

Bx6 South Bronx Crosstown Select Bus Service

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Overview

- Corridor overview
- Challenges
- Opportunity: Select Bus Service (SBS)
- Community engagement
- Next steps and how to give input
- Questions and discussion

Existing Bx6 local bus route



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Bx6 Background

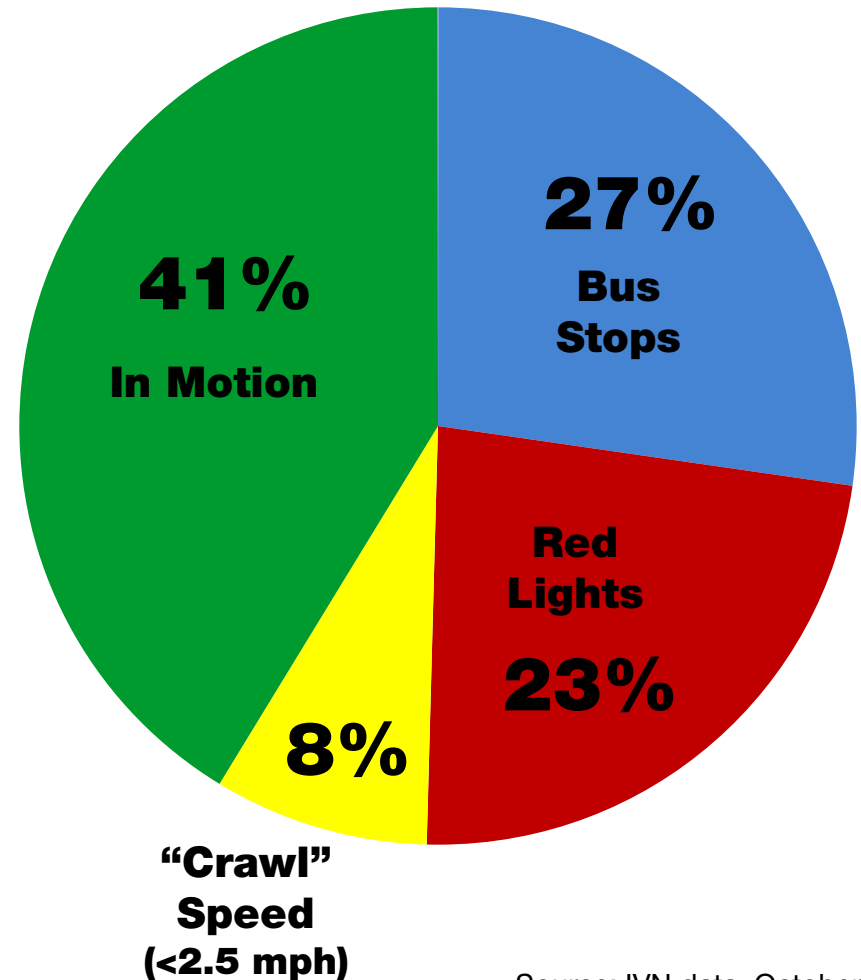
- Identified as SBS candidate in “Bus Rapid Transit Phase II” study (2009)
- Serves nearly 25,000 daily riders
- Connects to **1** **C** **4** **B** **D** **2** **5** **6** subway lines, Metro-North, and 20 bus routes, including Bx41 SBS



Challenges: Bus Delays

- 56 minutes to travel from Hunts Point to Riverside Drive (4.8 miles)
- Over 25% of trip spent boarding passengers
- Bus is moving less than half of the time

**Bx6 Westbound
4-7 PM Weekdays**



Source: IVN data, October 2015

Challenges: Macombs Dam Bridge

- Bottleneck along route
- Heavy traffic accessing Major Deegan Expressway



Challenges: Courthouse Congestion

- Congestion
- Placard parking
- Illegal parking



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Challenges: Game Day Issues



Challenges: Safety

- Vision Zero: multiagency effort to reduce traffic fatalities
- Priority Corridors: 161st Street, Hunts Point Av
- 3 Priority Intersections along route



Opportunity: Select Bus Service

Select Bus Service (SBS) is NYC's brand name for a package of improvements that result in faster and more reliable bus service.

SBS also brings:

- High customer satisfaction
- Improved passenger comfort and convenience
- Safer streets and sidewalks
- More consistent traffic flow



Select Bus Service Features

Dedicated Bus Lanes



Signal Priority for Buses



Faster bus rides

Reduced traffic conflicts
between buses and other traffic

More reliable bus service

Buses spend **less time**
stopped at red lights

Off-Board Fare Collection



All-Door Boarding



Quicker bus boarding

Buses spend **less time**
waiting at bus stops

Select Bus Service Features

Improved Station Amenities



Real-Time Passenger Information



More attractive, appealing bus stops

Better trip information for riders to **know when** the bus is coming

More comfortable wait for the bus

Pedestrian Safety Improvements



Better visibility for pedestrians, bus operators, and drivers

Clearer, shorter pedestrian crossings

SBS Community Engagement

Engage Stakeholders

- Brief elected officials and staff
- Present to Community Boards
- Meet with local institutions and businesses

Engage Riders and Residents

- On the street and on the bus
- Public workshops and open houses



Next Steps

- **Input phase**

- Gather feedback and suggestions from stakeholders, riders, and area residents
- Identify issues through winter, with other community engagement to follow in early 2016

- **Please help us reach your communities!**

- Whom should we speak to or meet with (community groups, local institutions, etc.)?
- What community events should we attend?
- To invite us to community events, please email us at brt@dot.nyc.gov.

Questions and Discussion



Connect with us at:

- nyc.gov/brt
- mta.info/mta/planning/sbs