

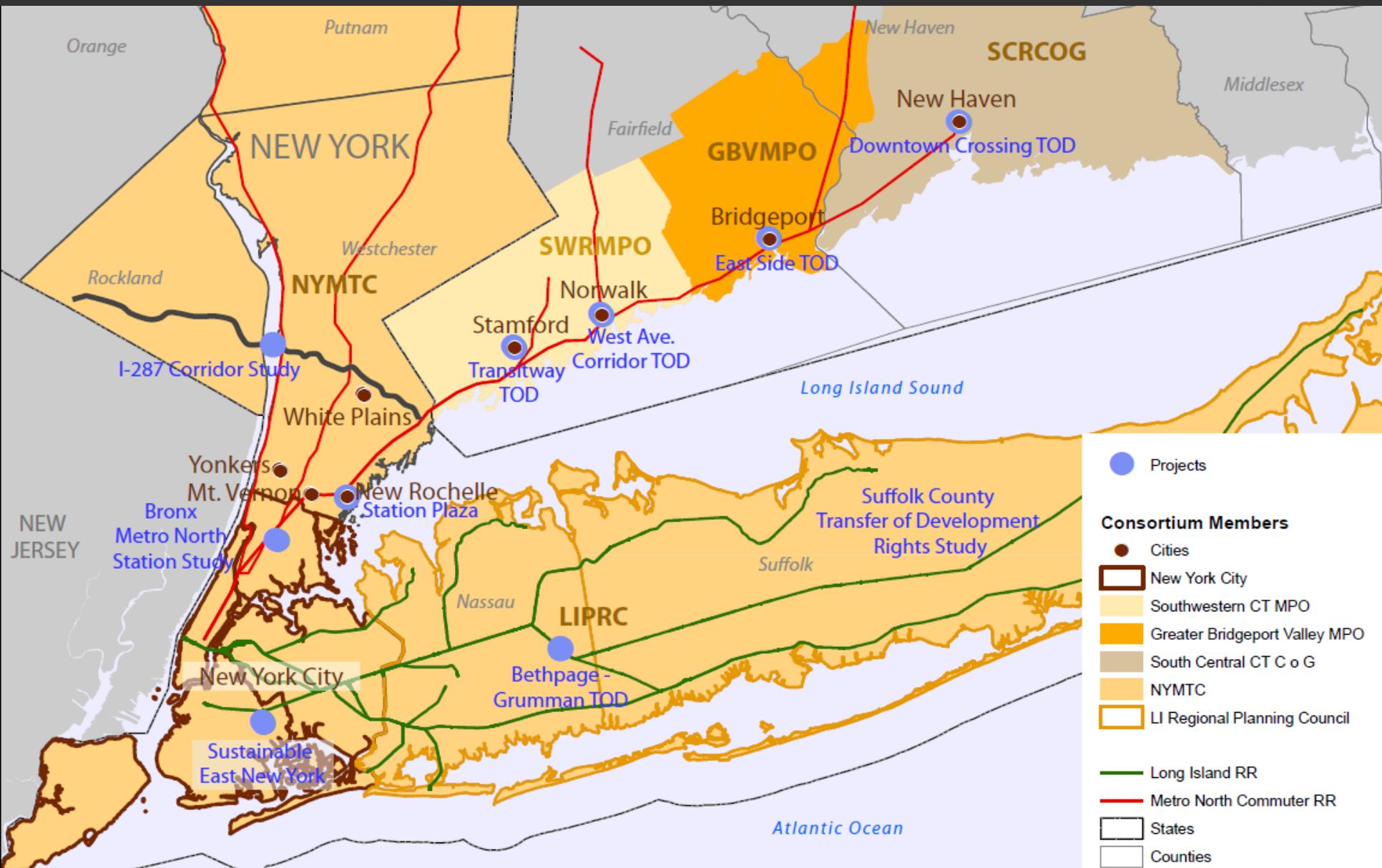
Bronx Sustainable Communities:

**Proposed Parkchester/Van Nest
Station Area**

Community Information Session

October 22nd, 2012

What is Sustainable Communities?



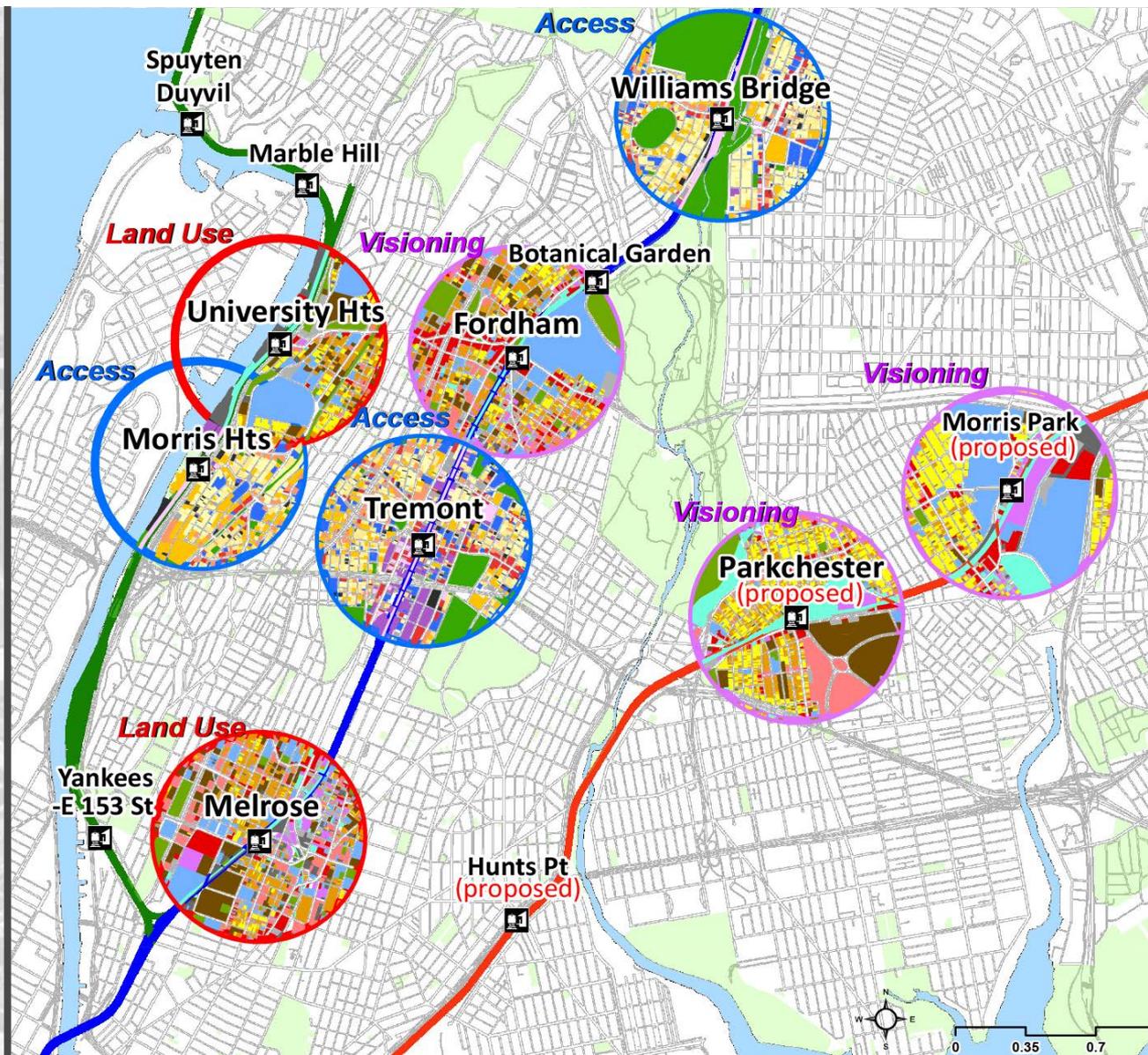
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Select Stations and Study Goals

The goals of the plan are to:

- * Connect Bronx residents to job centers in the region
- * Capitalize on the Bronx Metro-North corridors by identifying opportunities for transit oriented development (TOD)
- * Spur investment in lively, sustainable, mixed-use neighborhoods, by permitting new mixed-income housing around stations where growth is appropriate
- * Improve station visibility, pedestrian access and intermodal connections around selected Bronx Metro-North Stations.

The result will be a series of attainable, multi-disciplinary recommendations with the long term objective of creating complete and sustainable communities throughout the city.



introduction to TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

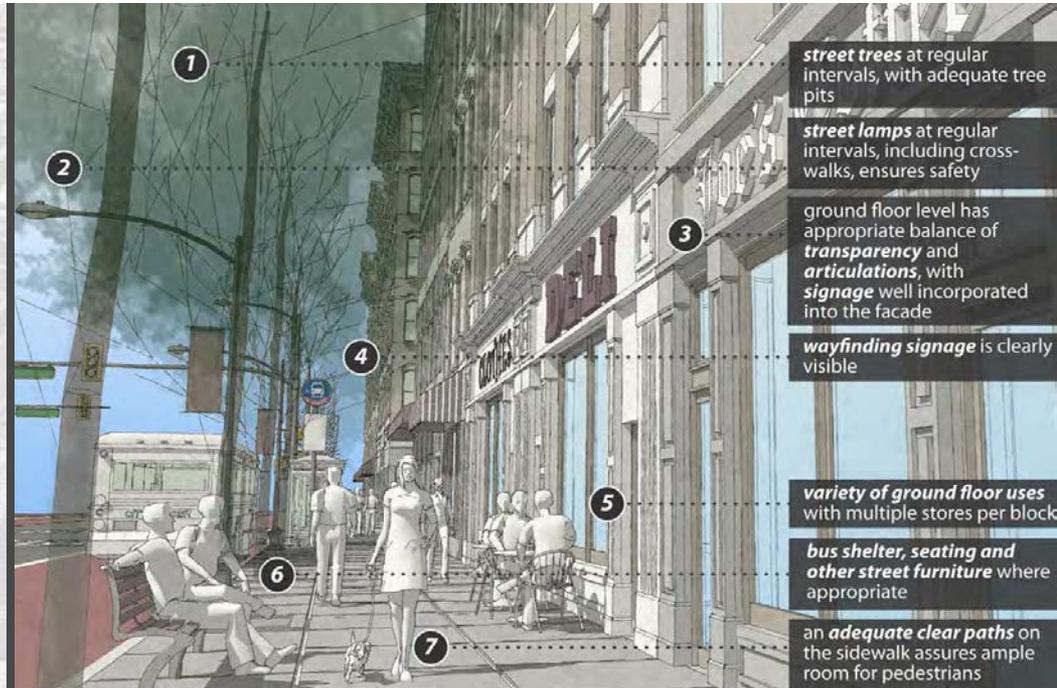


Improvements to:

- *Transportation and Access*
- *Walkability*
- *Community Amenities*
- *Land use compatibility*

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More complete communities



street trees at regular intervals, with adequate tree pits

street lamps at regular intervals, including crosswalks, ensures safety

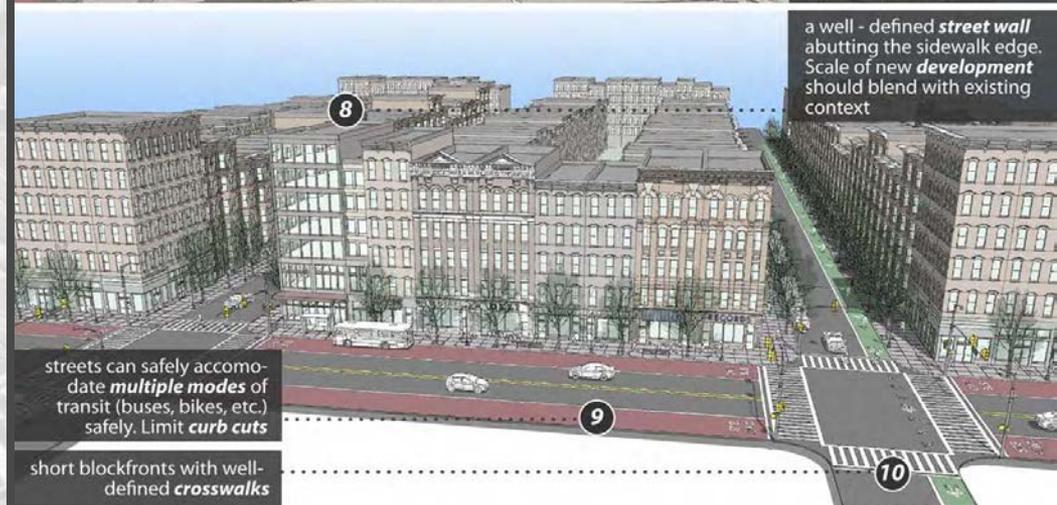
ground floor level has appropriate balance of **transparency** and **articulations**, with **signage** well incorporated into the facade

wayfinding signage is clearly visible

variety of ground floor uses with multiple stores per block

bus shelter, seating and other street furniture where appropriate

an **adequate clear paths** on the sidewalk assures ample room for pedestrians



a well - defined **street wall** abutting the sidewalk edge. Scale of new **development** should blend with existing context

streets can safely accommodate **multiple modes** of transit (buses, bikes, etc.) safely. Limit **curb cuts**

short blockfronts with well-defined **crosswalks**

Process and Outreach

Project Schedule

Proposed Parkchester Station Area:

Spring 2012:

- Completed initial field around proposed station area

Summer 2012:

- Initiated community outreach
- Conducted focus groups and interviews
- Conducted community presentations

Fall 2012:

- Identified opportunities, issues and constraints
- Conduct community information session

Winter 2013

- Develop approach to long term planning recommendations

May 2013:

- Final recommendations

...IMPLEMENTATION!

This summer DCP reached out to many community stakeholders including:

- Community Board 11
- Community Board 9
- Morris Park Merchants Alliance
- Van Nest Neighborhood Association
- Councilman James Vacca
- Westchester Sq. BID
- Congressman Joseph Crowley
- Parkchester North
- Parkchester South
- Parkchester Preservation Alliance
- Northeast Bronx Association

To ask some of the following questions:

What would a new station mean to my community?

How could the community start planning now to maximize the benefit of a new station?



the Bronx



Difficult pedestrian access to proposed station area



Underutilized and low density uses along n side of E Tremont Avenue

Parkchester

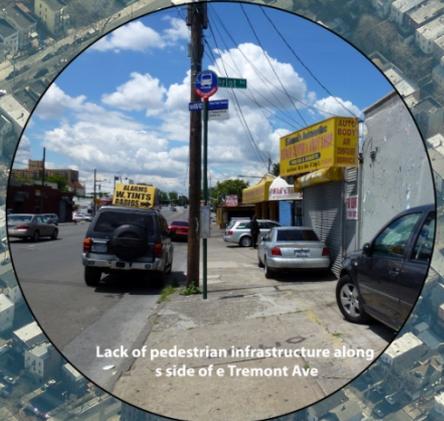
East Tremont Ave.

* Proposed Station Area

Amtrak Hell Gate Line

ConED Facility

Unionport Road
White Plains Road



Lack of pedestrian infrastructure along s side of e Tremont Ave



Existing uses along n side of E Tremont

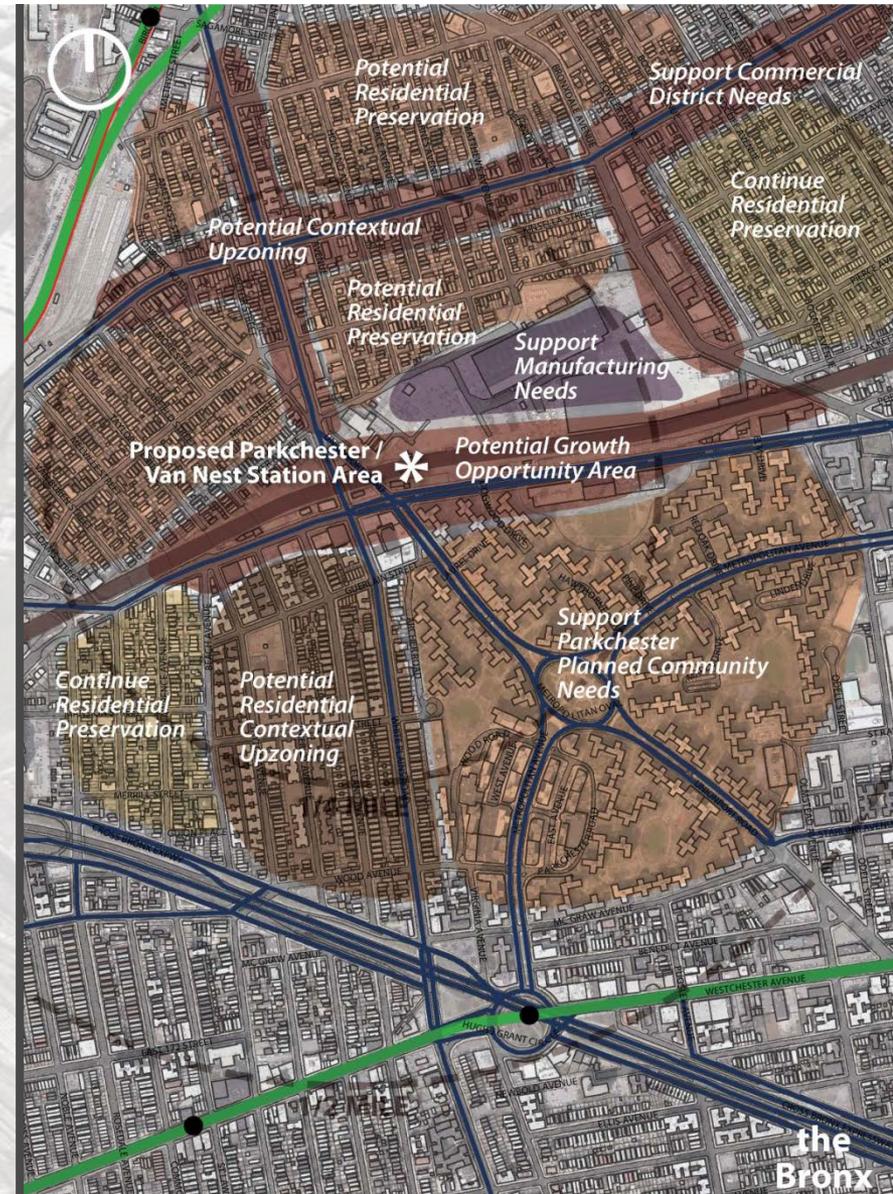
Key Pedestrian Routes

Van Nest

Long Term TOD Opportunities

Key Opportunities:

- Promote E Tremont Avenue as a vibrant thoroughfare that connects the neighborhoods and transit centers
- Develop a long term plan that create active pedestrian environment which allows for safe and comfortable access between transit and communities
- Encourage commercial uses that support community needs and develop connected commercial corridors
- Provide efficient intermodal connections between institutions and transit.
- Identify opportunities encourage a variety of housing options for the community while preserving existing residential character



Next Steps

- *Please take a minute to comment on tonight's open house and presentation*
- *DCP will compile a summary of the presentation and comments for distribution to its email list and webpage*
- *This fall DCP will develop an approach to long term planning recommendations*

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