

# B46 Select Bus Service

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# Agenda

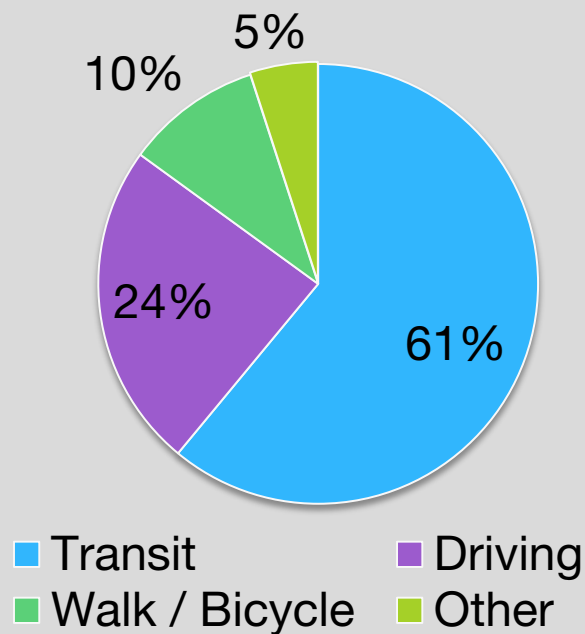
1. Provide an update about the project to date
2. Present draft service plan for B46 SBS and B46 Local
3. Discuss Utica Avenue street design
4. Discuss plans and identify key comments and issues

# Project Background

The Utica Avenue B46 corridor was identified as a potential candidate for Select Bus Service in the 2009 Bus Rapid Transit Phase II Study.

- Ranked by community as one of two corridors most in need of improvements
- Characterized by slow and crowded trips
- Second-busiest bus route in NYC, carrying nearly 50,000 passengers per day
- Crucial connection to **3** **4** **A** **C** trains and 30 bus routes
- Vision Zero Priority Corridor
  - 7 pedestrians killed and 57 pedestrians severely injured (2009-2013)

**Residents' Mode to Work**



Source: 2008-2012 ACS 5-Year Estimates  
¼ mile from B46 corridor

# Utica Avenue Outreach

## Outreach for the 2014 Bus Improvement Project (2013-2014)

- Meetings with Community Boards, local businesses, and elected officials

## Outreach for Select Bus Service

- Community Advisory Committee Meeting #1 (September 2014)
- Public Workshop #1 (November 2014)
- Community Advisory Committee Meeting #2 (February 2015)
- Open House (March 2015)
- Community Board Meetings (March-April 2015)





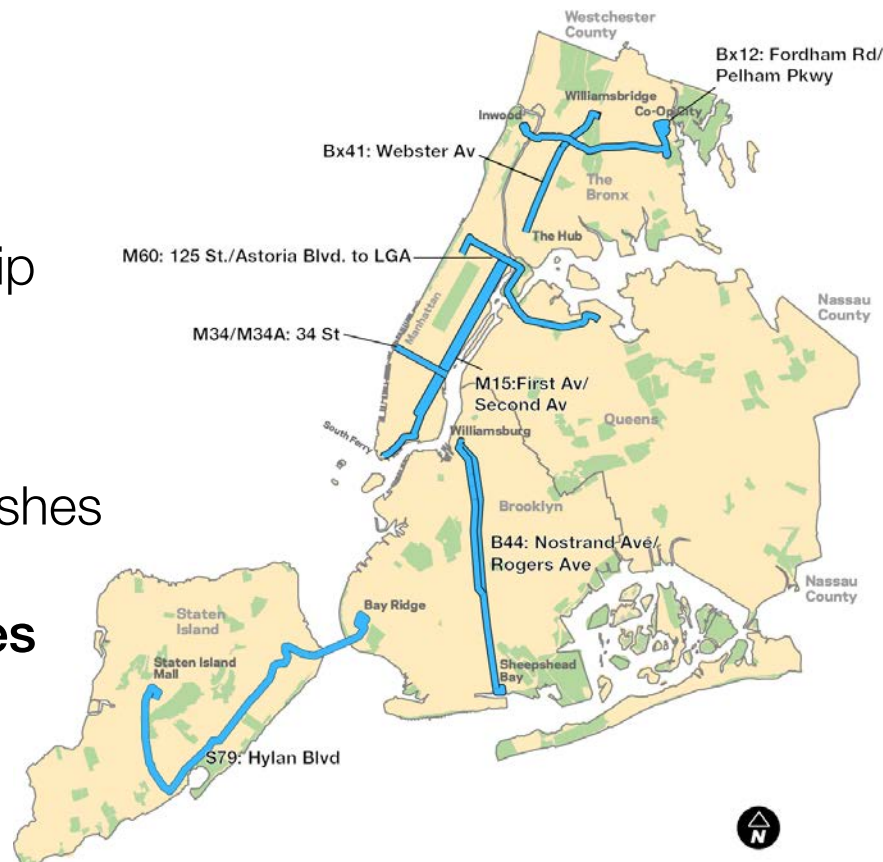
# Select Bus Service in New York City

Select Bus Service (SBS) is New York City's brand name for Bus Rapid Transit: an improved bus service that offers fast, frequent, and reliable service on high-ridership bus routes.

## SBS has brought:

- 15-23% faster bus speeds
- About 10% increase in ridership
- More reliable service
- Customer satisfaction of 95%
- Safer streets / reduction in crashes

There are 7 Select Bus Service routes serving all 5 boroughs.



# Select Bus Service Features



Improved fare collection



Bus lanes



Transit signal priority



Passenger information



Improved station amenities



Pedestrian safety improvements



# Select Bus Service Fare Payment



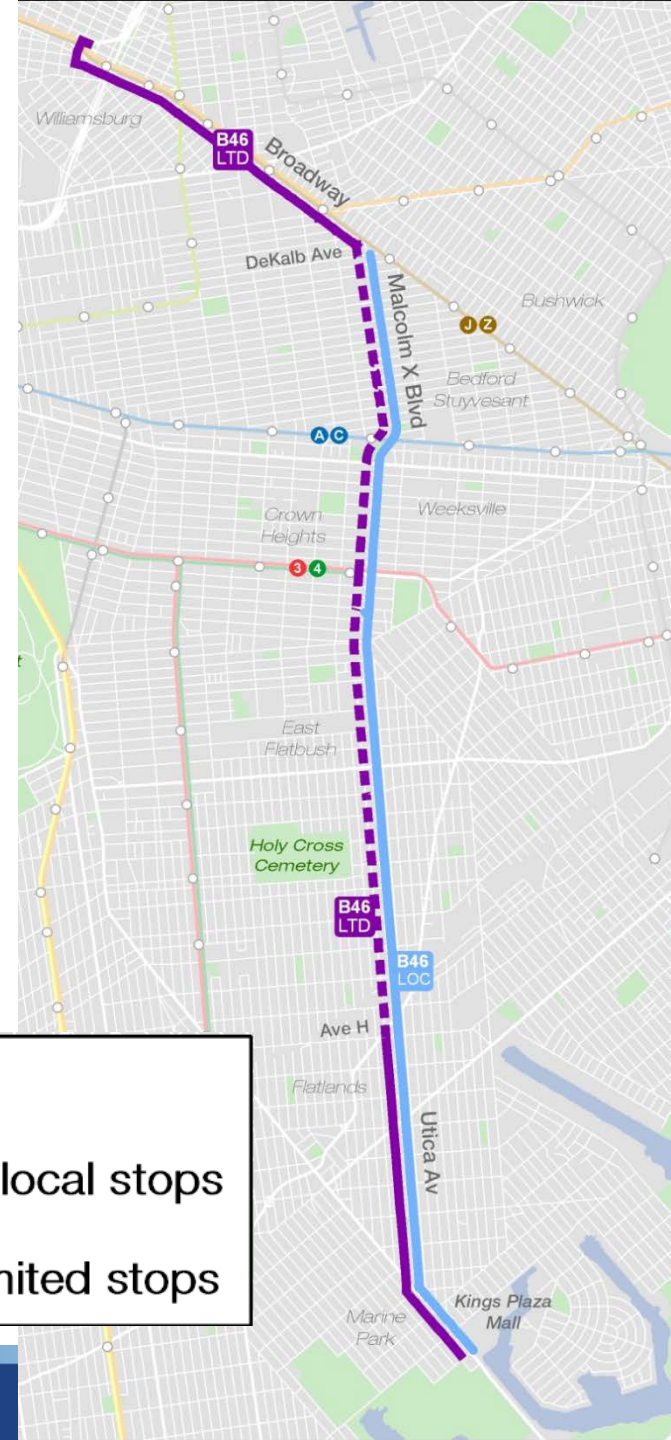
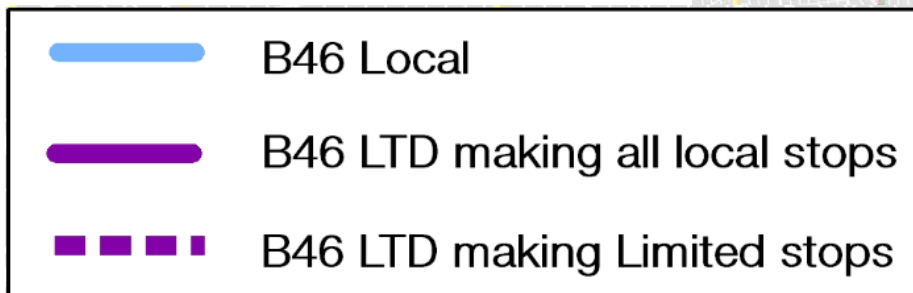
Riders pay with MetroCard or coins before boarding, receive ticket



MTA NYCT conducts random fare payment inspections

# Current B46 Local and LTD Service Pattern

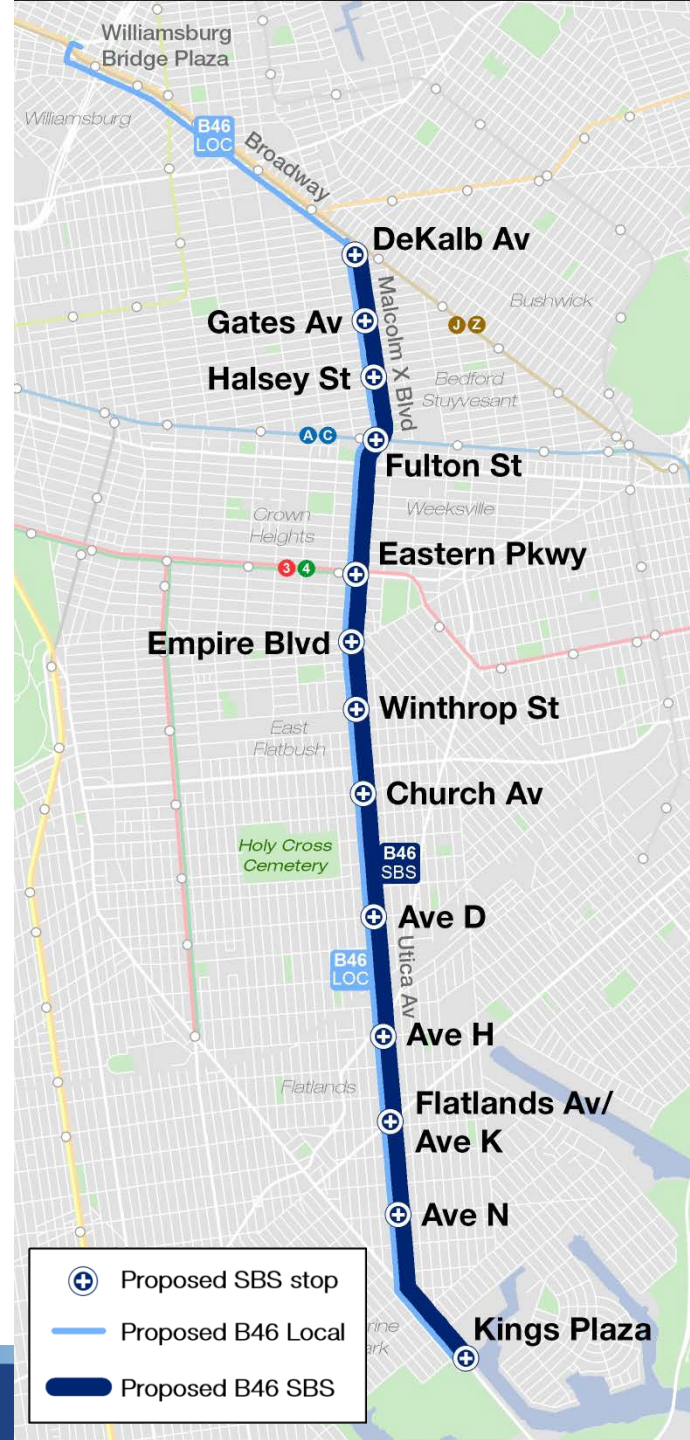
- B46 LTD generally travels between Kings Plaza and Williamsburg Bridge Plaza
- B46 LTD makes all local stops north of DeKalb Ave and south of Ave H
- B46 Local generally travels between Kings Plaza and DeKalb Ave





# Proposed B46 SBS Stations

- The northern terminal of B46 SBS will be DeKalb Avenue
- B46 SBS will make limited stops south of Avenue H
- B46 Local will be extended to Williamsburg Bridge Plaza 24 hours a day
- Standard (non-articulated) buses will be used



# B46 SBS and Local Service in CB9

No stop changes proposed in CB9



# Utica Avenue Street Design

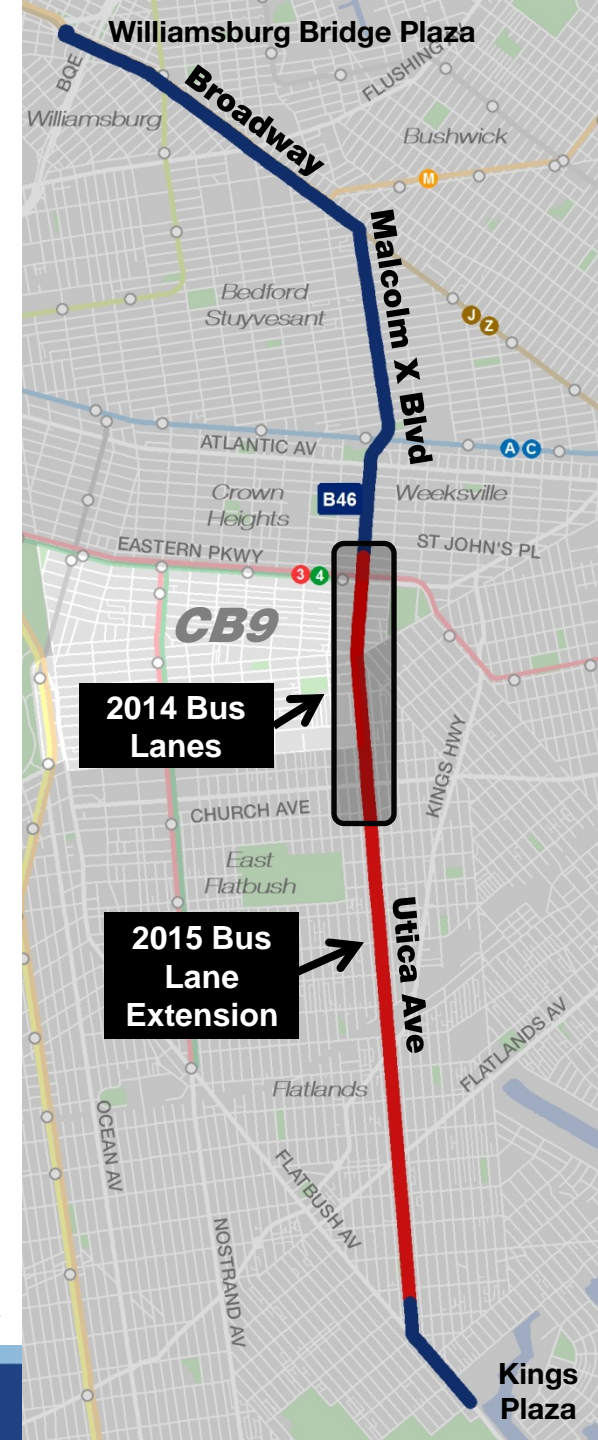
## St. Johns Place to Church Avenue (Implemented Summer 2014)

- Added bus lanes, left-turn bays, and turn restrictions
- B46 Limited and Local travel times decreased 8% to 15%\*
- Vehicle travel times decreased 20% to 25% in peak direction\*
- Current street design in CB9 to remain

## Church Avenue to Fillmore Avenue (Proposed Summer 2015)

- Add bus lanes, left-turn bays, turn restrictions
- Add truck loading zones, update curb regulations

\*AM and PM peak





# Utica Avenue Bus Lane Design



Utica Av & Winthrop St



# Utica Avenue Street Design

## Long-Term (2016-2017)

- Implement transit signal priority
- Construct bus bulbs at SBS stations south of Eastern Parkway
- Add real-time passenger information, new shelters, plantings, and benches
- Add curb extensions, pedestrian islands, and high-visibility crosswalks
- Resurface Utica Avenue



*Bus Bulb Example  
34<sup>th</sup> Street & Eighth Avenue, Manhattan*

# Next Steps

## Spring 2015

- Finalize service plan for B46 SBS and B46 Local
- Consult all Community Boards along corridor

## Summer 2015

- Develop implementation plan
- Implement new street markings south of Church Avenue
- Install fare machines
- Launch service in September



# Questions?



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