

# B46 Select Bus Service

Community Board 8 | April 9, 2015



# Agenda

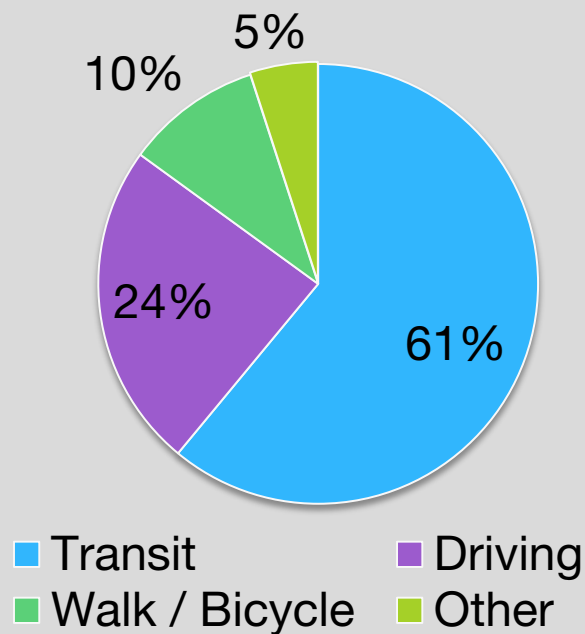
1. Provide an update about the project to date
2. Present draft service plan for B46 SBS and B46 local
3. Discuss plans and identify key comments and issues

# Project Background

The Utica Avenue B46 corridor was identified as a potential candidate for Select Bus Service in the 2009 Bus Rapid Transit Phase II Study.

- Ranked by community as one of two corridors most in need of improvements
- Characterized by slow and crowded trips
- Second-busiest bus route in NYC, carrying nearly 50,000 passengers per day
- Crucial connection to **3** **4** **A** **C** trains and 30 bus routes
- Bus lanes implemented in 2014 in portion of corridor, improving bus and vehicle travel times

**Residents Mode to Work**



Source: 2008-2012 ACS 5-Year Estimates  
¼ mile from Utica corridor

# Utica Avenue Outreach

## Outreach for the 2014 Bus Improvement Project (2013-2014)

- Meetings with Community Boards, local businesses, and elected officials

## Outreach for Select Bus Service

- Community Advisory Committee Meeting #1 (September 2014)
- Public Workshop #1 (November 2014)
- Community Advisory Committee Meeting #2 (February 2015)
- Open House (March 2015)
- Community Board Meetings (March-April 2015)





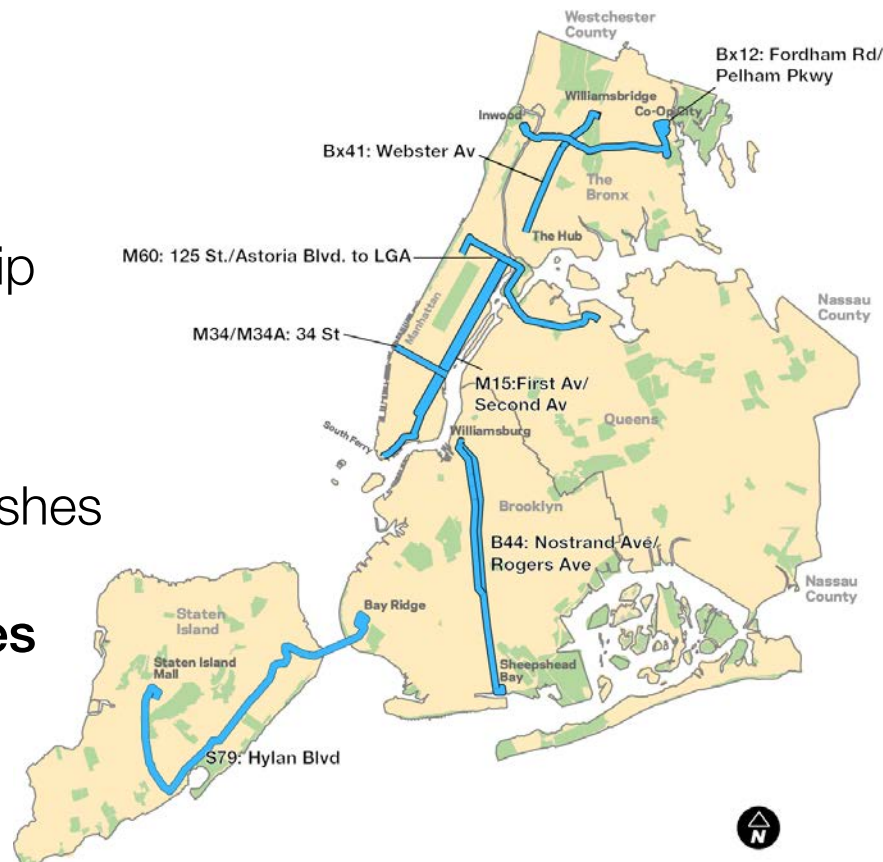
# Select Bus Service in New York City

Select Bus Service (SBS) is New York City's brand name for Bus Rapid Transit: an improved bus service that offers fast, frequent, and reliable service on high-ridership bus routes.

## SBS has brought:

- 15-23% faster bus speeds
- About 10% increase in ridership
- More reliable service
- Customer satisfaction of 95%
- Safer streets / reduction in crashes

There are 7 Select Bus Service routes serving all 5 boroughs.



# Select Bus Service Features



Improved fare collection



Bus lanes



Transit signal priority



Passenger information



Improved station amenities



Pedestrian safety improvements



# Select Bus Service Fare Payment



Riders pay with MetroCard or coins before boarding, receive ticket

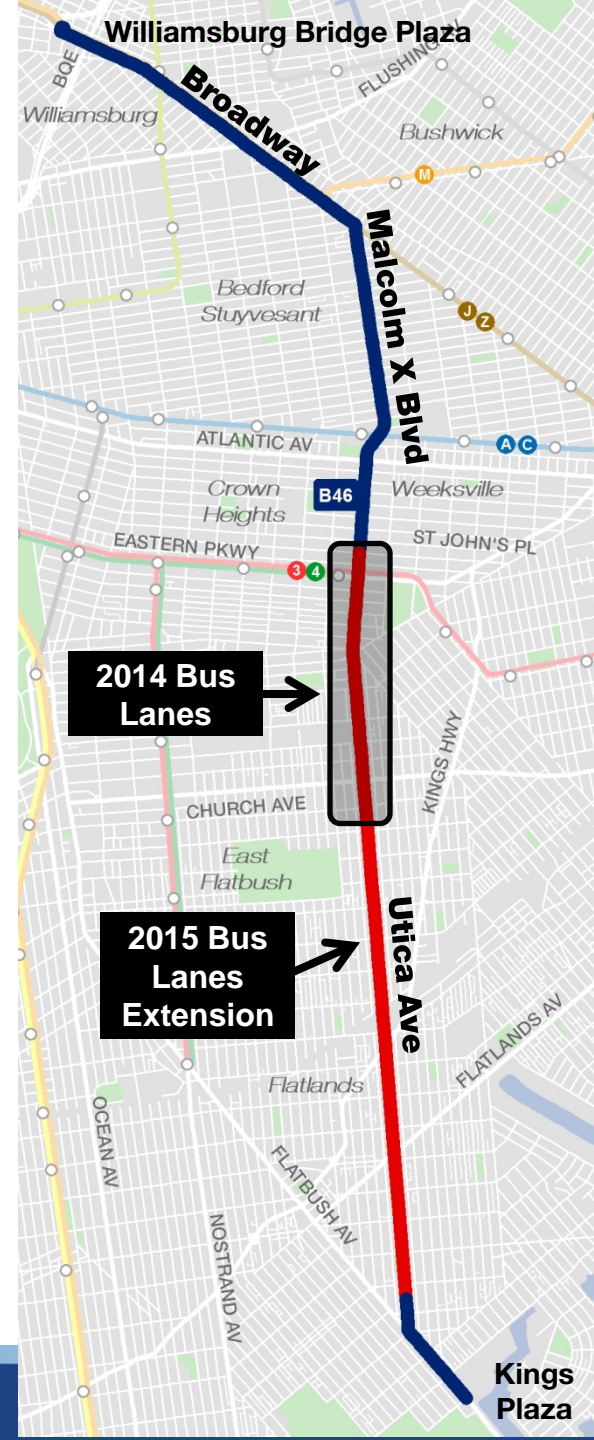


MTA NYCT conducts random fare payment inspections

# Utica Avenue Select Bus Service

**B46 Limited to be upgraded to B46 SBS, which will include:**

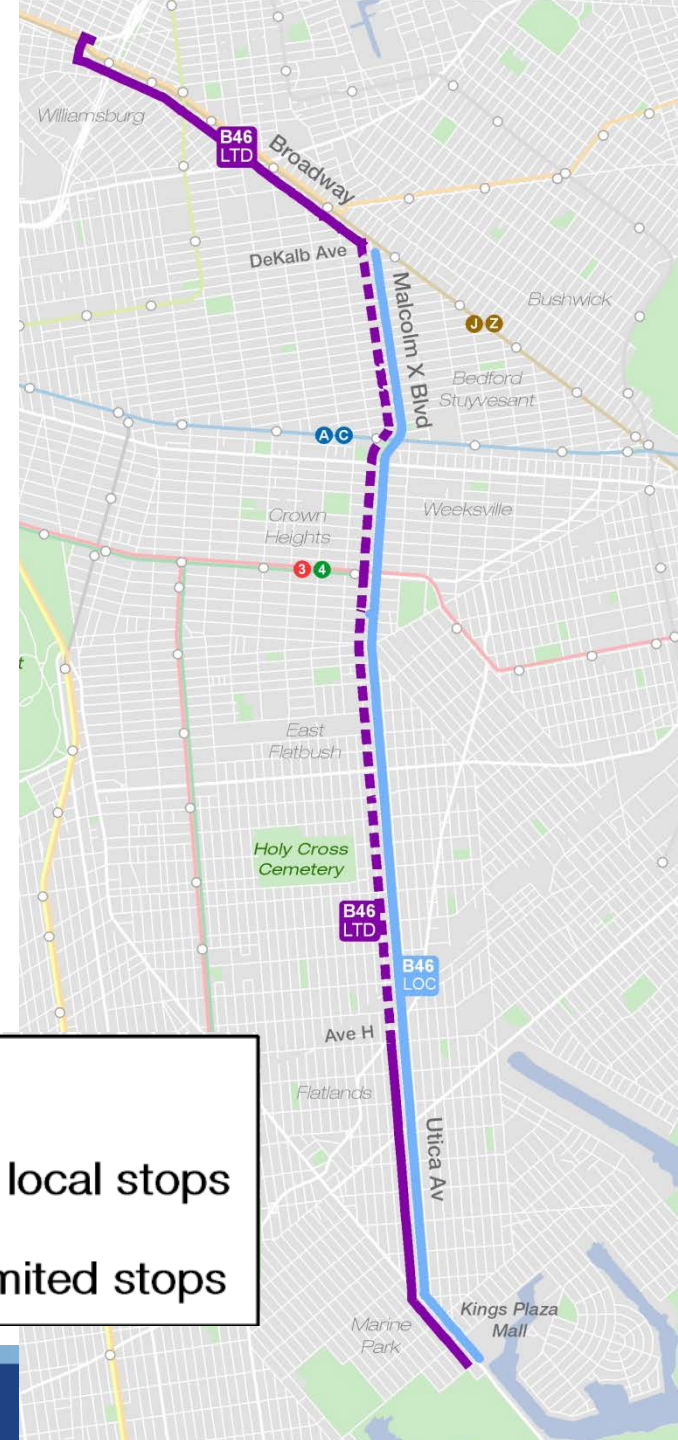
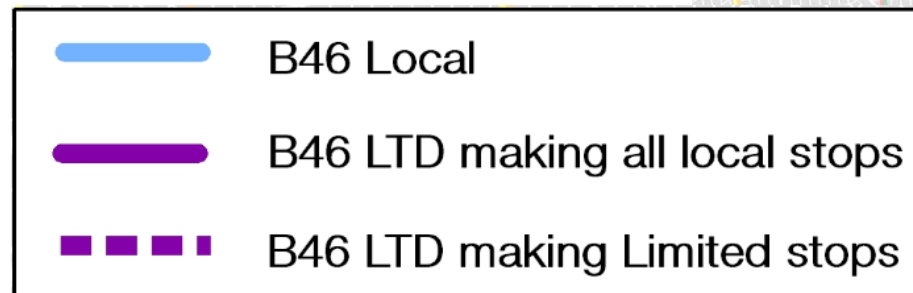
- Off-board fare collection
- Dedicated bus lanes (extension south of Church Avenue)
- Transit signal priority
- Service changes to improve reliability
- Capital improvements at SBS stations
  - Real-time passenger information
  - Bus bulbs (sidewalk extensions at bus stops)
  - Pedestrian safety enhancements at complex intersections
  - New shelters, plantings, benches, etc.



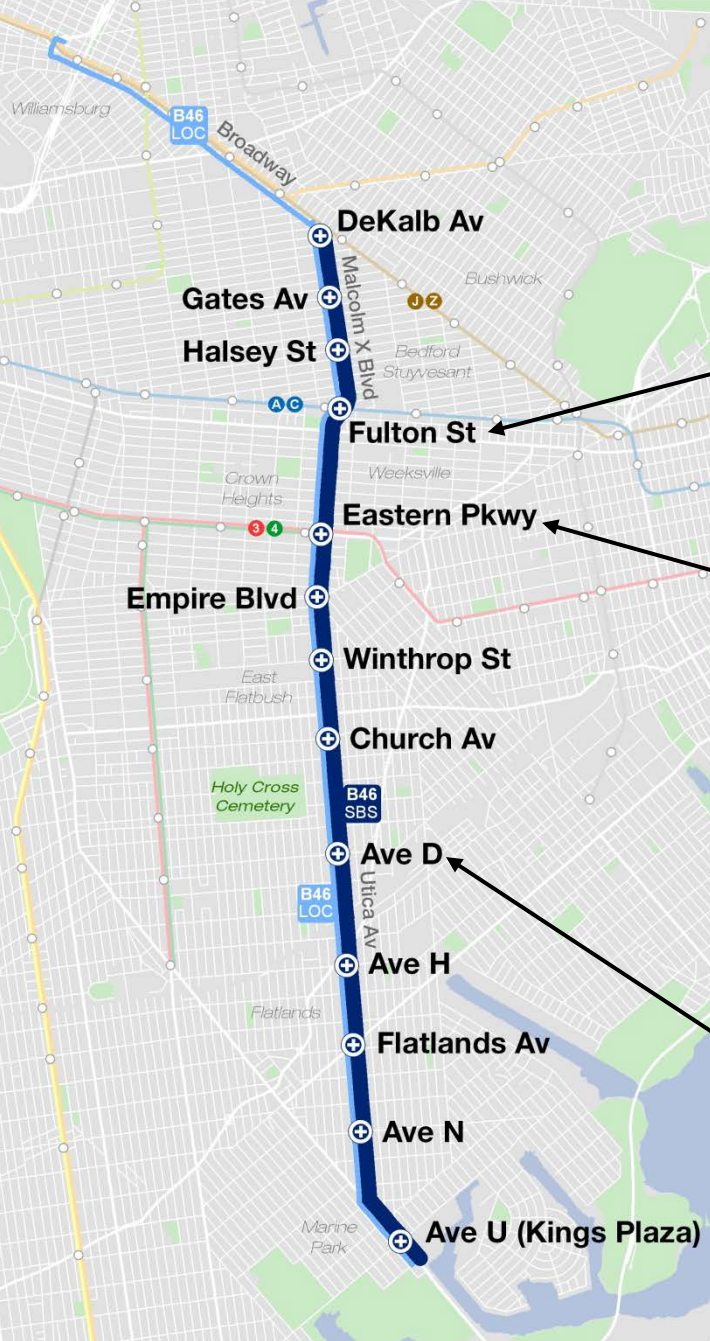


# Current B46 Local and LTD Service Pattern

- B46 LTD generally travels between Kings Plaza and Williamsburg Bridge Plaza
- B46 LTD makes all local stops north of DeKalb Ave and south of Ave H
- B46 Local generally travels between Kings Plaza and DeKalb Ave



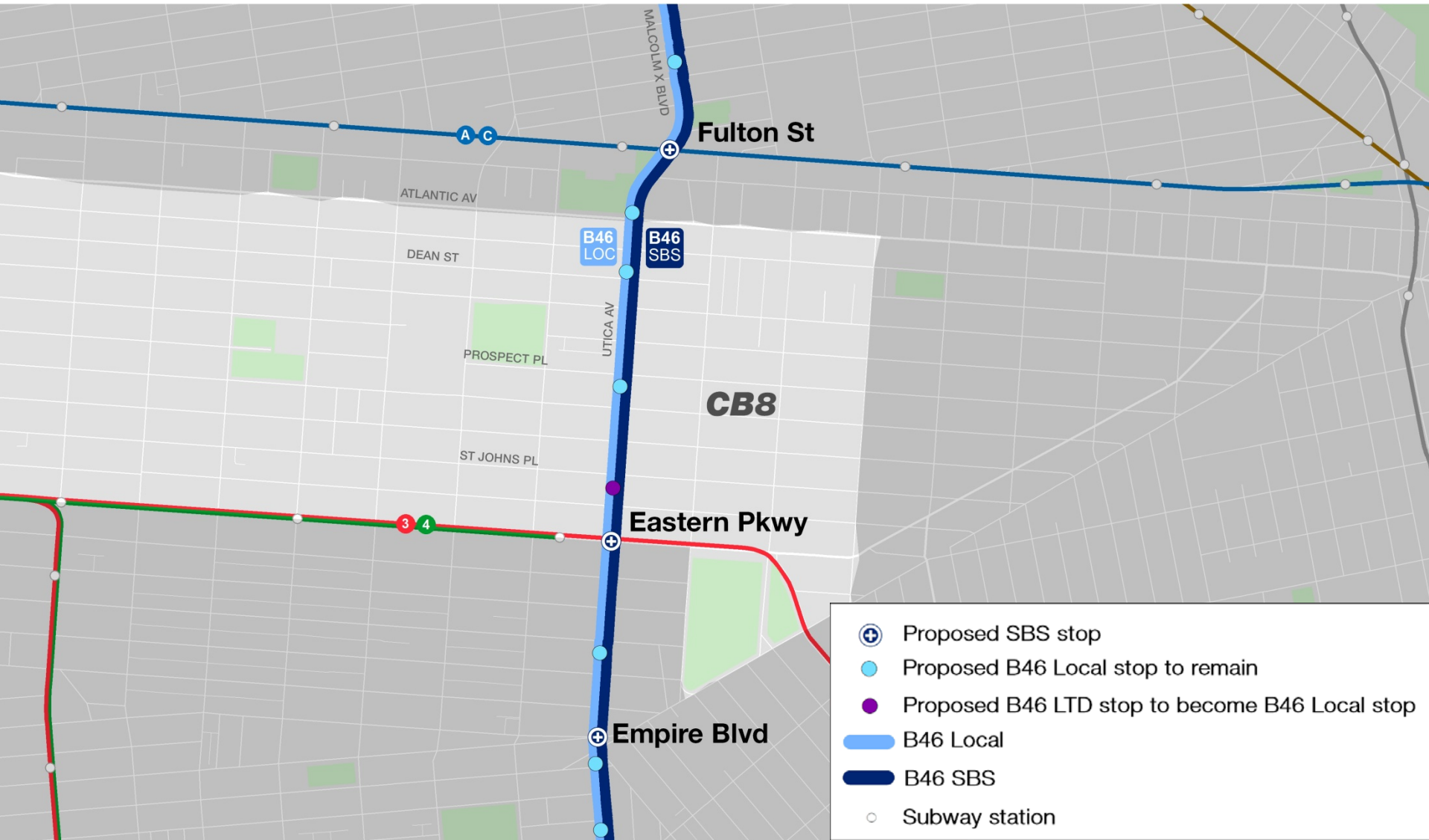
# Proposed B46 SBS Stations





# Proposed B46 Service Changes

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# Next Steps

## Spring 2015

- Finalize service plan for B46 SBS and B46 local
- Develop conceptual street design changes south of Church Avenue and north of St Johns Place (if any)
- Present to other Community Boards along corridor

## Summer 2015

- Develop corridor plan
- Develop implementation plan

# Questions?

