

# Gun Hill Rd Bus & Pedestrian Improvements

Bronx Community Board 12 Transportation Committee

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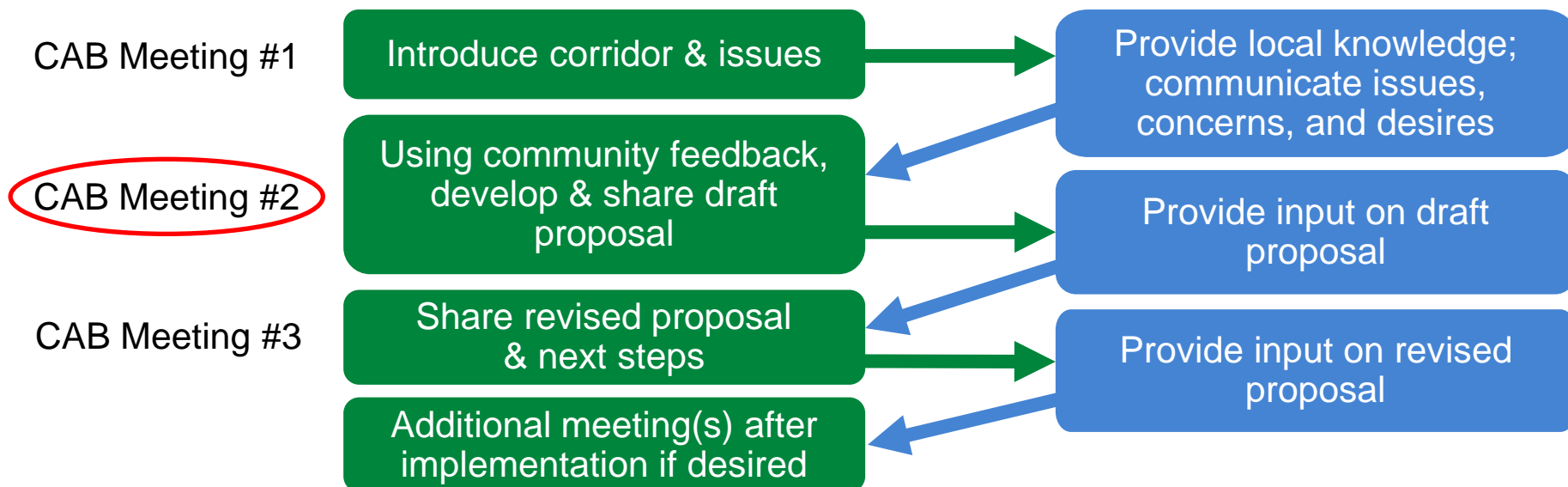
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# Introduction

# Community Advisory Board (CAB)

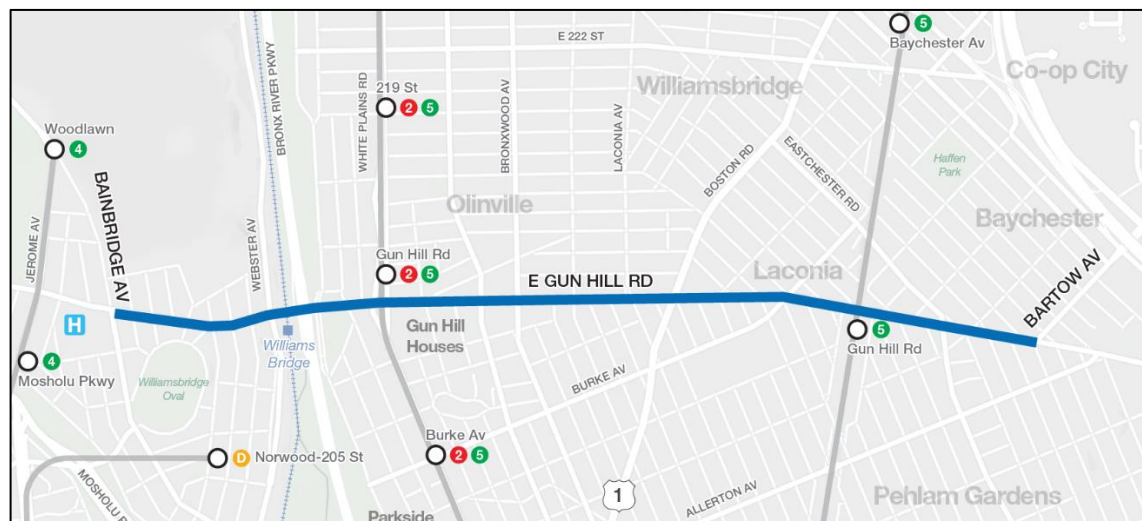
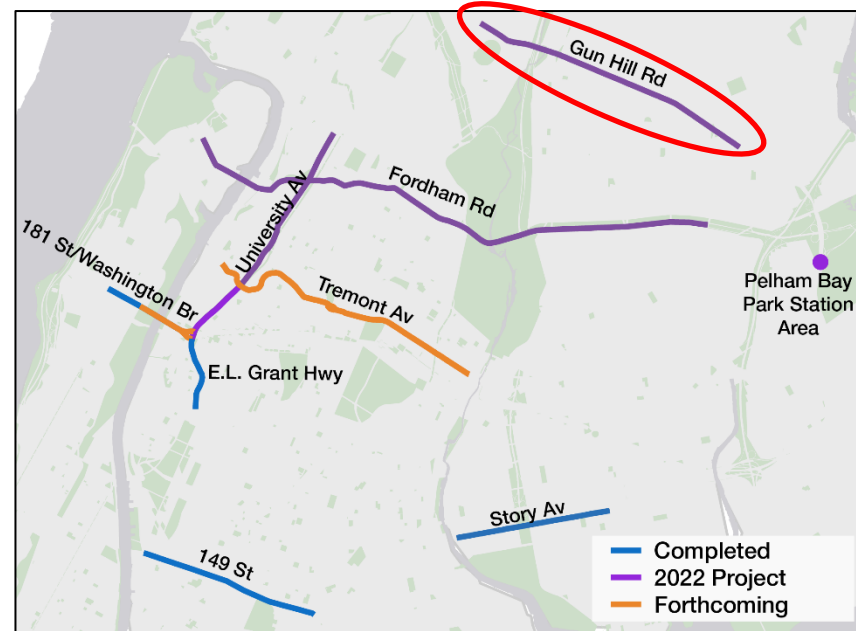
- Complements standard outreach with Community Boards, elected officials & stakeholders
- Extra opportunity to meet together, share ideas and inform each other
- CAB meets before project implementation; can continue to meet during and after implementation if desired
- Not public meetings, but intended to be broad and inclusive



# Why Gun Hill Road?

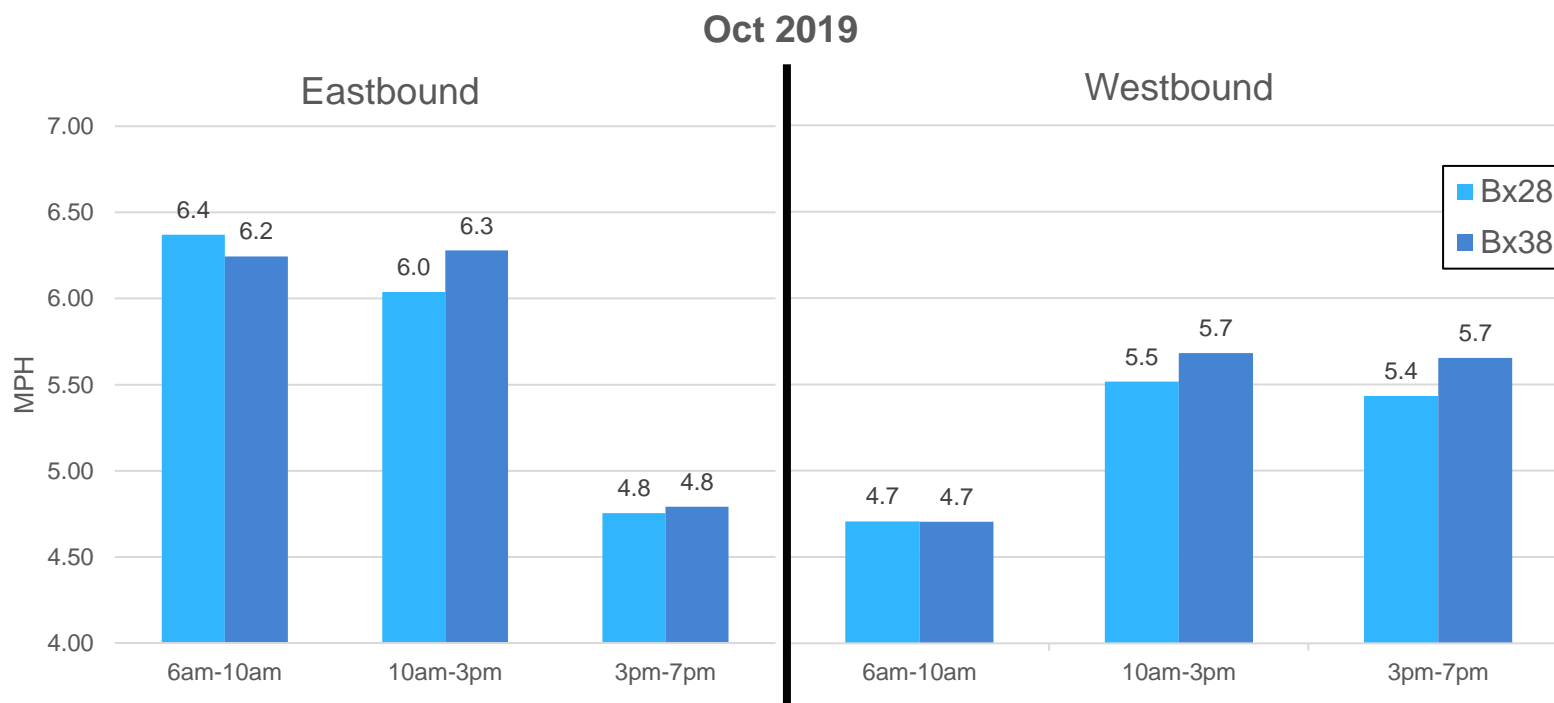
- 40,000 daily bus passengers on 5 routes
- Critical crosstown service with key connections to **2** **5** **D**, many local bus routes, Montefiore Hospital, Co-Op City, Bay Plaza
- MTA Bronx Bus Network Redesign
  - 50+ outreach events
  - Community requests to improve Gun Hill Rd bus service
  - Named 1 of 10 key Bronx corridors for bus priority

## Bronx Bus Priority Corridors



# Gun Hill Rd Bus Speeds

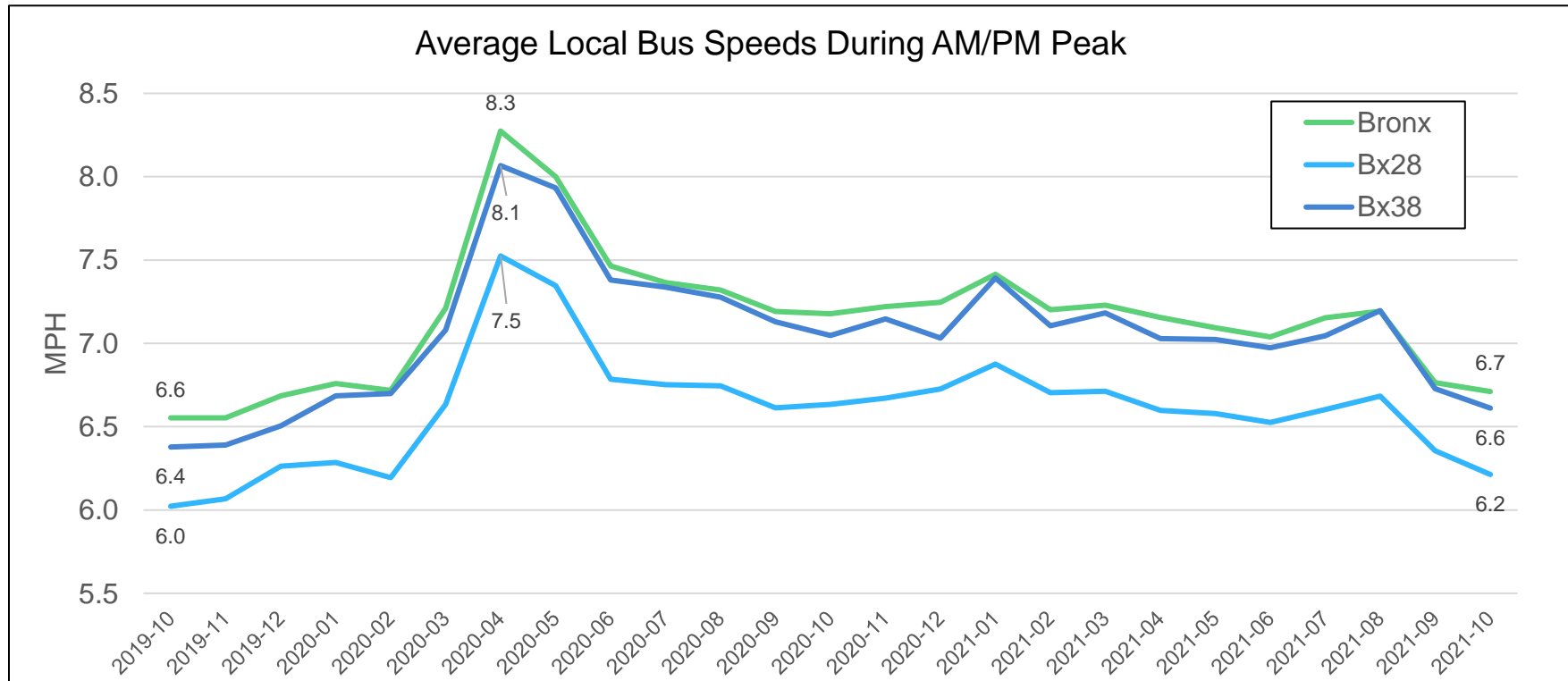
- Slow and unreliable bus service along Gun Hill Rd
- Buses move slow all day and less than 5 mph in the AM westbound, PM eastbound
- Peak-period trips take 15-17 minutes longer than evening/overnight
- Traffic congestion and double-parking cause slowdowns





# Pandemic Bus Route Speed Changes

- Bx28 and Bx38 route level speeds are slower than Bronx average
- Speed & reliability gains from 2020 erased as traffic returned; still declining
  - Only 65% of Bx28/38 trips completed within 5-min of scheduled time

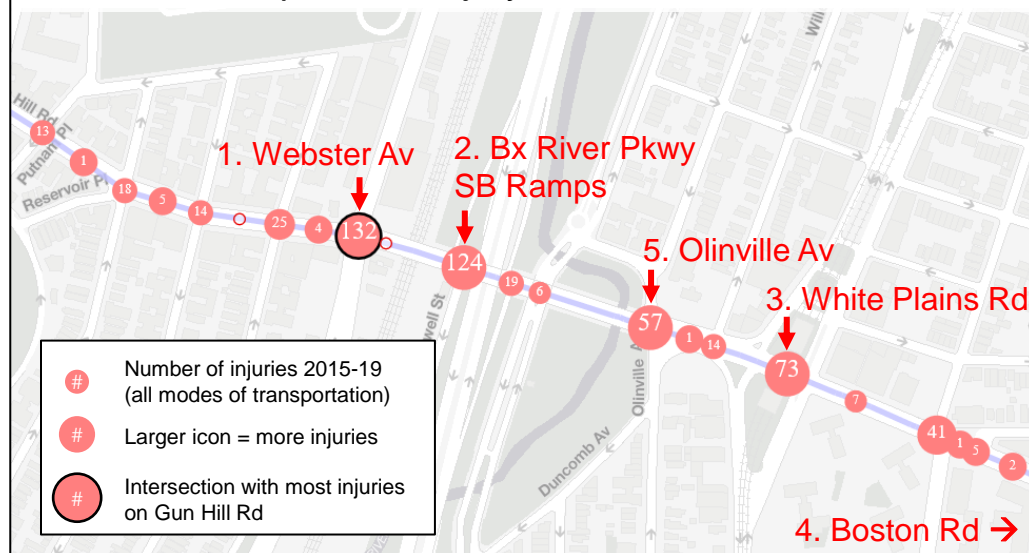


# Crash History

## Injuries & Fatalities 2015-2019

- On average, nearly 5 people every week are injured in crashes on Gun Hill Rd
- In top 10% of most dangerous Bronx streets
- 64 severe injuries + 2 fatalities
- Vision Zero Priority Corridor
- Safety solutions:
  - Fix wide-angle left turns
  - Discourage speeding
  - Improve driver-pedestrian visibility

Gun Hill Rd, Top 5 Most Injury-Prone Intersections, 2015-19



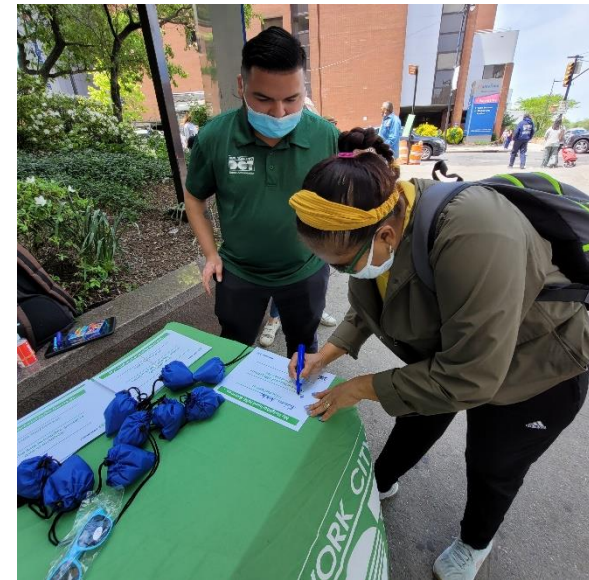
Gun Hill Rd & Boston Rd



# Community Feedback

DOT held public outreach pop-ups and had conversations with over 100 bus riders

- Wed, May 18 – Gun Hill Rd & Bainbridge Ave
- Fri, May 20 – Gun Hill Rd & White Plains Rd
- Mon, May 23 – Gun Hill Rd & Knapp St (5 train)

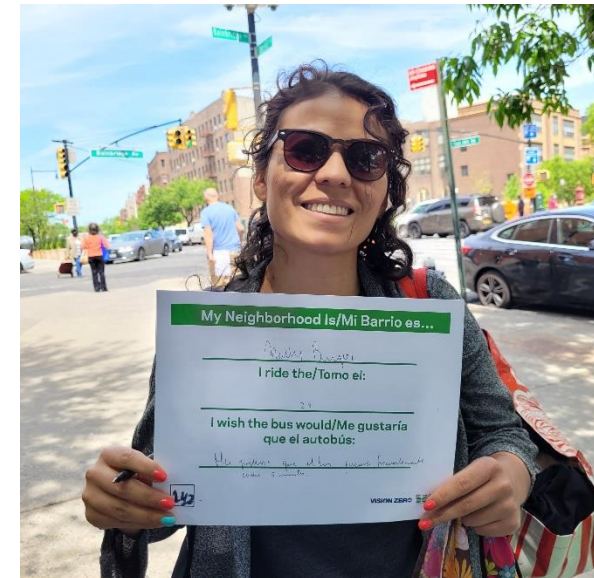
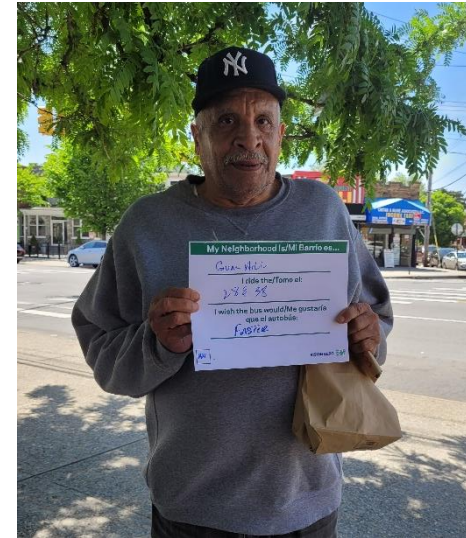
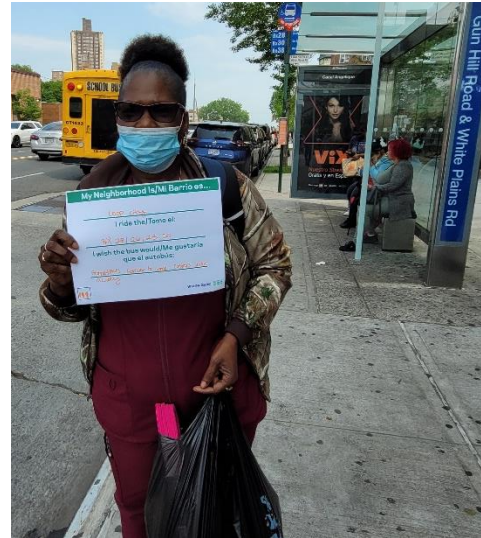


# Community Feedback

## Popular requests:

- Faster service
- More frequent, consistent service
- Less crowding on buses

Bus lanes can address all of these





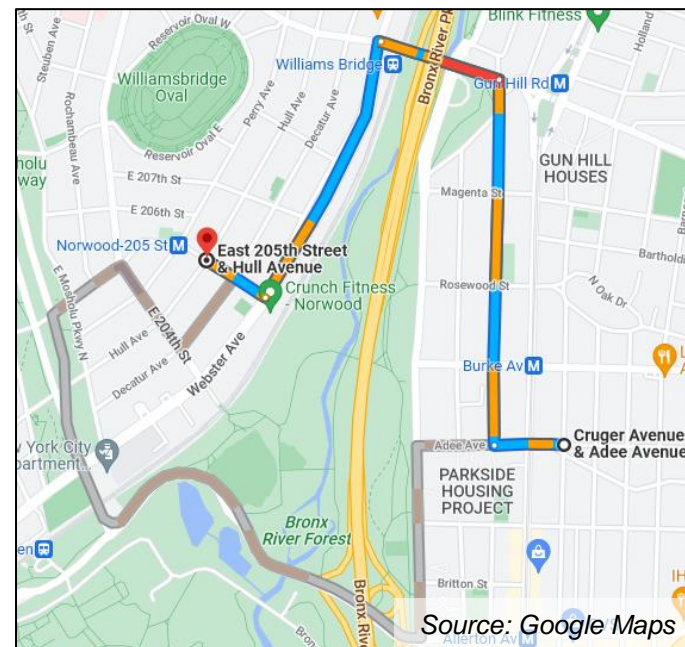
# Goals & Challenges

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- Make bus service fast, reliable and on-time
- Reduce crashes, injuries & fatalities
- Organize traffic movements

## Challenges:

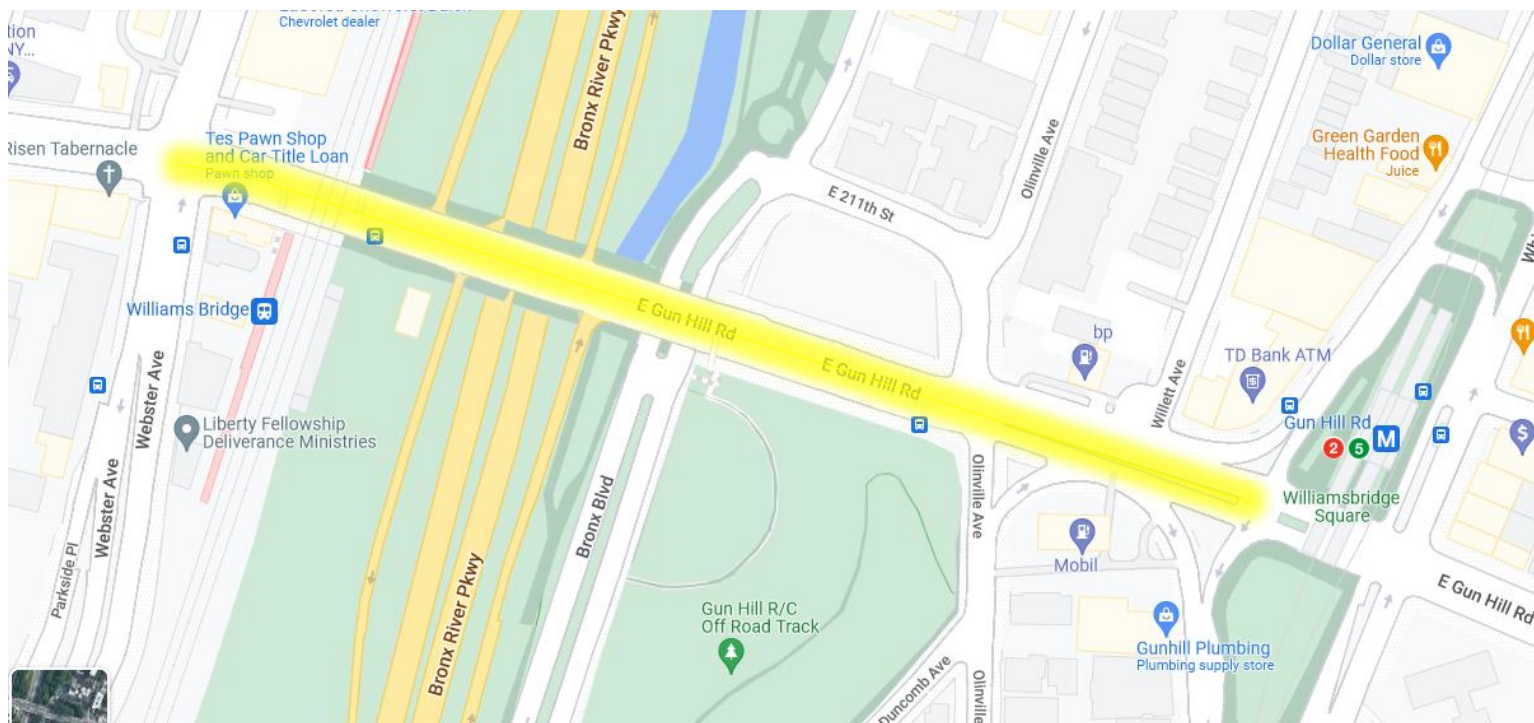
- Traffic congestion & double parking
- Broken street grid
- Bronx River Pkwy bottleneck



# Draft Proposal

# Draft Proposal: Webster Av to White Plains Rd

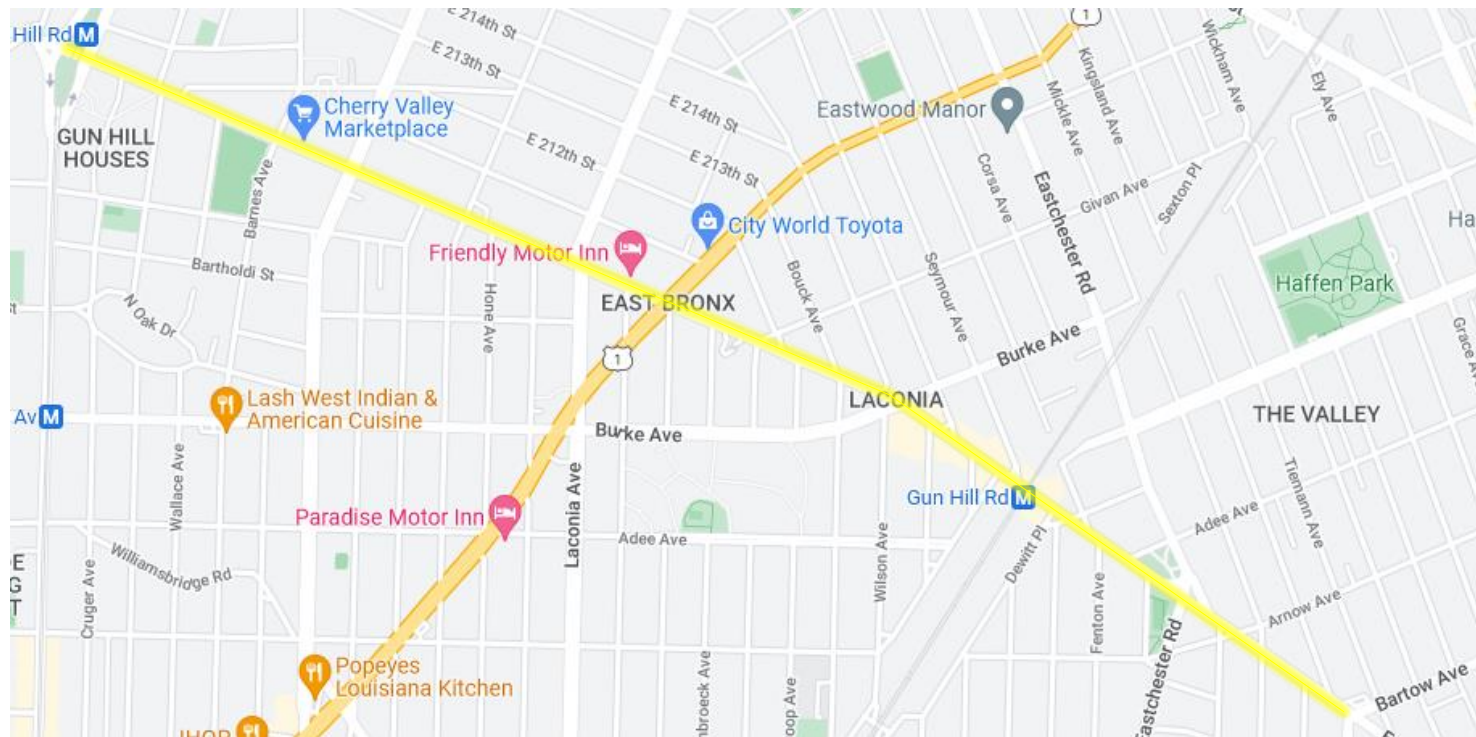
- Currently researching potential improvements
- Separate timeframe from rest of project
- Draft proposal expected late 2022 or early 2023





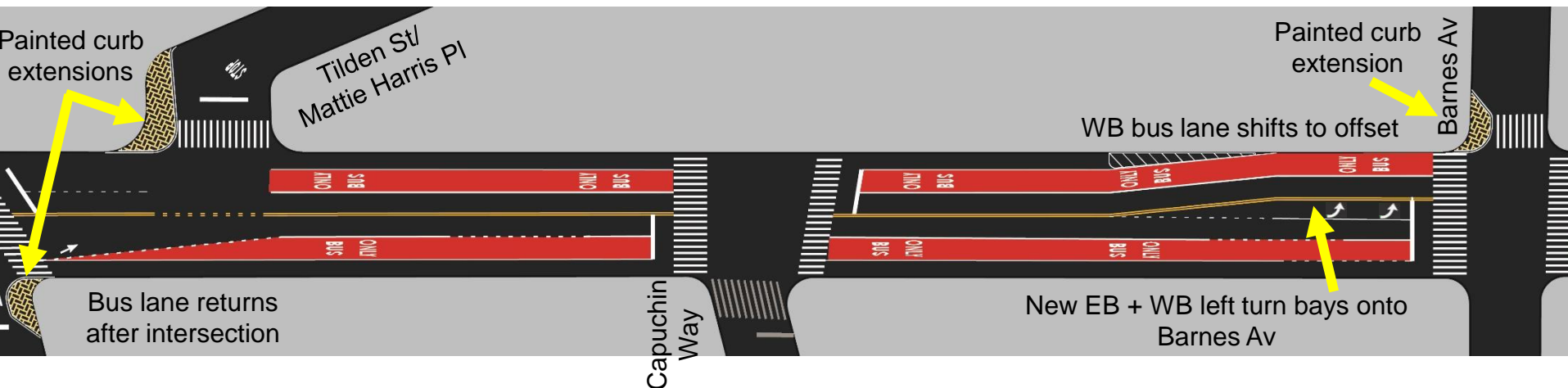
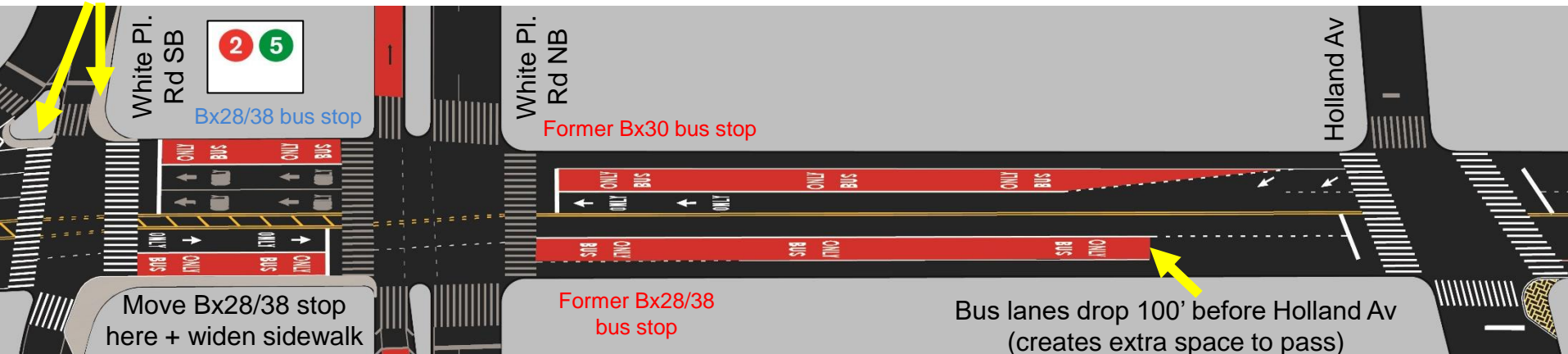
# Draft Proposal: White Plains Rd to Bartow Av

- Offset bus lanes in both directions
- Pedestrian safety improvements at 20+ intersections
- Curb regulations & turn restrictions under development

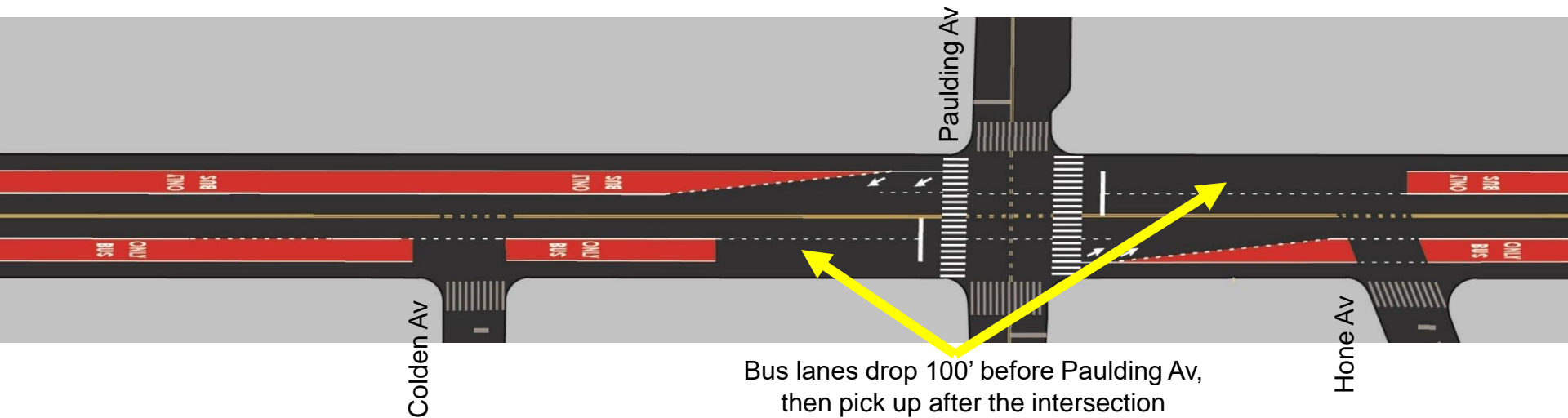


# Draft Proposal: White Plains Rd to Barnes Av

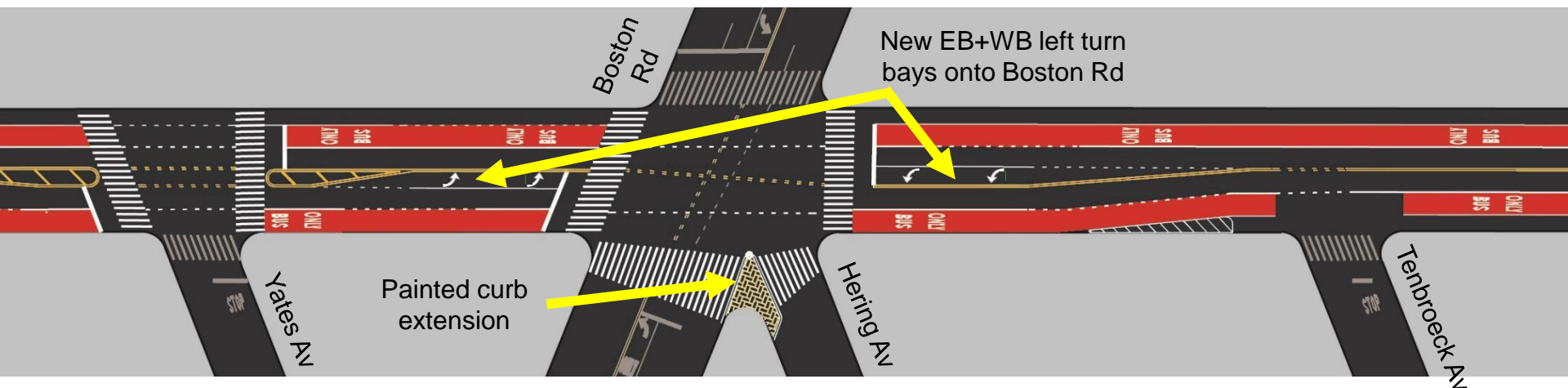
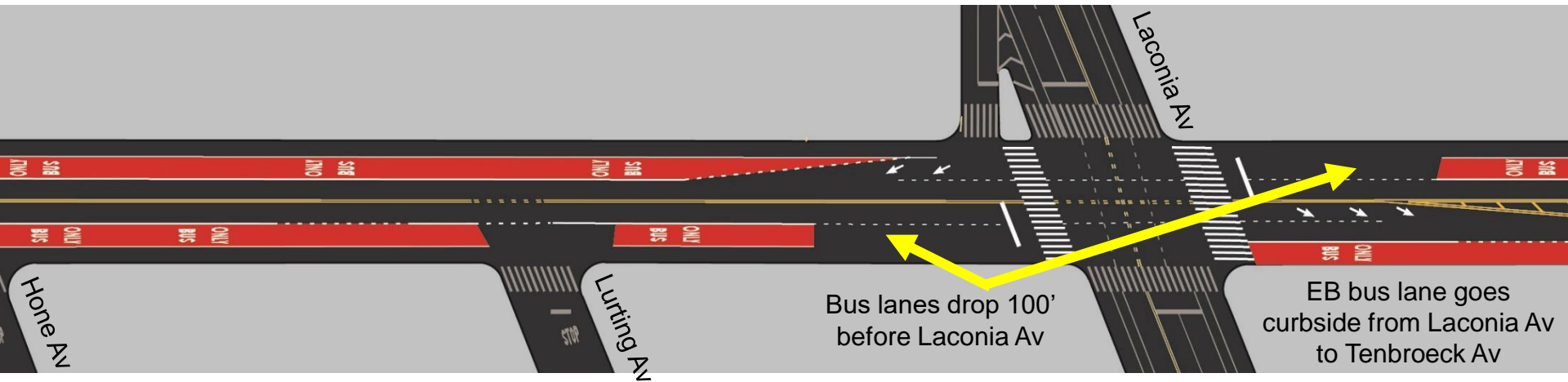
Widen sidewalk +  
median island



# Draft Proposal: Barnes Av to Hone Av

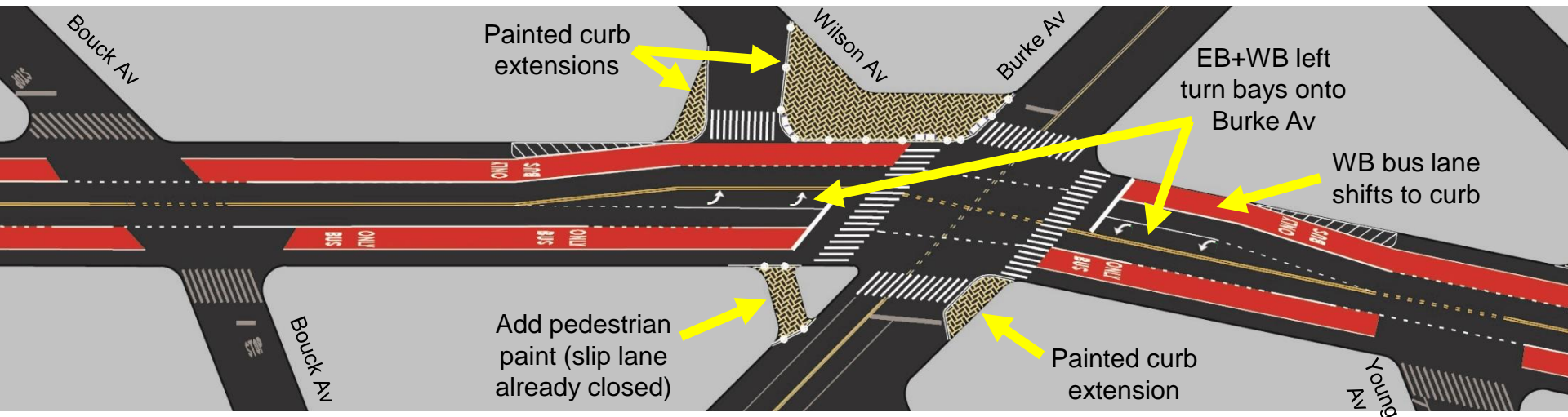
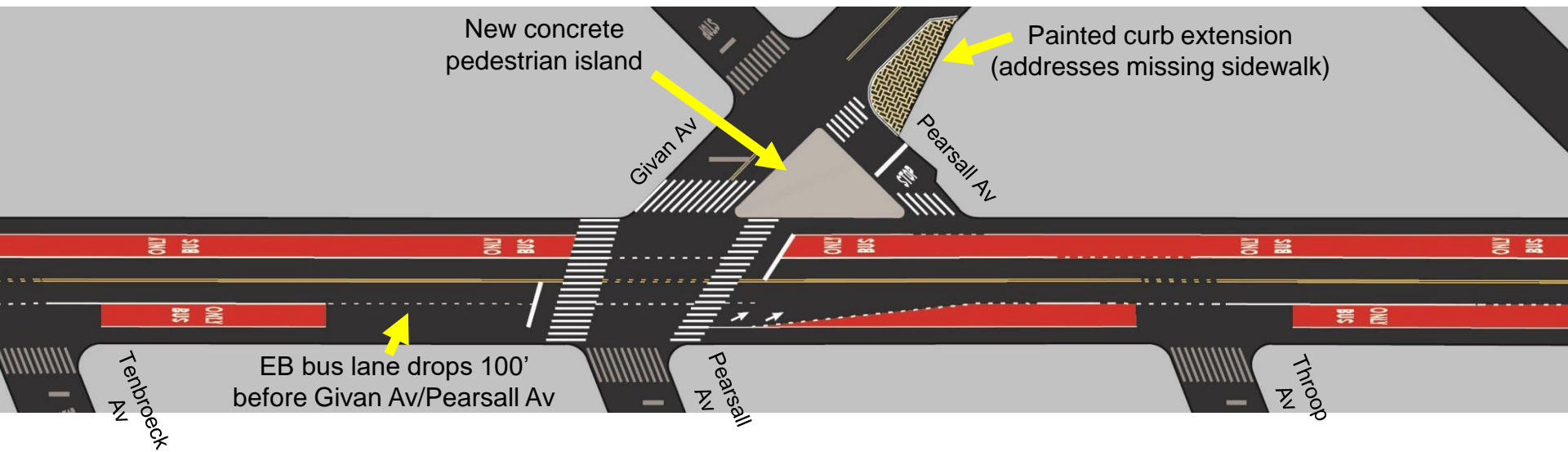


# Draft Proposal: Hone Av to Tenbroeck Av



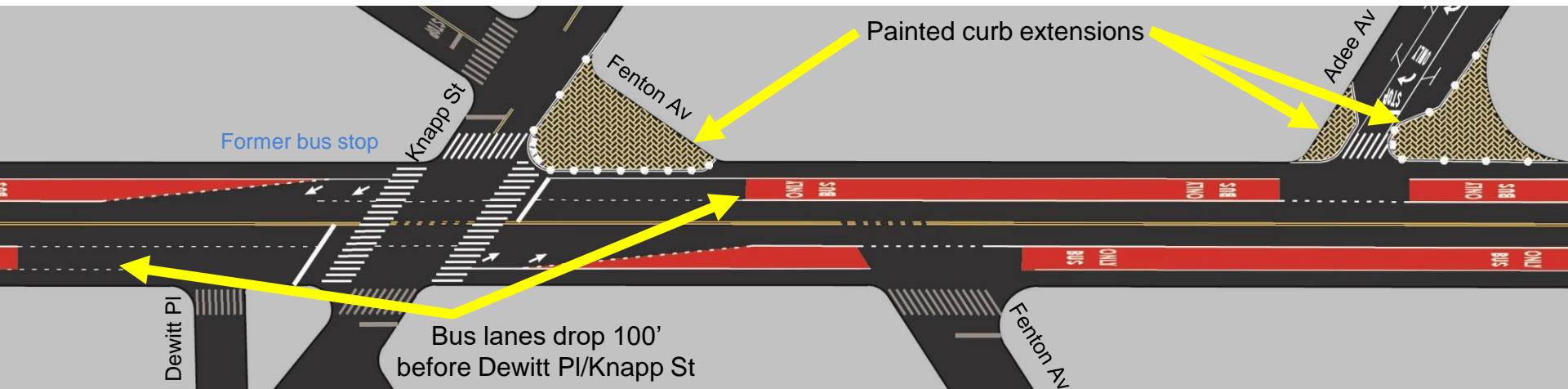
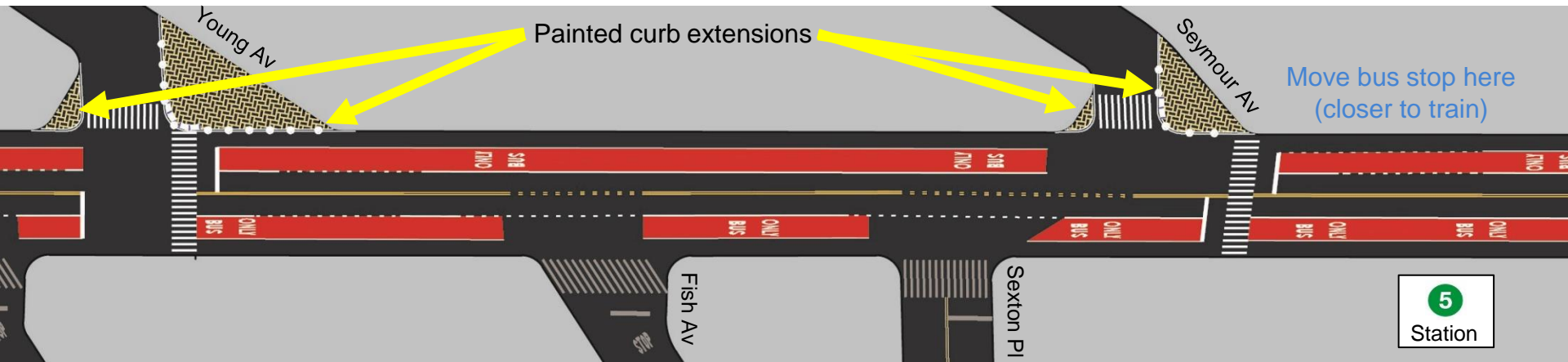


# Draft Proposal: Tenbroeck Av to Young Av

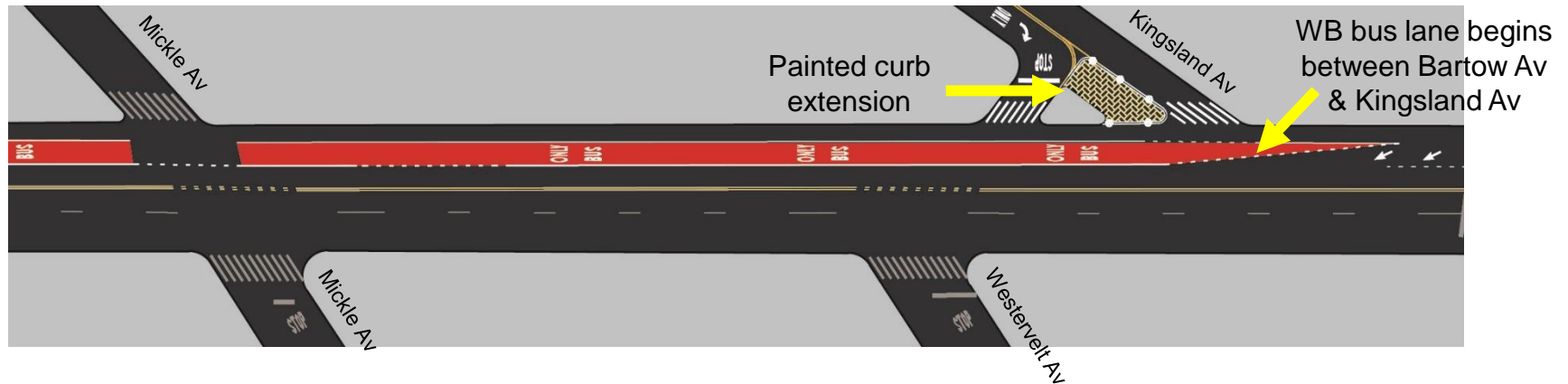
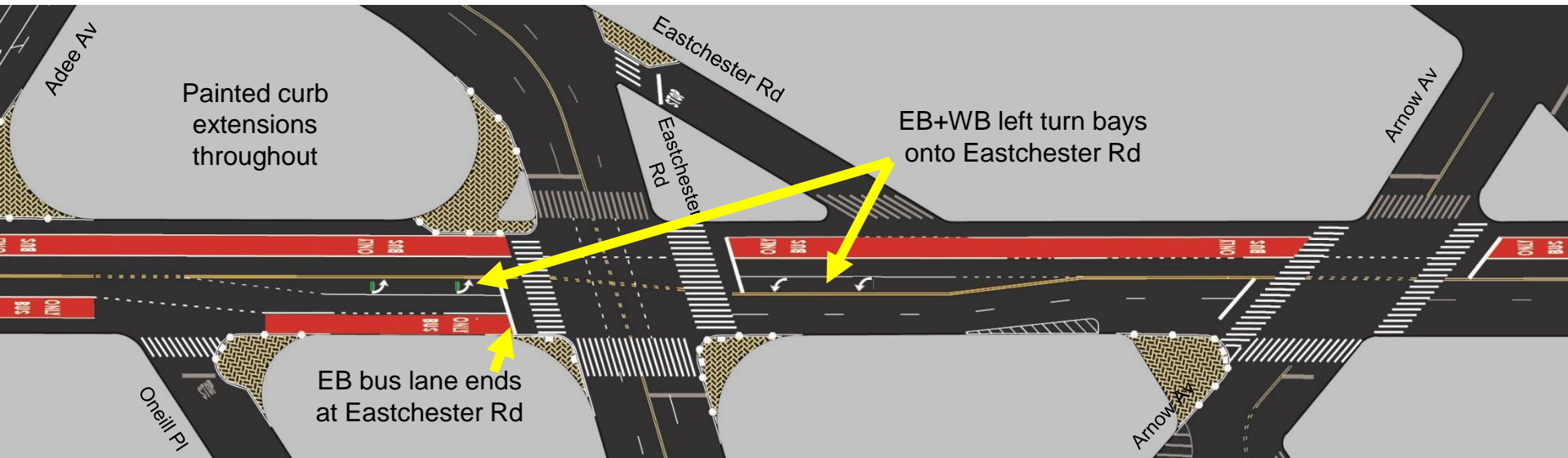




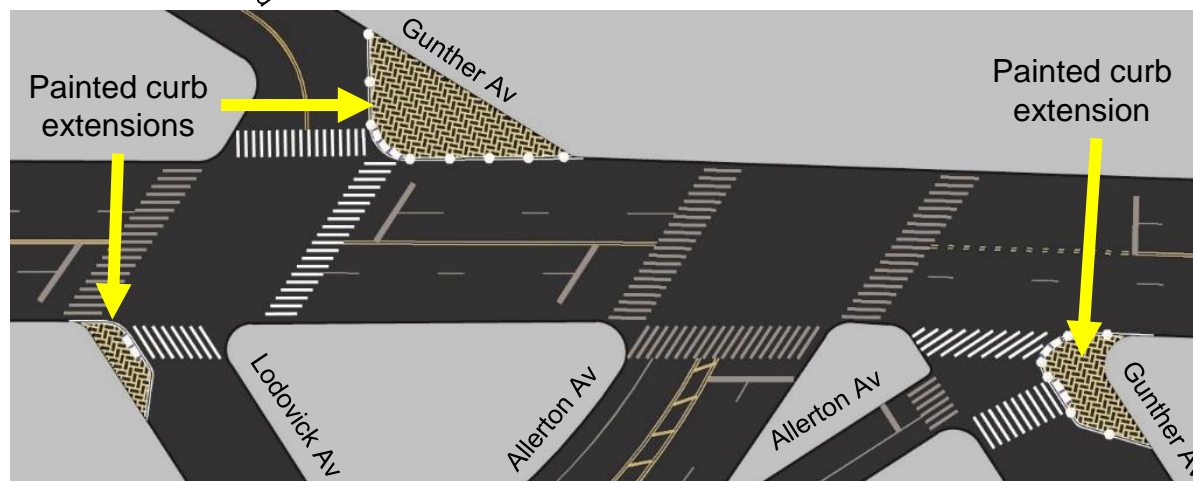
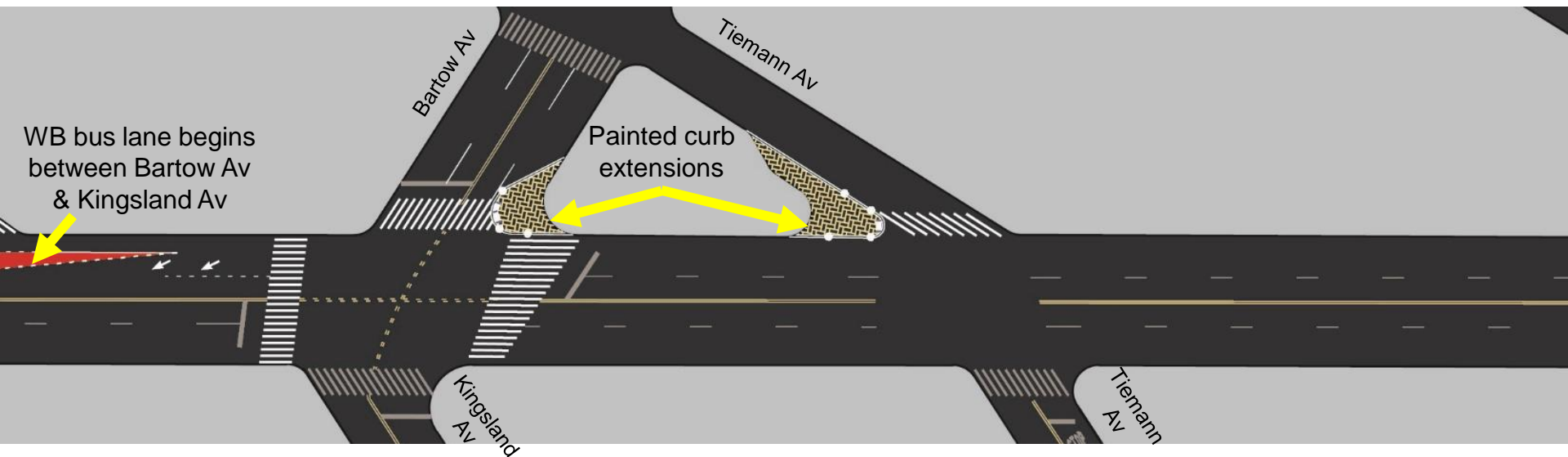
# Draft Proposal: Young Av to Adee Av



# Draft Proposal: Adee Av to Kingsland Av




# Draft Proposal: Kingsland Av to Gunther Av



# Work to Date & Next Steps



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- MTA Bronx Bus Network Redesign: 50+ public outreach events 
  - On-street and in-station pop-ups
  - Public open houses
  - Community Board presentations
  - Online workshop & surveys
- Merchant survey w/ Jerome Gun Hill BID
- Field observations & traffic data
- April 2022: presented existing conditions & discussed needs with Community Advisory Board (CAB) and Community Boards 7, 11 & 12





# Next Steps

*(Note: all dates are estimates)*

- **April:**
  - Discuss existing conditions, needs & wants
  - Feedback will help shape DOT's draft proposal
  - Traffic analysis & curb usage analysis
- **May/June:**
  - Share draft proposal
  - Listen & incorporate feedback
- **Summer:**
  - Share updated plan
- Implementation planned for **late summer-fall 2022**



# Thank You!

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## Open Discussion & Questions



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