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HEALTH/SALUD

ABOUT US:

The mission of the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene is to protect and promote the health of all New Yorkers.

SOBRE NOSOTROS:

La misión del Departamento de Salud e Higiene Mental de la Ciudad de Nueva York es proteger y promover la salud de todos los neoyorquinos.

OUR BLUEPRINT/NUESTRO PLAN

DOHMH's Take Care NY established four broad categories for the major goals of our work:
DOHMH's Take Care NY estableció cuatro amplias categorías para los objetivos principales de nuestro trabajo:

Promote Healthy Childhoods
Promover la Infancia Saludable

Create Healthier Neighborhoods
Crear Vecindarios Más Saludables

Support Healthy Living
Apoyar Una Vida Saludable

Increase Access to Quality Care
Aumentar el Acceso a la Atención de Calidad

Did you know? ¿Sabías?

DOHMH is committed to explicitly naming racism in our work to protect and promote health.
DOHMH se compromete a nombrar explícita el racismo en nuestro trabajo para proteger y promover la salud.

For more information: Para obtener más información:

The Tremont Neighborhood Health Action Center is located at 1826 Arthur Avenue. It is open Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00pm.

El Centro de Accion de Salud Comunitarios del Bronx está ubicado en 1826 Arthur Avenue. Está ubicado en lunes-viernes desde 8:30-5:00pm.

TOOL BOX

What kind of tools, strategies or processes help fulfill our mission?
¿Qué tipo de herramientas, estrategias o procesos ayudan a cumplir nuestra misión?

- Research & Data
- NYC Health Code & Board of Health
- Neighborhood Health Action Centers
- Services
- Policy

- Investigaciones y datos
- NYC Health Code & Board of Health
- Los Centros de Accion de Salud Comunitarios
- Servicios
- Regulaciones

ASK ME!

For more information about the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, visit nyc.gov/health or find us on social media @ny-chealthy

Small Business Services

1. *What do you like best about the commercial corridors in your community? Which businesses do you most visit?*

2. *What are the biggest challenges facing your commercial corridors? What other businesses or services would you like to see?*

3. *What do small business owners most need along your commercial corridors?*

Housing

1. *What are the main issues with existing housing in the area?*

2. *Does the current housing stock meet the needs of the existing community?*

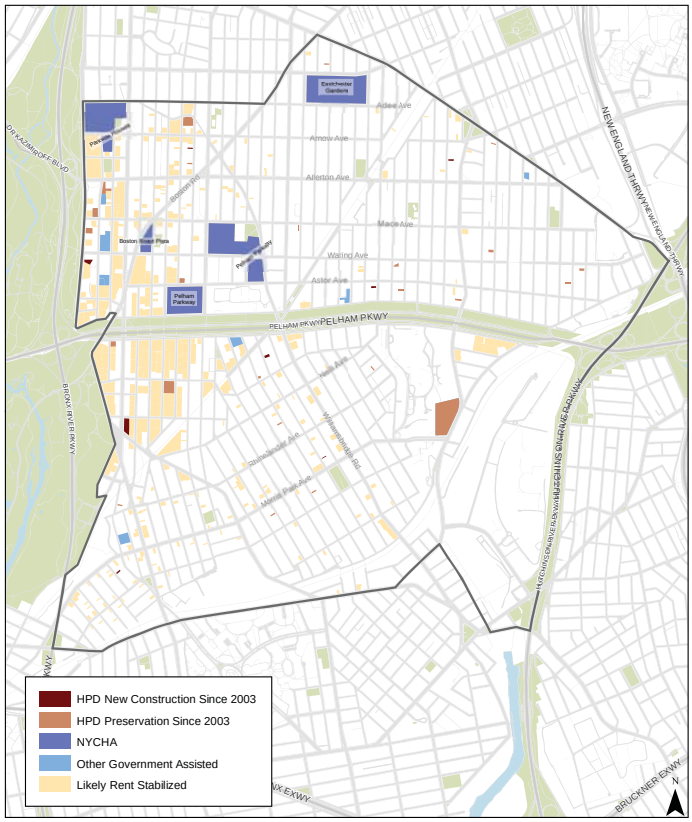
3. *What types of housing needs to grow i.e. seniors, low income, middle income, veterans, homeless etc.?*

Housing

CD9

- Half of the units are located in large buildings with more than fifty (50) units.
- The age of the housing stock is on trend with the age of New York City's housing stock.
- Community District 9 contains a large stock of both unregulated housing (51%) and units that are regulated by a government agency or public housing (47%).

Affordable Housing Stock
Community District 11, Bronx



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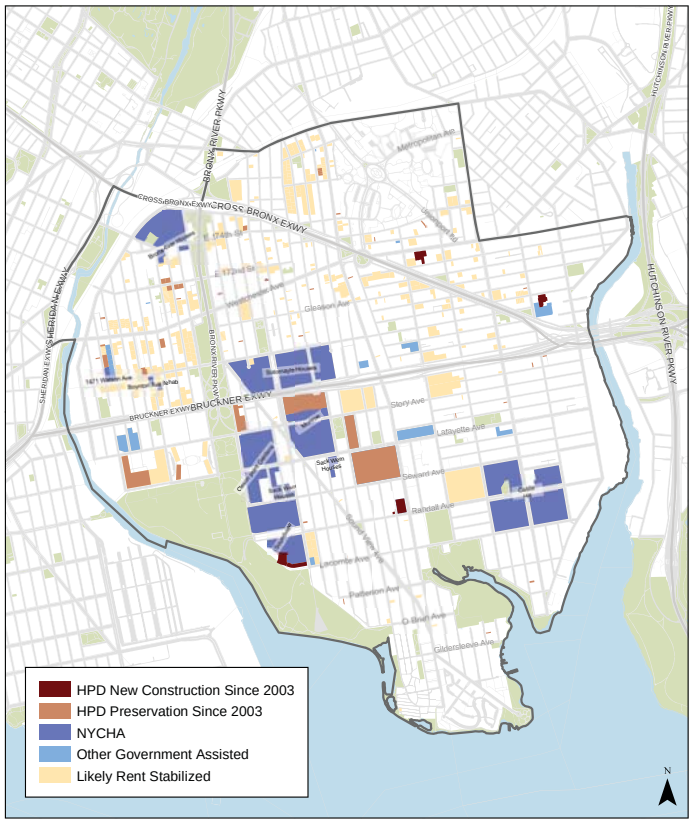
CD11

- About half of the units are located in small buildings with fewer than six (6) units.
- Compared to New York City (28%), a significantly larger share (40%) of the housing stock in CD 11 was built between 1947 and 1973. Half of the housing stock in CD 11 was built before 1947.
- Community District 11 contains a large stock of unregulated housing, while one-fifth of the units is regulated by a government agency or public housing.

Affordable Housing Stock
Community District 9, Bronx



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careers

WE PREPARE AND HELP NEW YORKERS TO FIND JOBS

and help businesses find the talent they need.

SERVICES

- **Develop job search skills** through résumé and interviewing workshops
- **Train local residents** to acquire skills in growing fields
- **Connect jobseekers** to employers with open positions

businesses

WE HELP BUSINESSES

start, operate, and grow.

SERVICES

- **Help minority and women-owned businesses (M/WBEs)** get City-certified and compete for contracts
- **Connect entrepreneurs** to free resources ranging from business courses to legal services
- **Explain** government rules and regulations
- **Help entrepreneurs** apply for funding to launch or grow a business

BUSINESS COURSES

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

FINANCING ASSISTANCE

INCENTIVES

NAVIGATING GOVERNMENT

RECRUITMENT

TRAINING

SELLING TO GOVERNMENT

M/WBE CERTIFICATION

neighborhoods

WE WORK WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

to build vibrant neighborhoods where New Yorkers can shop, work, and live.

SERVICES

- **Oversee the largest network of Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in the country,** which delivers more than $127 million in additional services throughout the five boroughs
- **Offer training, tools, and one-on-one assistance** to local community-based organizations
- **Administer grant programs** to strengthen and revitalize commercial districts
- **Work with community partners** to identify local commercial district needs and plan targeted solutions

Activity 1:
E Tremont Ave, Today and Tomorrow

Instructions

How does E Tremont Avenue feel to you today? We've been asking community stakeholders that question. Do any of their comments resonate with you?

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK:

1. Put a dot next to any statements you like
2. Use a post-it to tell us how you feel!

On your worksheet:
- Quickly note any comments you agree with
- Quickly note your own impressions of Tremont today and vision for tomorrow

Actividad 1:
E Tremont Ave, Hoy y Mañana

Instrucciones

¿Cómo te hace sentir E Tremont Avenue hoy? Hemos estado preguntándole eso a grupos de interés de la comunidad. ¿Algunos de sus comentarios resuenan contigo?

DÉJANOS SABER QUÉ PIENSAS:

1. Pon un punto al lado de las declaraciones que te gusten
2. ¡Utiliza un post-it para decirnos cómo te sientes!

En tu hoja de trabajo:
- Rápidamente anota cualquier comentario con el que estés de acuerdo
- Rápidamente anota tus impresiones de Tremont hoy y la visión para el mañana

Tremont Today:

"Overgrown brush along edges"

"Difficult to navigate for those with limited mobility. Unsafe"

"Few or no commercial spaces. Desolate"

"Nothing there, not a place"

"Congested"

"Traffic – busy"

"Will need improvements once the station comes"

"Issues with litter, few trash cans, long walks to the trash cans that exist due to lack of corssings"

"Inactive, univiting"

"Isolated. Is between neighborhoods, but is not one itself"

"No shade on sunny days"

"Too few crosswalks"

"Backdoor of the neighborhood"

"Few or no sidewalks. More needed"

"Large blocks, few crosswalks. Makes crossing difficult"

"Confusing – lack of way-finding signage"

Tremont Tomorrow:

"A gateway to both neighborhoods"

"A gateway to Parkchester"

"Revitalized"

"Pedestrian-friendly"

"CityBike"

"Lively"

"Food options"

"Coffee shops/bars"

"Inviting"

"Plazas/places to sit"

"Benches"

"Safe for walking"

"Pick-up/drop-off areas"

"Office spaces"

Tremont Hoy:

"La grama crece alta en los bordes"

"Es difícil navegar para aquellos con problemas de movilidad. No es seguro"

"Pocos on ningún espacio comercial. Desolado"

"No hay nada ahí, no es un lugar"

"Congestionado"

"Tráfico – concurrido"

"Necesitaremos mejoras cuando llegue la estación"

"Problemas con la basura, pocos basureros, largas caminatas a los basureros existentes debido a la falta de cruces peatonales"

"Inactive, univiting"

"Desolado. Entre vecindarios, pero no es uno por si solo"

"No hay sombra en días soleados"

"Muy pocos cruces peatonales"

"La parte trasera del vecindario"

"Pocas aceras. Se necesitan más"

"Cuadras grandes, pocos cruces peatonales. Cruzar es difícil"

"Confuso – carencia de señalización para orientarse"

Tremont Mañana:

"Un portal a ambos vecindarios"

"Un portal a Parkchester"

"Revitalizado

"Amigable a los peatones"

"CityBike"

"lleno de vida"

"Opciones de comida"

"Cafés/bares"

"Atractivo"

"Plazas/lugares para sentarse"

"Bancos para sentarse"

"Seguro para caminar"

"Espacios de oficina"

"Áreas de carga y descarga"

How does E Tremont Ave make you feel today? What's your vision for it in the future?

¿Cómo te hace sentir E Tremont Ave hoy? ¿Cuál es su visión para el área en el futuro?

Tremont Today / Tremont Hoy

Tremont Tomorrow / Tremont Mañana

Activity 2: Neighborhood Connections

Instructions

New service is about more than just the station — it's also about how we get to and from the station!

1. HOW WOULD YOU GET TO THE PROPOSED STATION? ***Use a dot to tell us how you envision getting to and from the station tomorrow.***

2. WHEREWILL YOU WALK? ***Tell us what you think would be you're most likely walking routes to and from the station. Our staff will help you map your route, including any issues you see along the way!***

3. WHERE WILL YOU TAKE THE TRAIN TO? ***How would you get to the proposed station? Use a dot to tell us how.***

Don't forget to take fill out your worksheet!

Actividad 2: Conexiones en el vecindario

Instrucciones

¡El nuevo servicio es más que solo la estación — es también sobre cómo llegamos y regresamos de la estación!

1. ¿CÓMO LLEGARÍAS A LA ESTACIÓN PROPUESTA? ***Usa un punto para decirnos cómo visualizas ir y llegar a la estación en el futuro.***

2. ¿DÓNDE CAMINARÁS? ***Dínos cuál piensas que sería la ruta a pie que más probablemente para ir y venir de la estación? ¡Nuestro personal te ayudará a dibujar tu ruta, incluyendo cualquier problema que veas en el camino!***

3. ¿A DÓNDE TOMARÍAS EL TREN? ***¿Cómo llegarías a la estació propuesta? Utiliza un punto para decirnos cómo.***

¡No te olvides de llenar tu hoja de trabajo!

Bronx Zoo
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E 180 St.
Potential Station Area (generally)
E TREMONT AV
MORRIS PARK AV
WHITE PLAINS RD
JACKSON AVE
UNIONPORT RD
METROPOLITAN AV
CASTLE HILL AV
CROSS BRONX EXPRESSWAY
BROADVALE AV
Matthews-Mulliner Playground
Van Nest Park
Taylor Playground
Noble Playground
Metropolitan Oval
Castle Hill Playground
Caserta Playground
Virginia Playground
Virginia Park
Parkchester
Castle Hill Ave
6
NYPD Transit Bureau, Bronx
PS 47 John Randolph
FDNY Engine 54, Ladder 42

Activity 2: Neighborhood Connections

How do you think you'll get to the station in the future?

Place a dot to indicate what you think will be your primary means of arriving at the future Metro-North station.

- [ ] Walked
- [ ] Subway
- [ ] Bus
- [ ] Regional rail
- [ ] Car (drove alone)
- [ ] Car (car pool service such as Uber or Lyft)
- [ ] Other

Where would you take Metro-North service in the future?

Place a dot to indicate what you think will be your primary means of arriving at the future Metro-North station.

- [ ] Westchester County
- [ ] Connecticut
- [ ] Manhattan
- [ ] Other

If you chose "other," please use a post-it to tell us more about where that might be:

Activity 2:
Conexiones en el vecindario

¿Cómo crees que llegarías a la estación propuesta?

Coloca un punto para indicar cuál crees que sería tu manera primordial para llegar a la estación futura de Metro North.

- [ ] Caminar
- [ ] Tren subterráneo
- [ ] Autobús
- [ ] Tren regional
- [ ] Auto (conducir solo)
- [ ] Auto (servicio compartido como Uber o Lyft)
- [ ] Otro

¿A dónde tomarías el servicio de Metro-North en el futuro?

Coloca un punto para indicar cuál piensas que sería tu medio primordial para llegar a la futura estación de Metro-North.

- [ ] Westchester County
- [ ] Connecticut
- [ ] Manhattan
- [ ] Otro

Si escogiste “otro,” por favor utilice un post-it para decirnos más sobre dónde sería:

Activity 3: Transit-Oriented Development

Instructions

What does a successful station area look like to you?

1. Use the dots that staff will give to you to indicate what you most value in a station area. You have six dots, tw for each category: streetscape & connections, open space resources, and land use
2. Use post-its to add elements that you think are missing from any of the three categories or for any comments in general.

On your worksheet, make a note to yourself about the things that you most valued. This will be helpful in our wrap-up activity!

Actividad 3: Desarrollo orientado al tránsito

Instrucciones

¿Qué parecería para ti una estación exitosa?

1. Utiliza los puntos que el personal te dará para indicar lo que más valoras en un área de una estación. Tienes seis puntos, dos para cada categoría: calles y conexiones, recursos del espacio público, y uso del suelo
2. Utiliza post-its para añadir elementos que piensas que hagan falta de cualquiera de las tres categorías o pra cualquier comentario en general.

En tu hoja de trabajo, haz una anotación para ti mismo sobre las cosas que más valoraste. ¡Esto será útil para la actividad de cierre!

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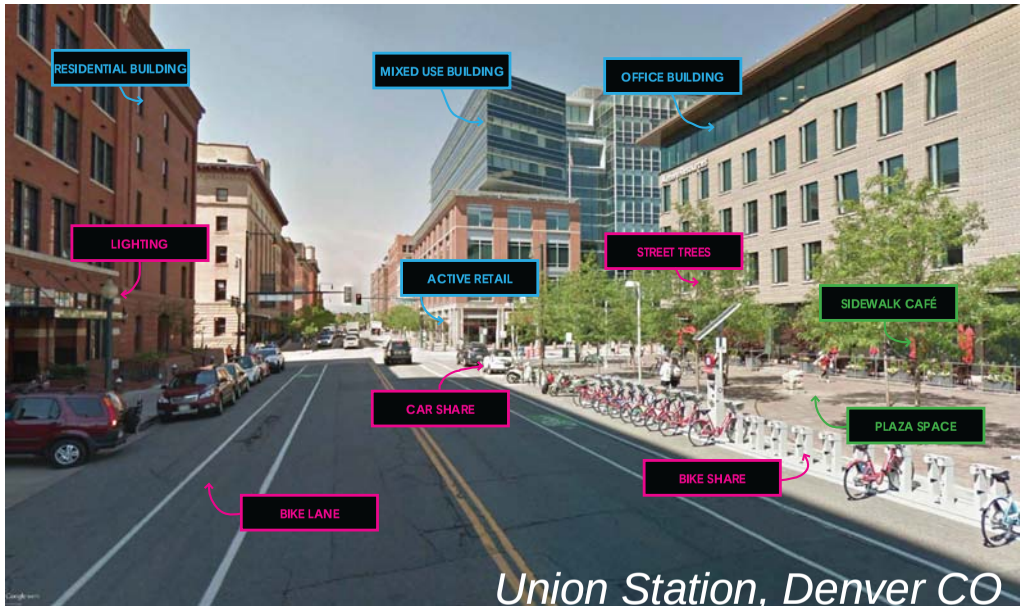
Station Area Surroundings Examples

Assembly Row, Boston MA



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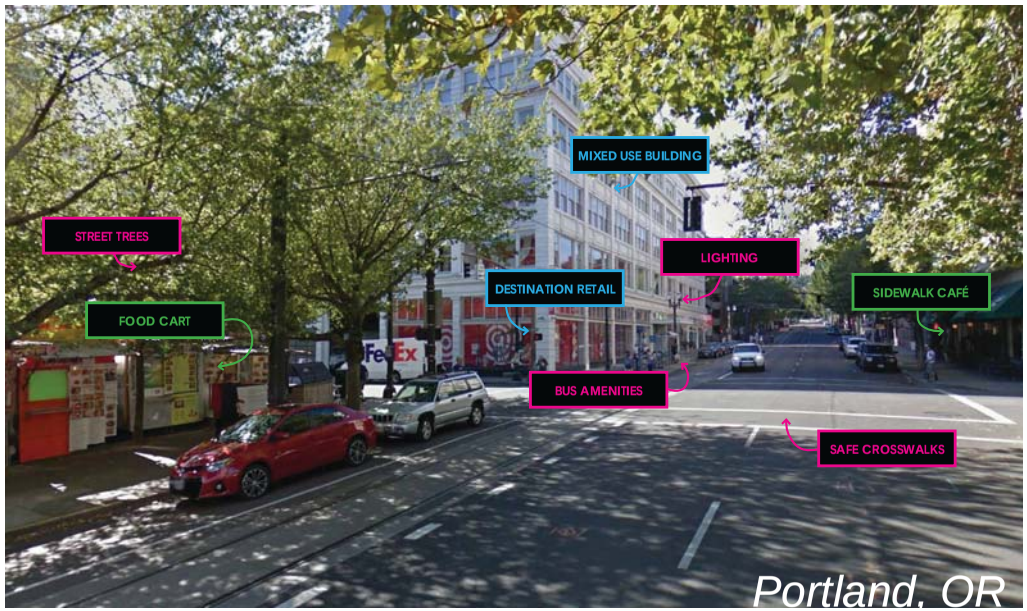

Portland, OR

30th Street Station, Philadelphia PA

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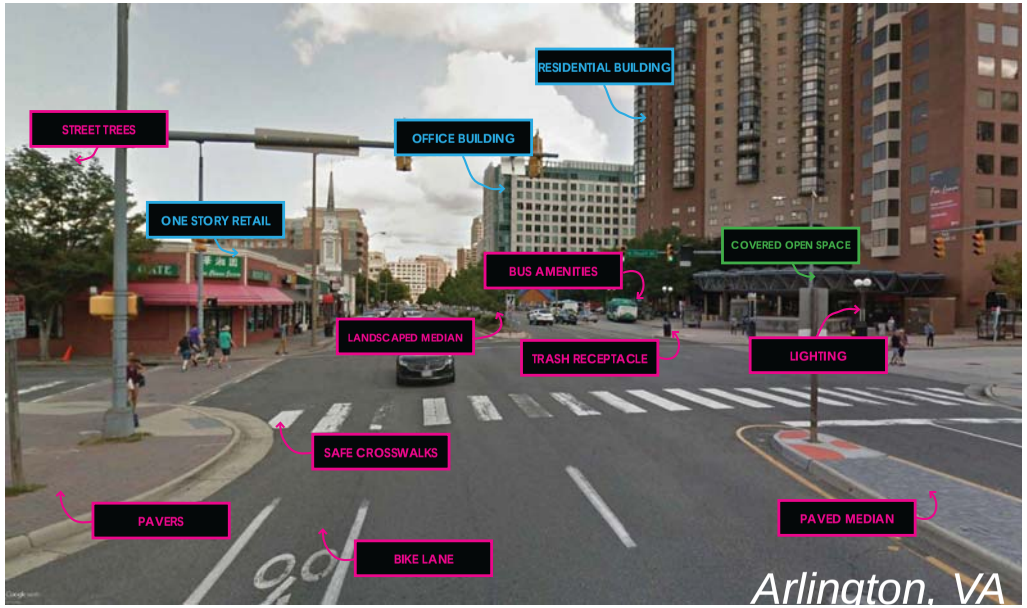

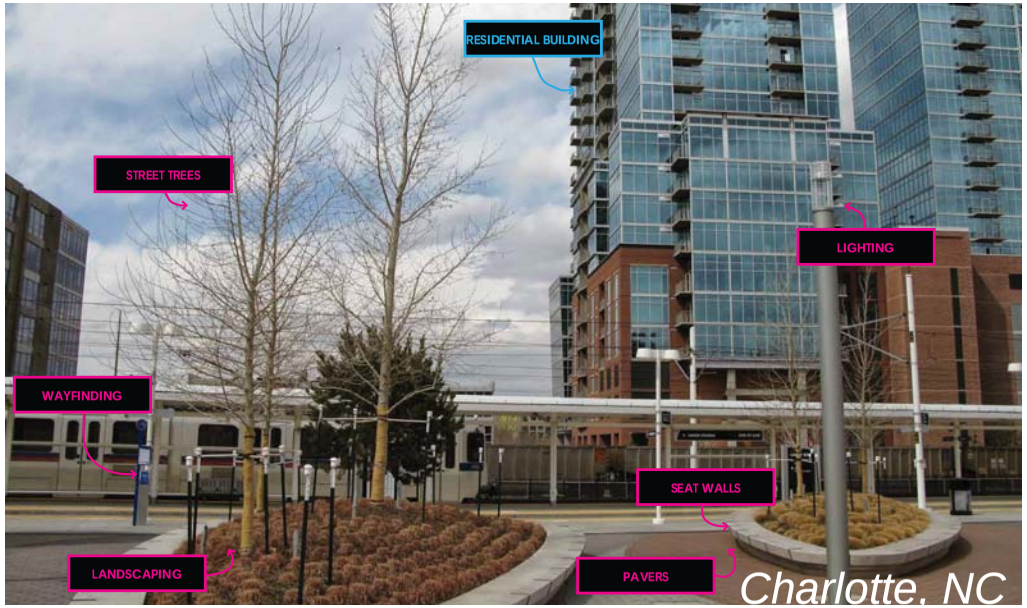

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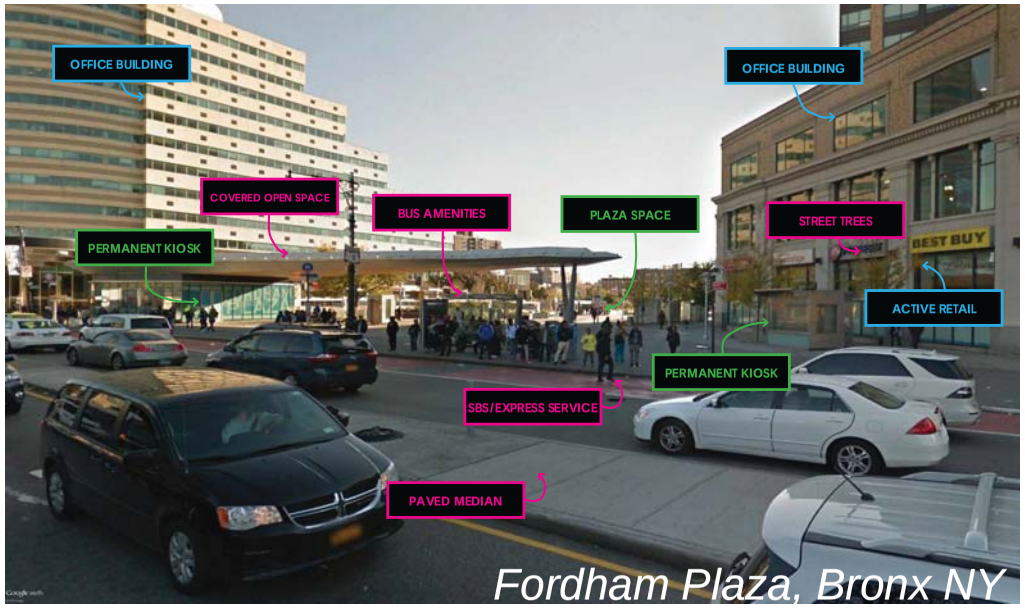
Fordham Plaza, Bronx NY



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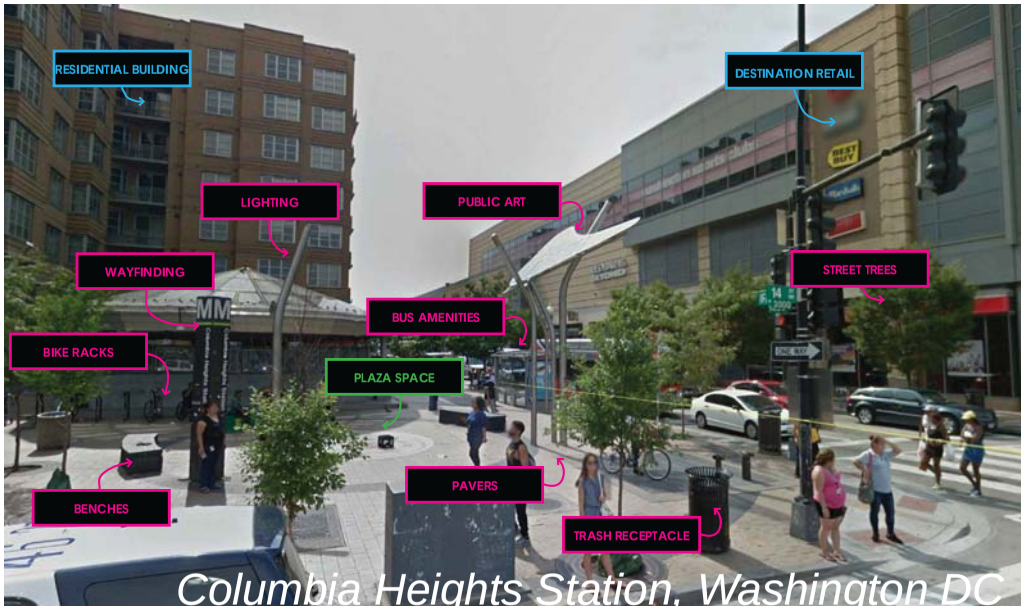

Columbia Heights Station, Washington DC

Station Area Surroundings Examples

STREETSCAPE & CONNECTIONS

OPEN SPACE RESOURCES

LAND USE

Activity 4: Mapping E Tremont Ave

Instructions

What would you like to see along E Tremont Ave?

1. On the large map on the wall you'll see some of what we've heard from the public about the area today. Take a look at the map. Do you agree with these comments? Do you have answers to any of the questions shown in red?

2. Next, using the stickers in the bins, indicate where along E Tremont Ave you would like to see the different elements. Feel free to use the space at the bottom to add notes to each item. For instance, what kind of housing might you like to see?

On your worksheet, please write down a word or two that describes each of the items you placed. This will be helpful during the wrap-up portion of the event during which time our urban designers will help to bring your vision to life.

Actividad 4: Mapear E Tremont Ave

Instrucciones

¿Qué te gustaría ver a lo largo de E Tremont Ave?

1. En el mapa grande en la pared verás ejemplos de lo que hemos escuchado del área de parte del público hasta hoy. Observa el mapa. ¿Estás de acuerdo con otros comentarios? ¿Tienes contestaciones para algunas de las preguntas en rojo?

2. Después, utilizando la pegatina en las canastas, indica dónde a lo largo de E Tremont Ave te gustaría ver los diferentes elementos. Siéntete en la comodidad de utilizarel espacio debajo para añadir notas para cada ítem. ¿Por ejemplo, qué tipo de vivienda te gustaría ver aquí?

En tu hoja de trabajo, por favor escribe una palabra o dos please que describa cada uno de los ítems que colocaste. Esto ayudará durante la actividad de cierre del evento en el que nuestros diseñadores urbanos te ayudarán a darle vida a tu visión.

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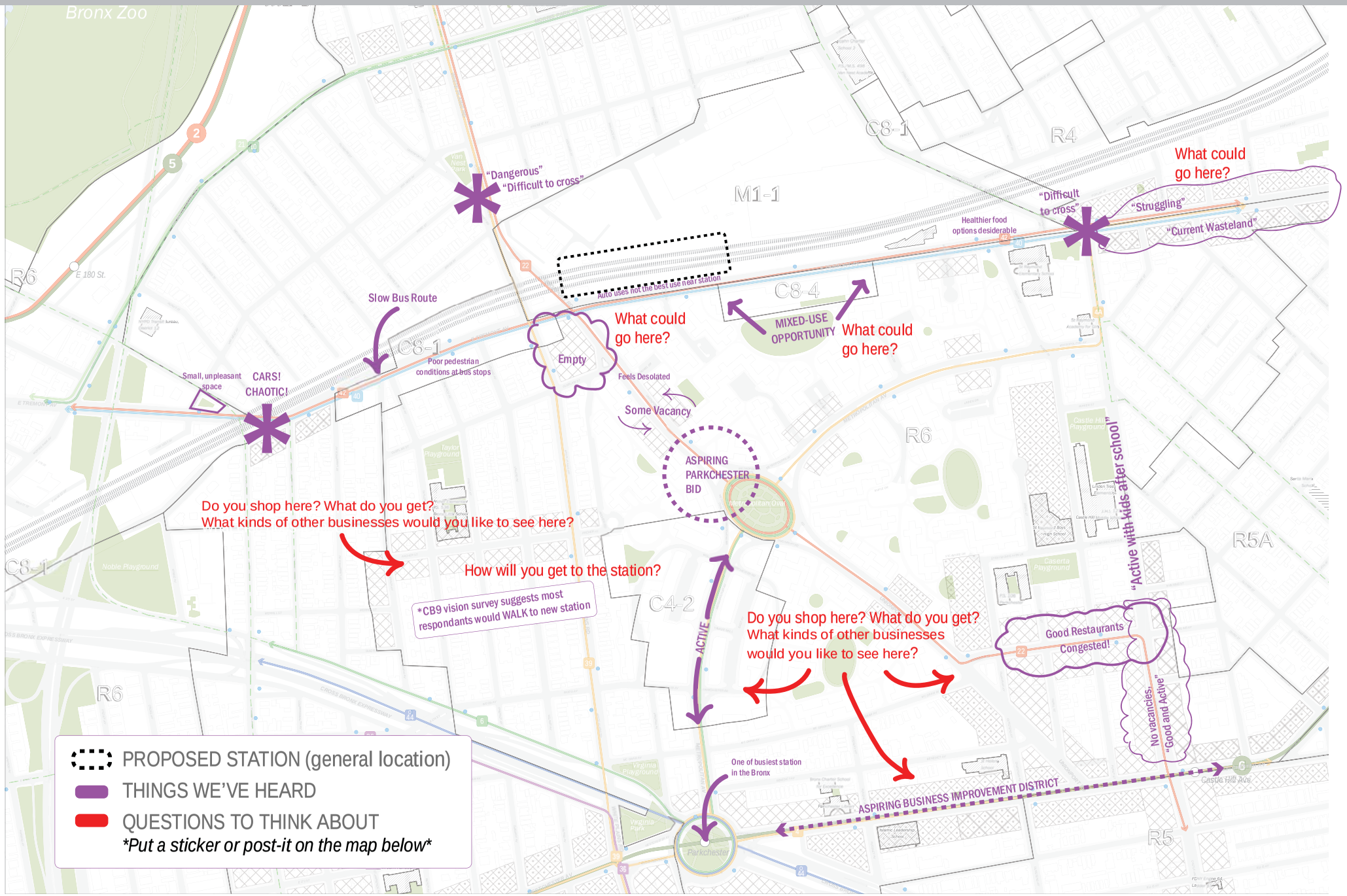

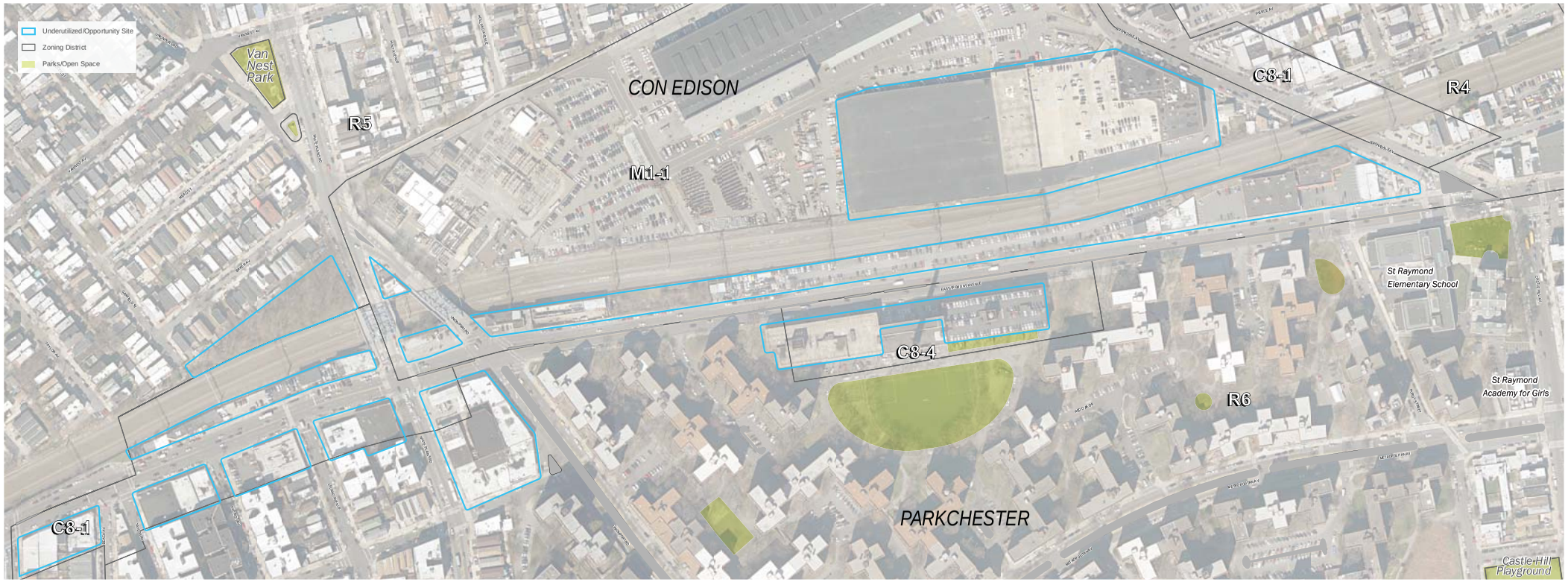
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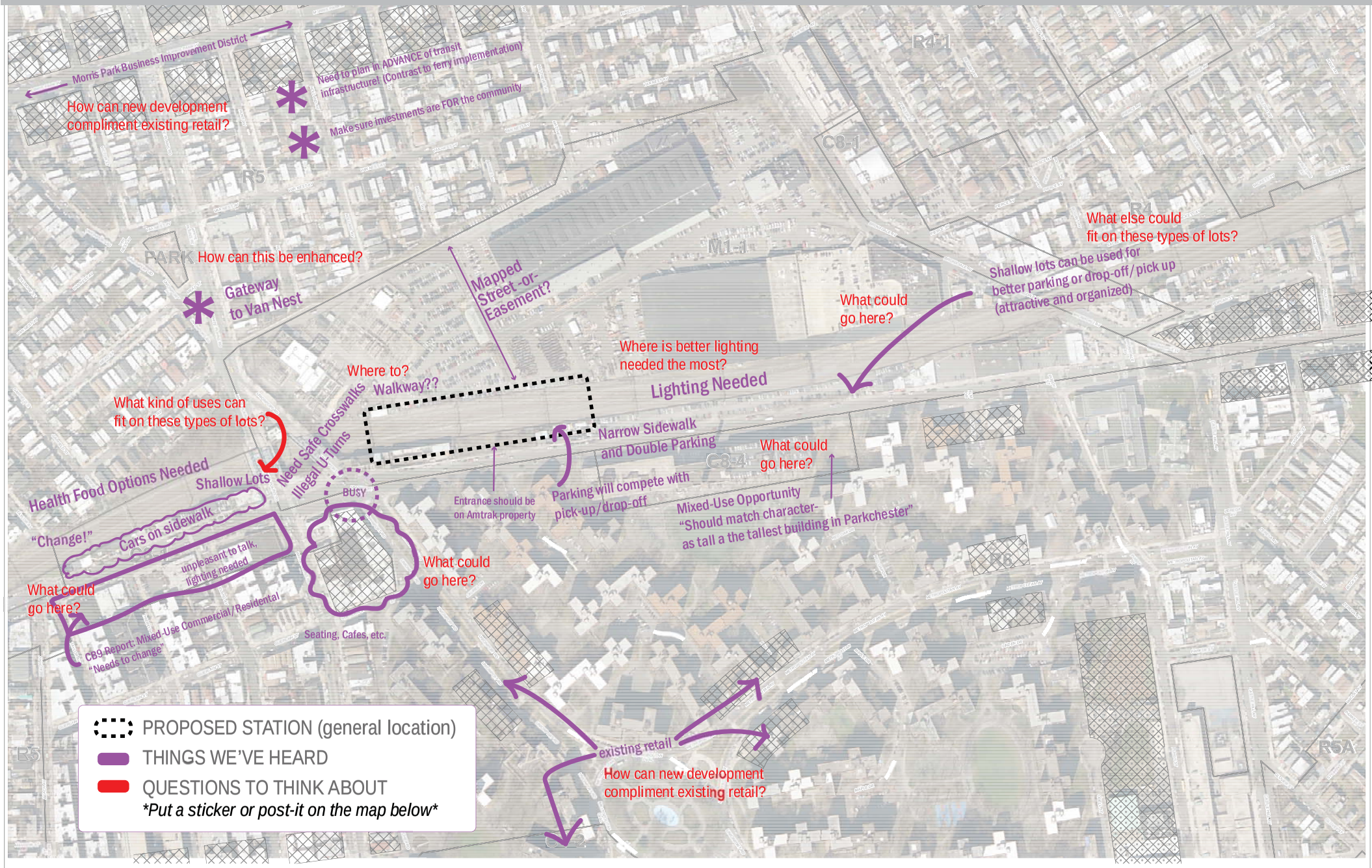

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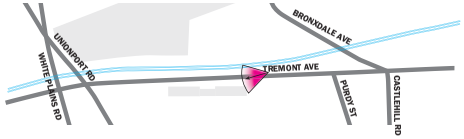
View: Looking west on Tremont Ave, Parkchester garages on left



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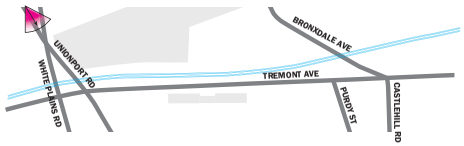
View: Unionport Rd and White Plains Rd looking south towards Tremont, Con-Ed site on the left



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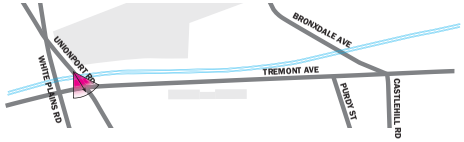
View: E Tremont Ave and Unionport, looking southeasterly



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