BETTER BUSES FOR ALL

Nearly 2.5 million New Yorkers ride buses every day. But on average buses only move at 7.4 mph and in busy commercial districts, the average speed is less than 4 mph. Bus ridership is down across the City as riders avoid trips and choose faster, more reliable modes of transportation. The City and the MTA are committed to working together to improve bus service citywide.

Mayor de Blasio, the Department of Transportation (DOT), and the New York City Police Department (NYPD) are building on past efforts to get New Yorkers moving. The City has the power to redesign streets, install new bus lanes, and remove more vehicles blocking bus lanes. The MTA and State may control the buses, but the City has the tools to help reverse downward ridership trends and increase average bus speeds 25% by the end of 2020.

Redesigned Bus Networks
- Work with the MTA to optimize the bus network in every borough, starting with the Bronx in 2019, and pursue street redesigns to improve bus movement and maximize the effectiveness of the new networks
- Press the MTA to restart the SBS program and continue adding SBS routes every year, allowing NYC to fulfill our October 2017 commitment to add 20 SBS routes citywide, doubling the current number of routes

Streets for Buses
- Perform street projects across the city to benefit 600,000 daily riders citywide in 2019
- Install bus lanes at an average of 10-15 miles per year, up from current pace of 7 miles per year
- Upgrade 5 miles of existing citywide bus lanes per year with extended hours, restricted turning, and piloting up to 2 miles of physically separated lanes in 2019

Give Buses Green Lights
- Add traffic-signal priority at 300 intersections per year, doubling the number of intersections where buses get green lights.

Better Boarding and Rider Experience
- Improve rider experience by pressing for all-door boarding and off-board fare collection, and making bus stop improvements

Clear Bus Lanes
- Advocate for expanded camera enforcement of bus lanes with the State Legislature
- Increase enforcement of bus lanes; NYPD will create 7 dedicated tow truck teams for continual bus lane enforcement and towing.