Fordham Road

Presentation to the Community Advisory Board – February 17, 2021







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Background



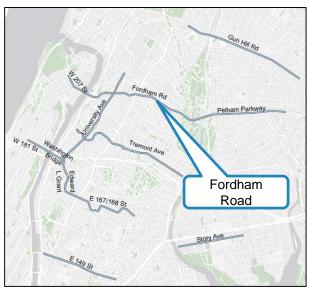


Better Buses

Better Buses Program

- Mayor's 2019 State of the City: Improve bus speeds 25%
- Better Buses Action Plan Released April 2019
- Bus Priority Projects
 - 16.3 miles of bus lanes installed 2020, including projects on Edward L Grant Hwy & E 149 St
 - 8 additional corridors, including
 Fordham Rd, identified in the Bronx for priority treatments







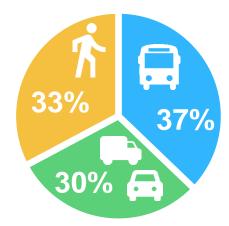


Why Fordham Road

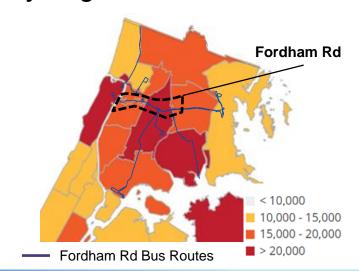
Background

- Critical crosstown transportation corridor
- 93,700 average daily bus riders on 9 routes, serving neighborhoods with high concentrations of essential workers
- Bus riders and pedestrians are the majority of roadway users on Fordham Road
- 62% of households on Bx12 corridor have no access to a private vehicle. 71% commute to work via public transit, walking, or biking
- Residents in neighborhoods near Fordham Road have high rates of asthma, obesity, diabetes, and heart disease, in part due to exposure to pollution

Roadway Users Fordham Rd and Valentine Ave



New York City Frontline Workers, by Neighborhood of Residence





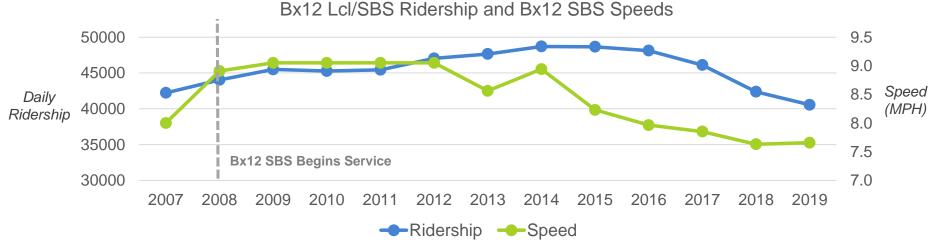


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Bus Speeds and Ridership

- In 2008, MTA and DOT launched the first Select Bus Service (SBS) route on the Bx12
- Service and street design changes resulted in improvements for bus service
- In recent years, bus speeds and ridership have declined





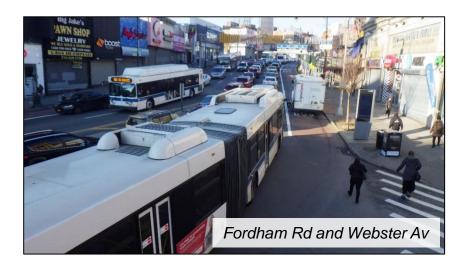




Why Fordham Road

Parking and Loading

- Observations and data show that existing curbside bus lanes are frequently blocked
- Need for curb access throughout the day
- Demand for the curb continues to increase due to:
 - Uptick in for-hire vehicles (Uber, Lyft, etc.)
 - Deliveries of goods purchased online









DOT Toolbox





Toolbox - Transit



Webster Ave and 167th St



161st St and Sherman Av



14th St, Manhattan

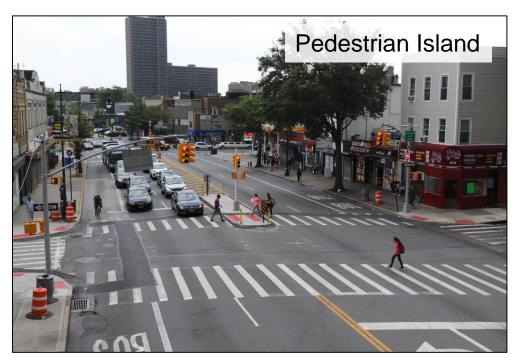


Edward L Grant Hwy and University Ave





Toolbox – Pedestrian Safety



Fordham Rd and Hoffman St



Southern Blvd and E 179 St



Fordham Rd and Southern Blvd





Toolbox – Parking









Parking Meters

Workshop





Fordham Road Corridor Sections







Discussion

Workshop Overview

- 10 minutes of discussion per section
- Comments should be pointed and succinct to ensure that everyone can participate
- Utilize raise hand icon or let us know in the chat that you would like to speak
- At end of presentation, we can return to sections to discuss any outstanding issues that were not covered



Discussion

Potential Issues for Conversation

- Transit
 - Slow buses
 - Bus bunching
 - Crowded buses and stops
- Pedestrians
 - Sidewalk crowding
 - Difficulty crossing
 - Conflicts with turning vehicles

- Traffic
 - Congestion
 - Weaving and speeding
- Parking
 - Double parking / parking in bus lane
 - Truck loading
 - Difficulty finding parking
 - Taxis/For Hire Vehicles





Discussion

Poll

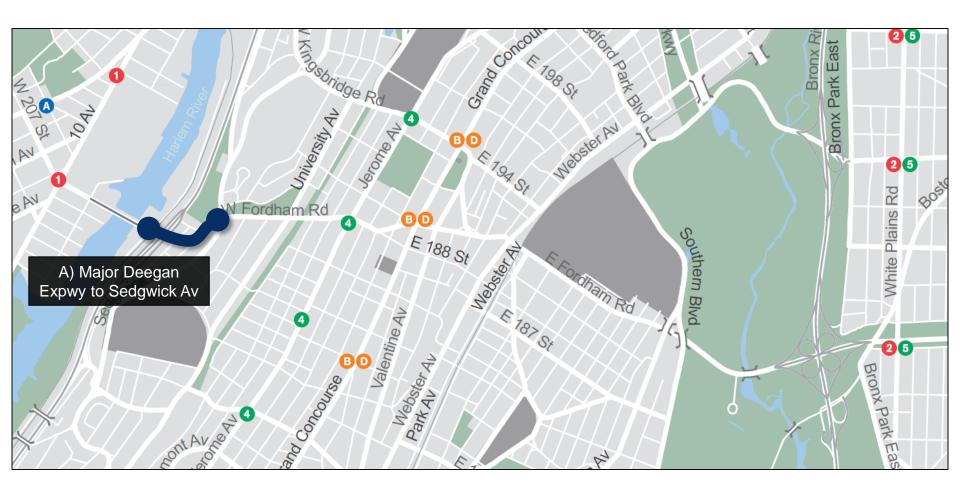
 What are your top transportation concerns on Fordham Road?







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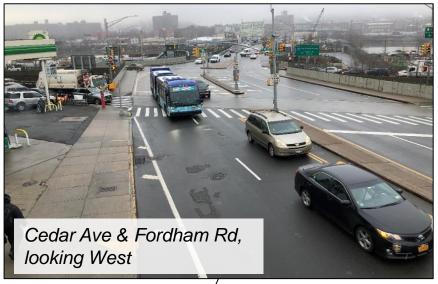




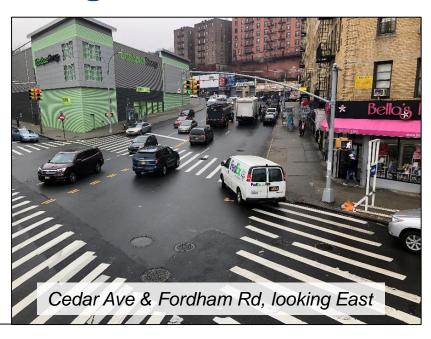


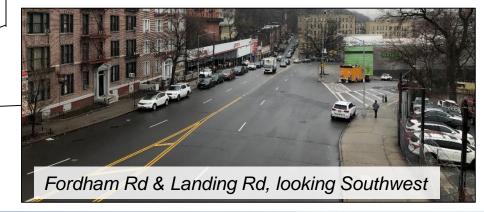
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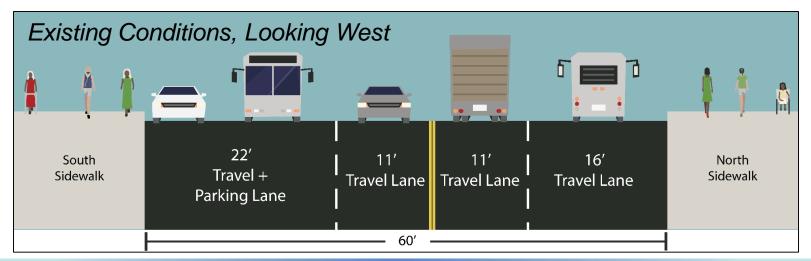




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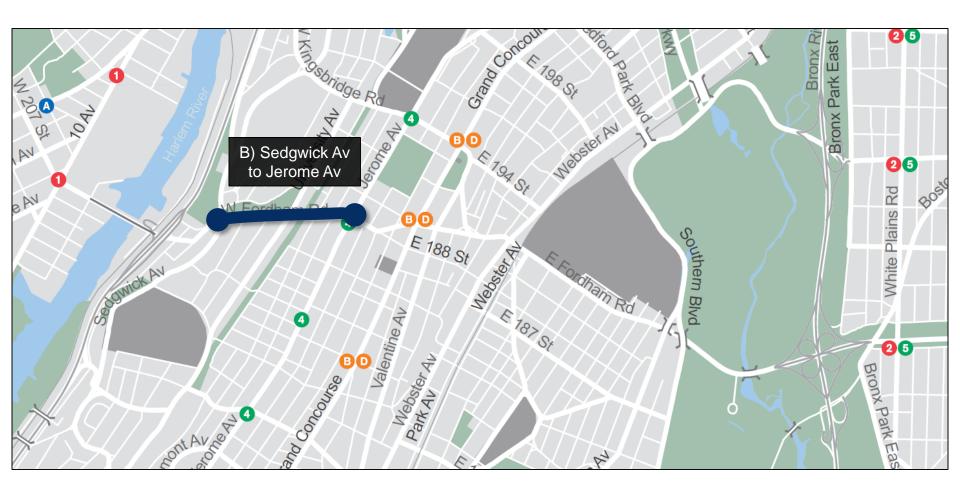
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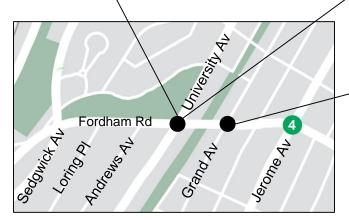




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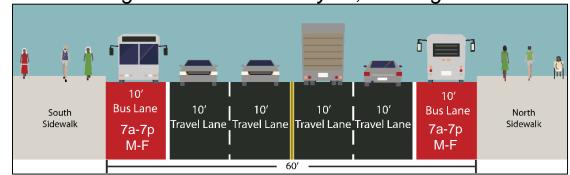


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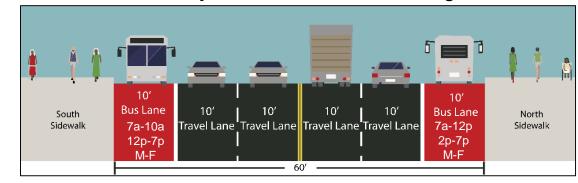
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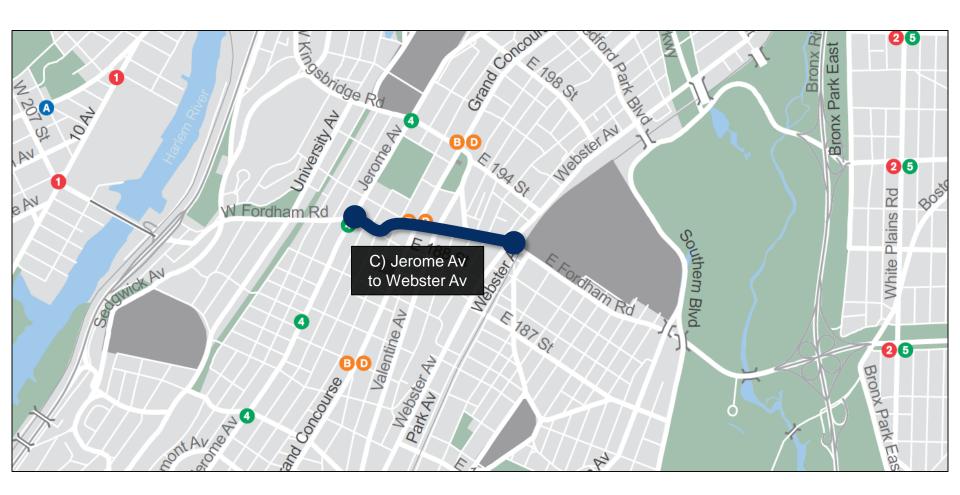
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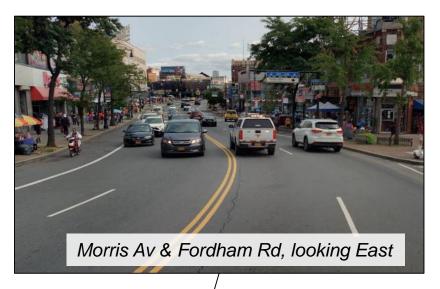


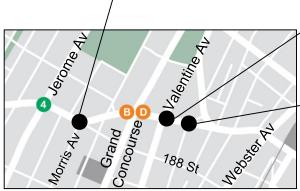




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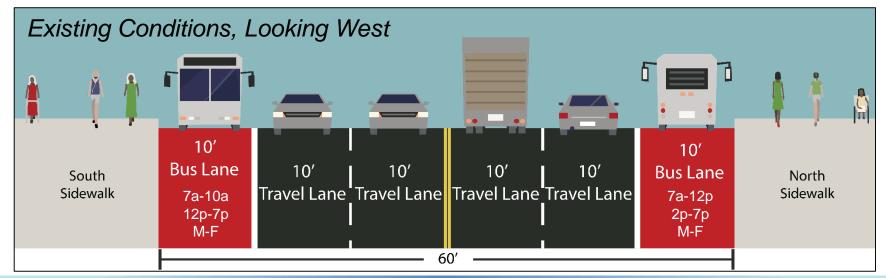




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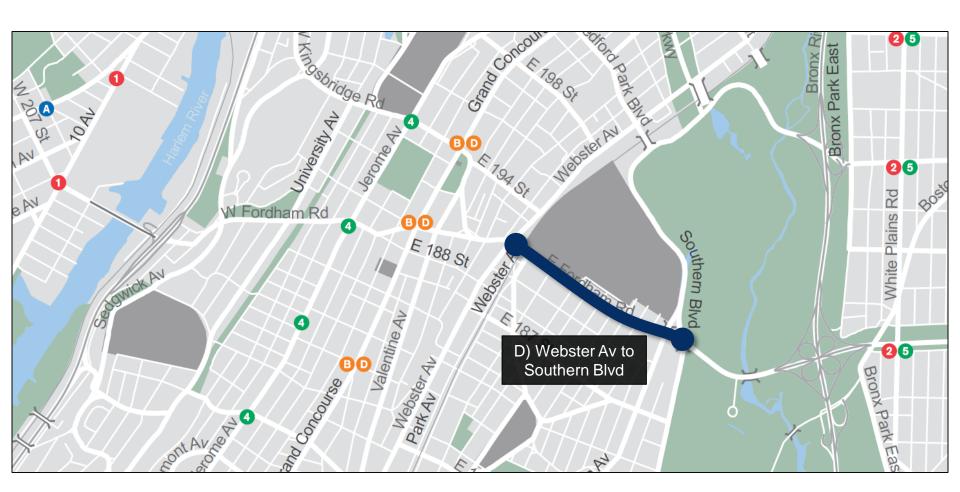
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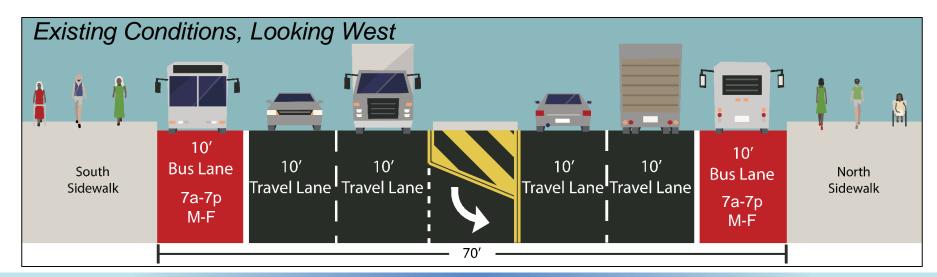




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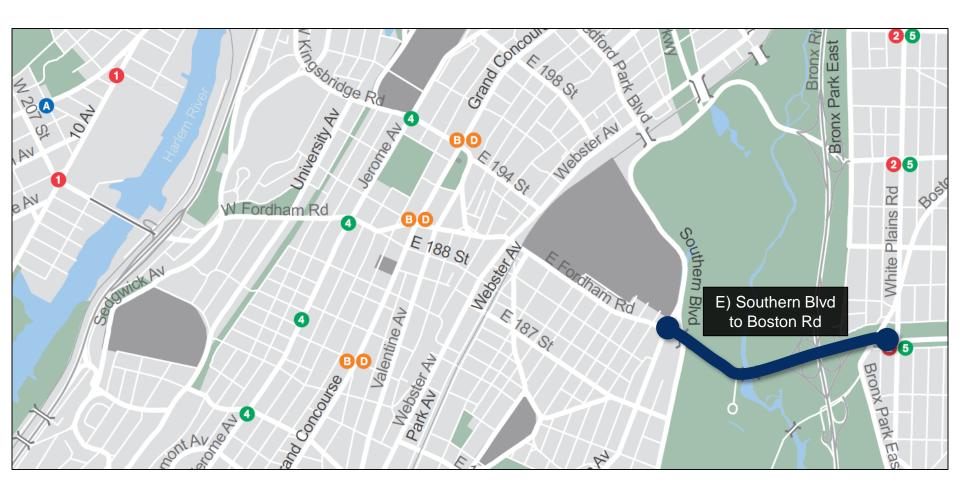
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Current Conditions Southern Blvd Bronx Park Rd & Fordham Rd, looking East Bronx River Pkwy & Fordham Rd, looking West



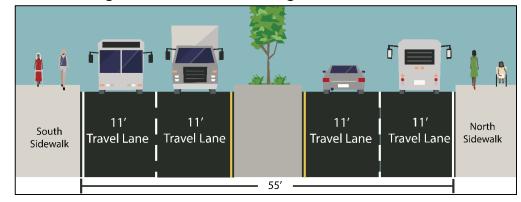


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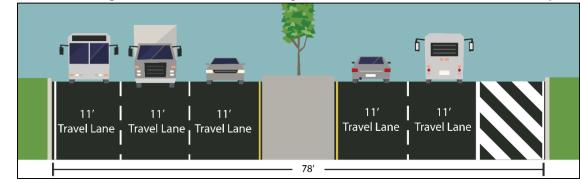
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Existing Conditions, Looking West near Bronx Zoo



Existing Conditions, Looking West near Bronx River Pkwy

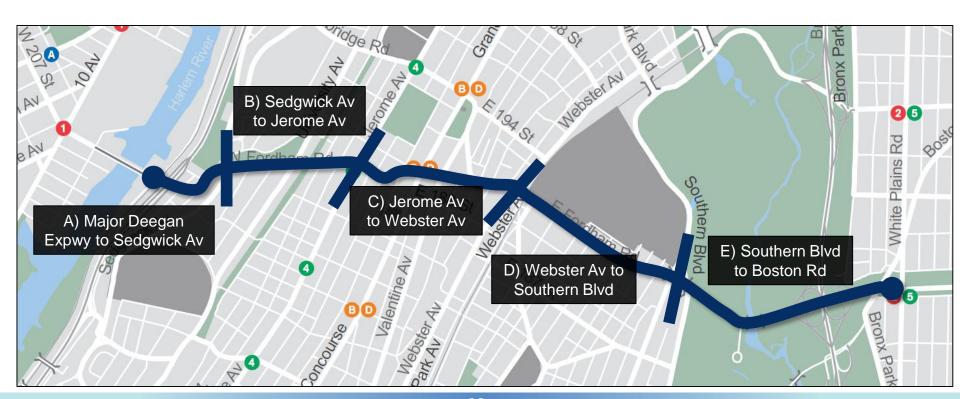






Discussion Summary

- 1. Summary of segment workshop discussion
- 2. Additional comments/concerns?







Next Steps





Next Steps

- DOT will review feedback received today
- If you have additional follow up comments or questions, please contact the DOT Bronx Borough Commissioner's Office
 - nlopez1@dot.nyc.gov
 - 212-748-6680
- Are there additional groups that we should be getting feedback from?

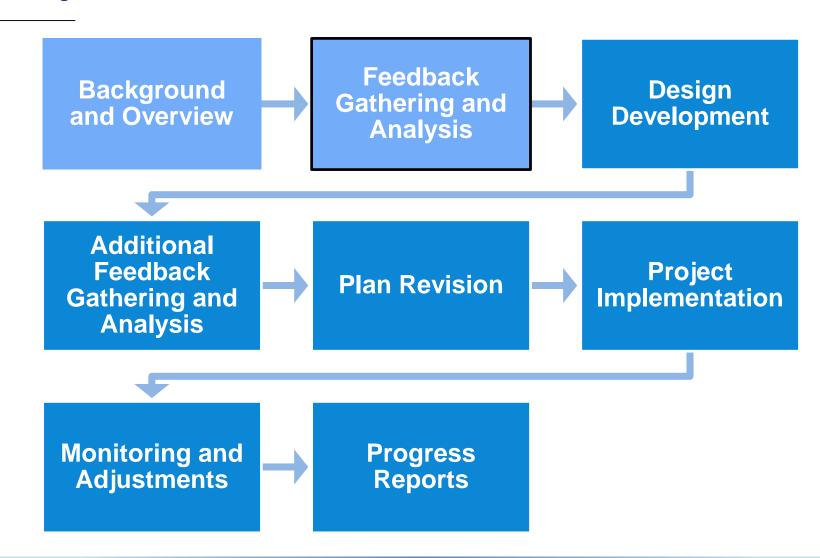








Project Timeline







THANK YOU!

Questions?











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