

Southern Brooklyn Select Bus Service

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About 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 benefits:

- Faster, more reliable bus service
- Reduced crashes
- Increased ridership and high customer satisfaction
- Minimal effects on traffic speeds and volumes (with positive effects along the corridor)



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

Project Background

The Bus Rapid Transit Phase II Study (2009) identified the Southern Brooklyn east-west corridor as a *priority service need*.

Key issues raised at public workshops included:

- Bus trips are *long and slow*
- Many parts of Southern Brooklyn are *underserved by transit*
- A bus trip across Southern Brooklyn can take *up to 2 hours*

Community Engagement

Project kicked off in Summer 2015 with representatives of community boards and elected officials' offices

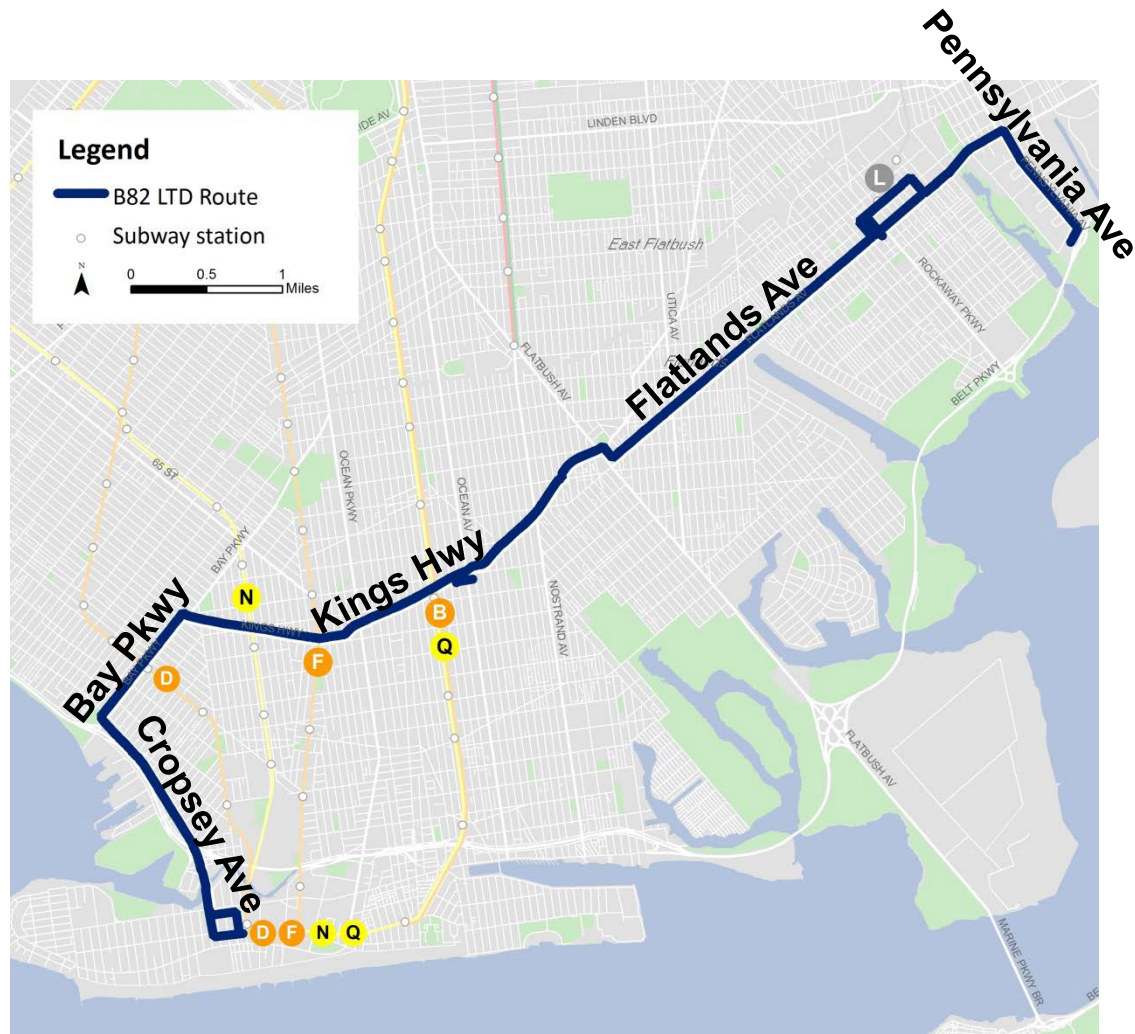
Engagement is ongoing and will include:

- Stakeholder meetings
- Bus rider engagement
- Community board meetings
- Public workshops or open houses



B82 Corridor Overview

- **10 miles** long
- **32,000** daily riders
- Connects to **six subway lines** and the **three highest-ridership bus routes** in Brooklyn
- **Key east-west connector** along Kings Hwy and Flatlands Ave



Transit Issues

- Long bus delays
- Bus stops, access to bus stops need improvement
- Bus crowding during rush hours & before/after school

Existing stop



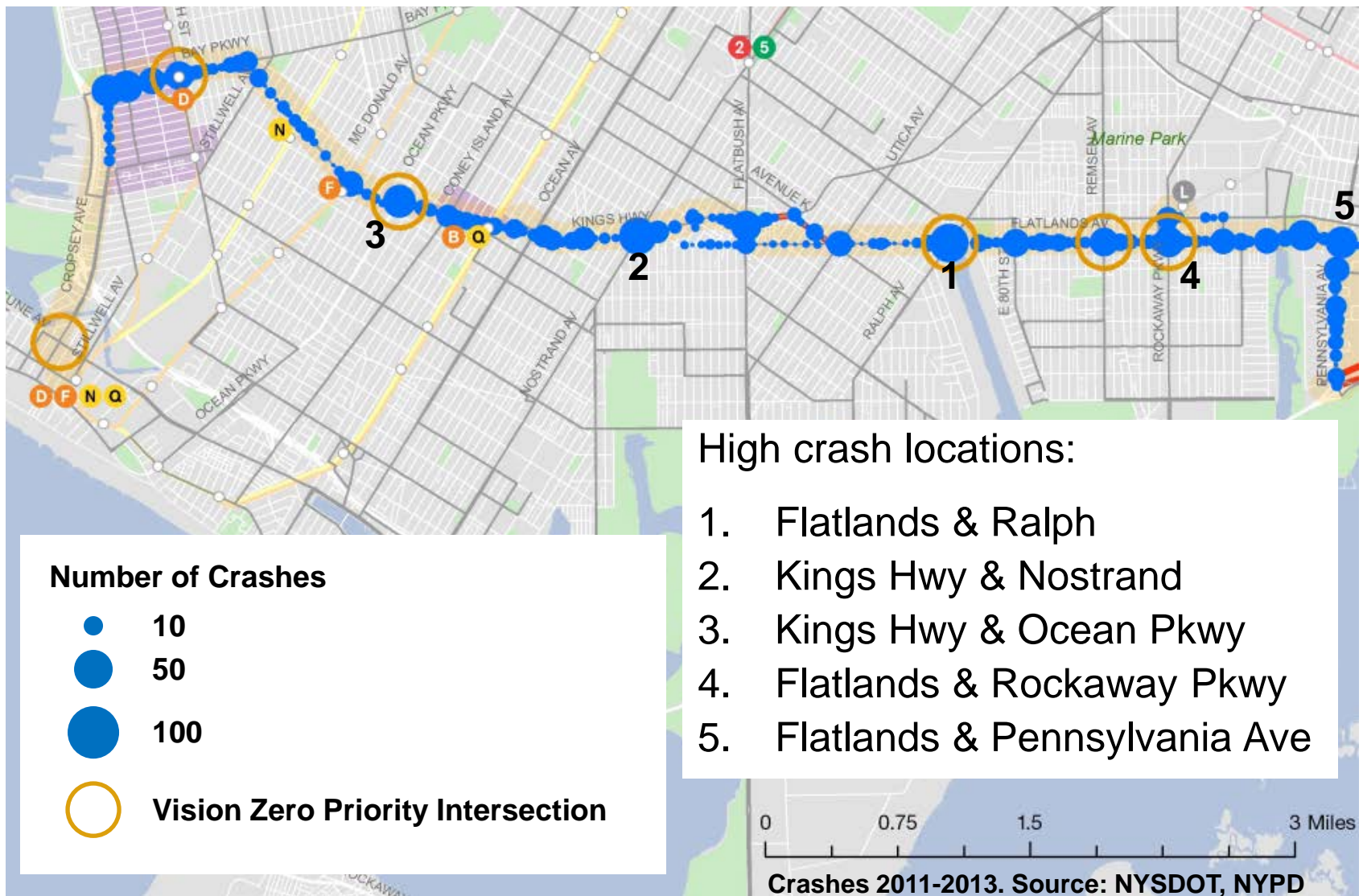
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Potential stop (Pelham Pkwy, BX 12)



Safety Issues



Traffic Issues



- Congestion issues at key points along the corridor
- Commercial deliveries, double parking
- Traffic signal coordination
- Complex intersections – difficult turns, long waits
 - Focusing on all of these as part of project improvements

Next Steps

- **Spring 2016:**
 - Continue meeting with stakeholder groups along the corridor
- **Summer 2016:**
 - Continue developing draft project plan to present later this year

Thank You!

- Questions?
- We appreciate your input! You can provide it at your convenience online:
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 - nycdotfeedbackportals.nyc/south-brooklyn-sbs
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