

Better Buses Restart: Downtown Flushing Main St. Busway

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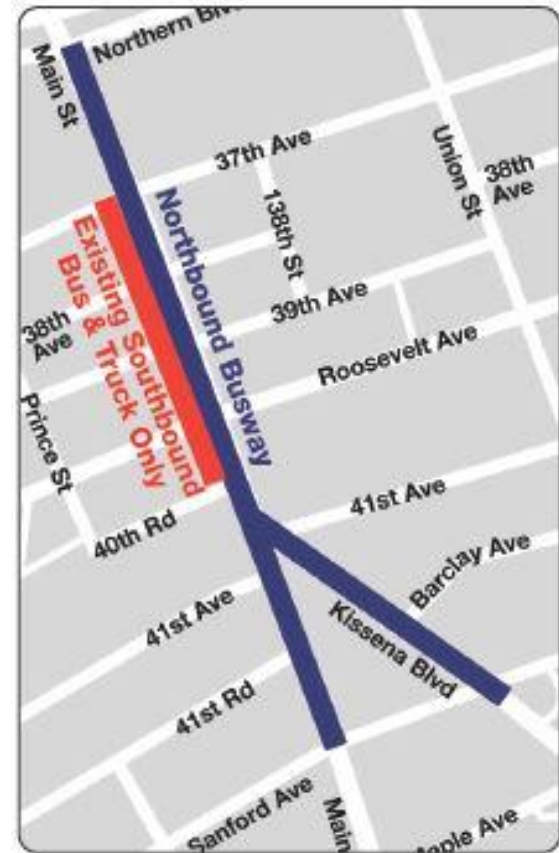
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- A photograph of a busy street in Hong Kong. A large crowd of pedestrians is crossing the street in the foreground. A white bus is stopped at a red traffic light, with its destination sign displaying '065 VIA 164 ST'. The background is filled with numerous colorful signs and advertisements in Chinese, typical of a dense urban environment.

Busway Operations



Northbound Busway on Main St. & Kissena Blvd.

- Busway will begin at Sanford Ave. on both Main St. and Kissena Blvd. and extend to Northern Blvd.
- Will allow buses, commercial trucks, **and local access for private vehicles**
- Busway hours will be in effect 24/7, matching the southbound regulations
- **No parking loss on Busway corridor**

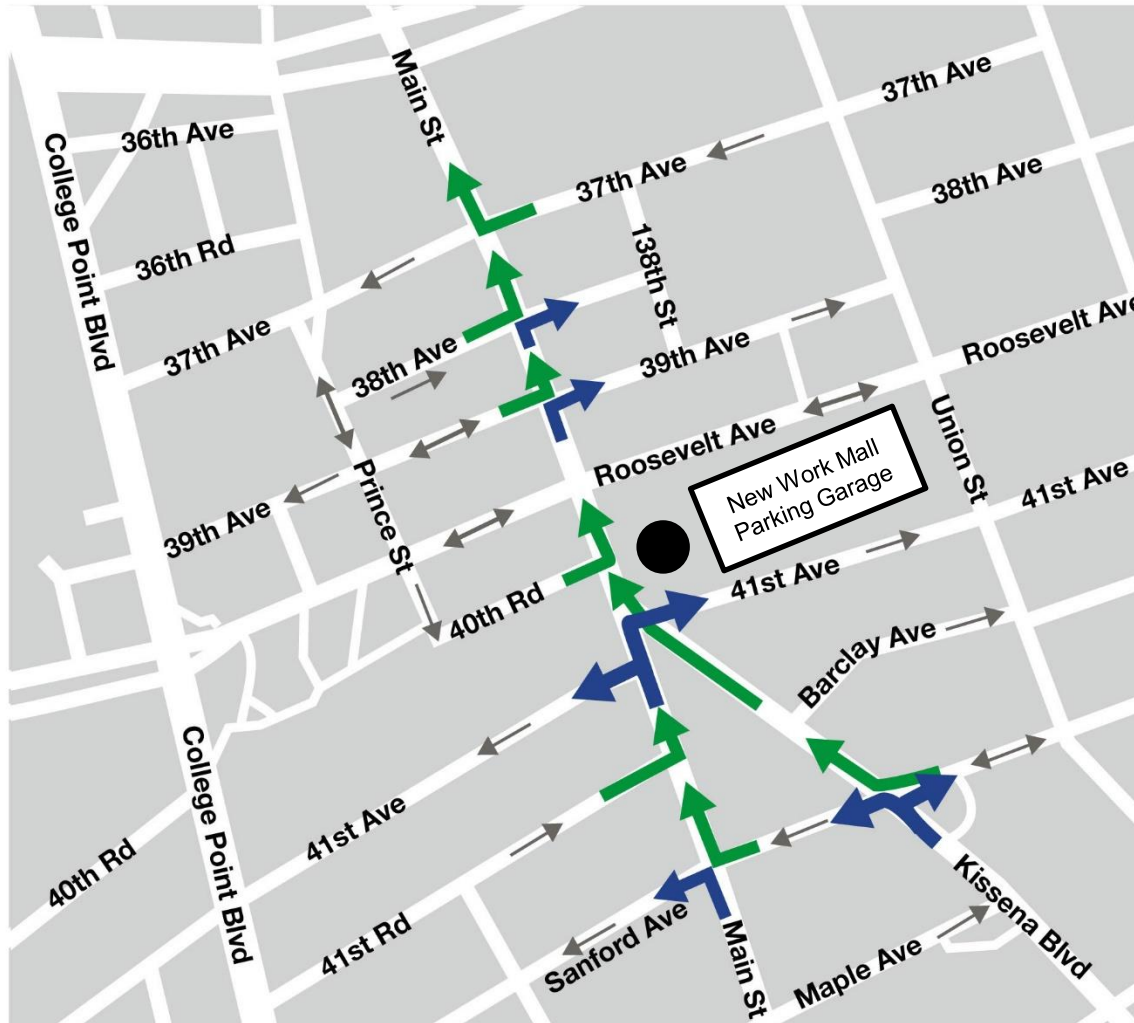


Approach to Implementing Busway

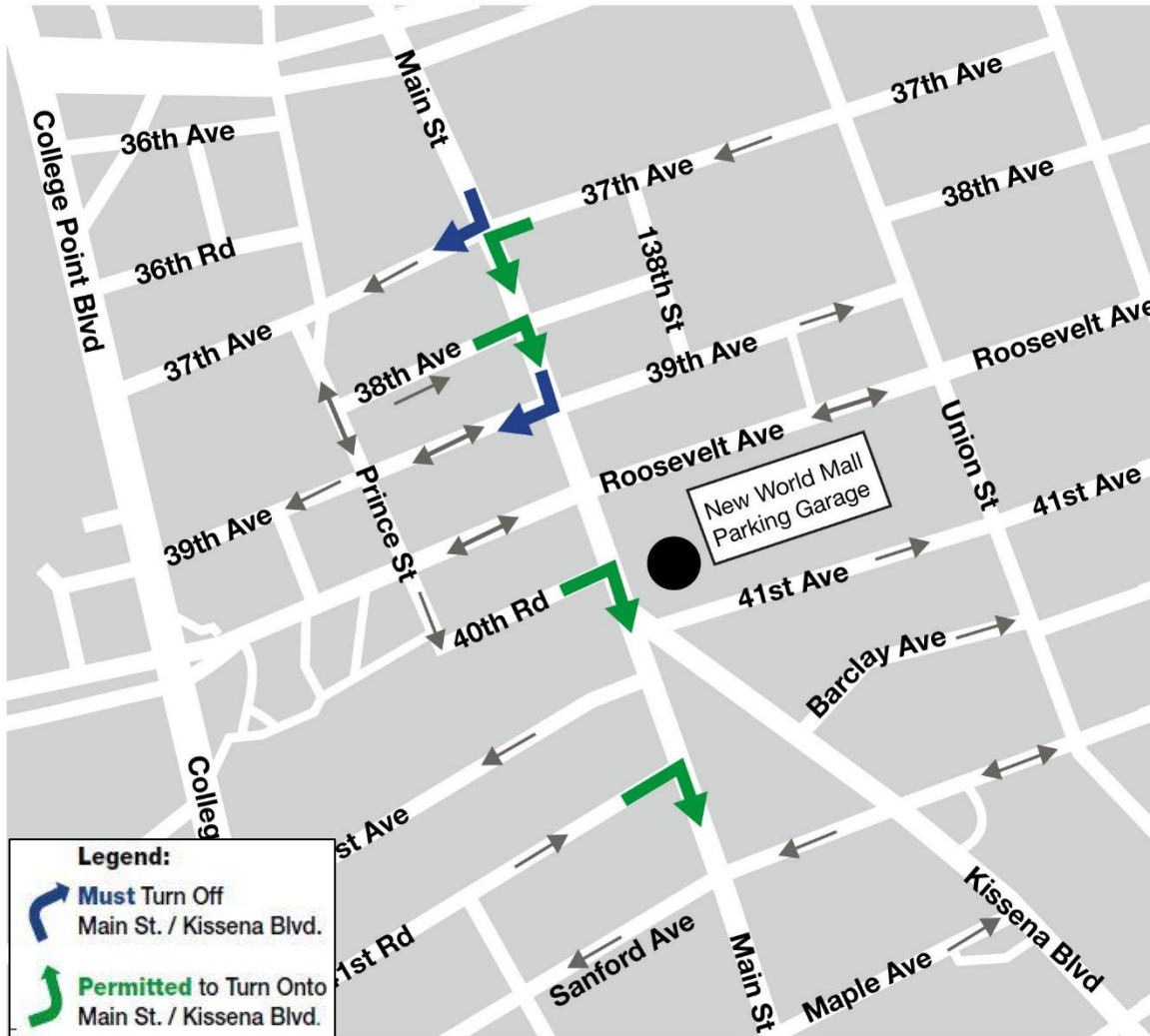
- **All vehicles are allowed local access**
- Only buses (including commuter and casino buses), trucks, and emergency vehicles will be allowed through access
- Other vehicles are allowed to drive on busway for local trips, pick-up/drop-off, and garage access but must make the next available right turn off Busway
- All left turns are restricted, except for buses and at 41st Ave.
- **Update current southbound restrictions to allow for local access and all buses, not just MTA buses**



Local Access Circulation on Busway



New Local Access Circulation for Southbound Main St.



- Existing: Only MTA Buses and Deliveries



- New: All Buses and Trucks and Local Access permitted

Monitoring Plan

- Traffic will be monitored throughout the 1-year pilot to allow for any modifications needed
- Pre-Implementation data collected to be used as baseline:
 - Traffic counts
 - time-lapse photos
 - traffic observations along the corridor and adjacent streets Inrix and Transcom data
- After Busway implementation, this data will be collected again to compare to the baseline data

Next Steps

- Busway to begin operating on Tuesday, January 19th at 6 am
- Recurring CAB meetings to update group and gather additional feedback
- Ongoing outreach
 - Distribution of educational materials to businesses and on parked vehicles
 - Variable Message Signage
 - Social media posts



THANK YOU!

Questions?



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