BUSINESS LANDSCAPE

491 Active Storefronts

- 16 • Louis Nine Blvd
- 57 • Boston Road
- 34 • 174th Street
- 128 • Southern Blvd (north of 167th)
- 120 • Southern Blvd (south of 167th)
- 136 • Westchester Ave

12% Vacancy Rate

- 0% • Louis Nine Blvd
- 14% • Boston Road
- 0% • 174th Street
- 16% • Southern Blvd (north of 167th)
- 9% • Southern Blvd (south of 167th)
- 12% • Westchester Ave

Top Business Types on Southern Boulevard

- Clothing Stores
- General Merchandise
- Barber/Hair Salon
- Convenience Stores
- Professional Services

Changes Needed to attract more visitors

- 27% Safety
- 14% Beautification
- 14% Sanitation
- 22% Parking
- 23% Other*

*storefront improvements, merchant collaboration, and community events

Desired New Business

- Clothing and Shoes
  - 34.3 million in unmet demand
- Furniture
  - 12.8 million in unmet demand
- Full Restaurant & Cafes
  - 12.3 million in unmet demand

Top Merchant Challenges

1) Parking/Transit Options
2) Property Taxes
3) Commercial Rent

About the Data

In 2017 the Department of Small Business Services (SBS), in partnership with Women’s Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDco) and Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice (YMPI), surveyed 114 merchants and 645 consumers to help identify the strengths, challenges, and opportunities within the Southern Boulevard commercial corridor. The findings above will be included in a Commercial District Needs Assessment (CDNA), to be published in the summer of 2018.

Ask me about the work we’ve done here and in other parts of the city.

Where can you find more information and resources? nyc.gov/neighborhoods

Stakeholder Discussions, Community Organizations, Area Observations, Surveys, And Public Workshops