

Bx35 Bus Priority and Safety Improvements

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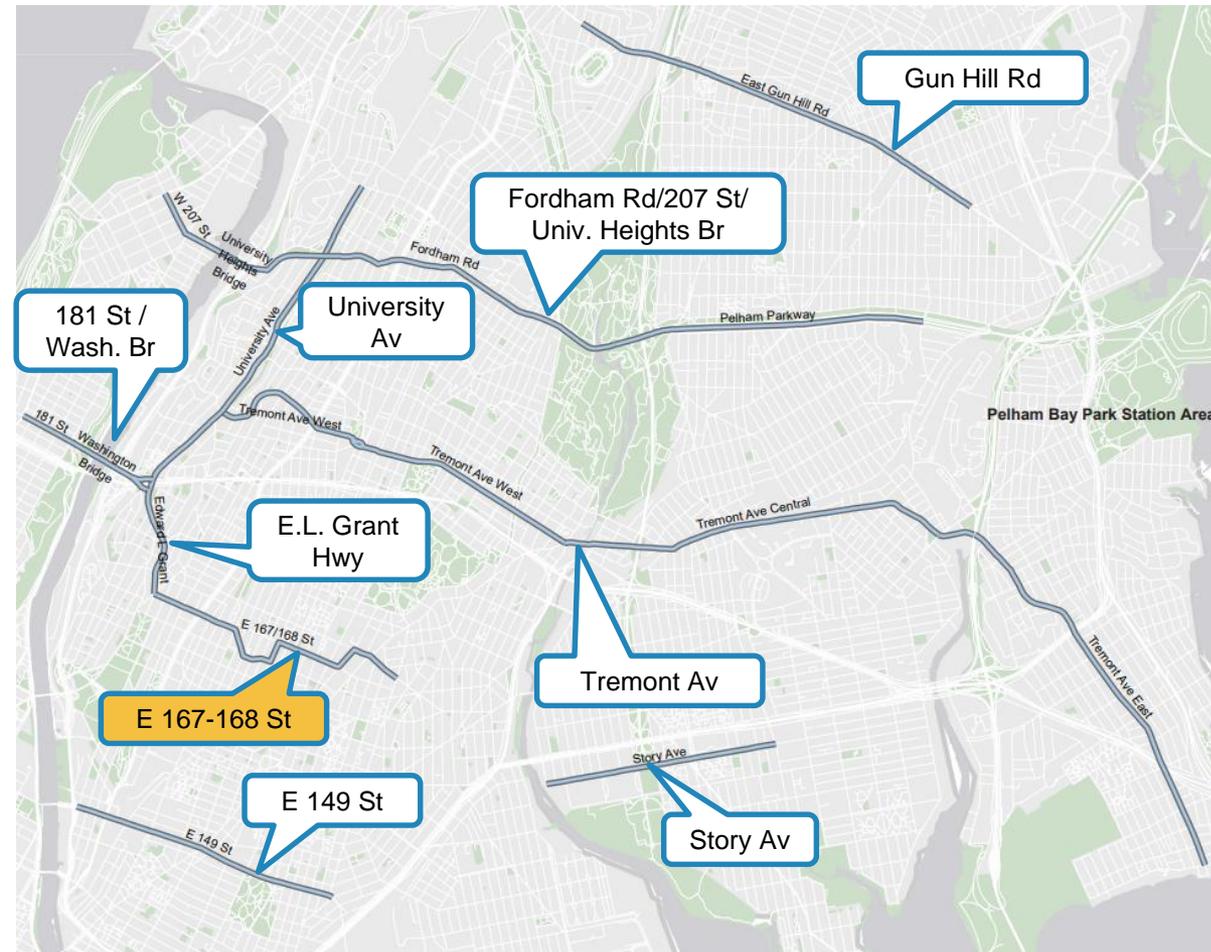
Planning & Outreach

Better Buses Action Plan

- Improve bus speeds by 25%
- Install 10-15 miles of new bus lanes per year
- Improve 5 miles of existing bus lanes per year
- Support MTA Bus Network Redesign efforts with borough bus priority plans



Bus Priority Corridors

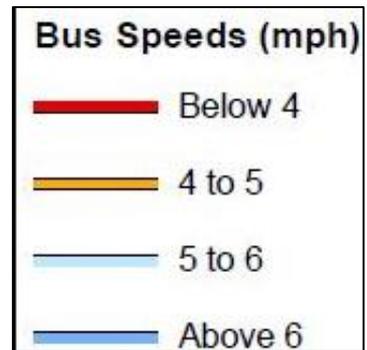
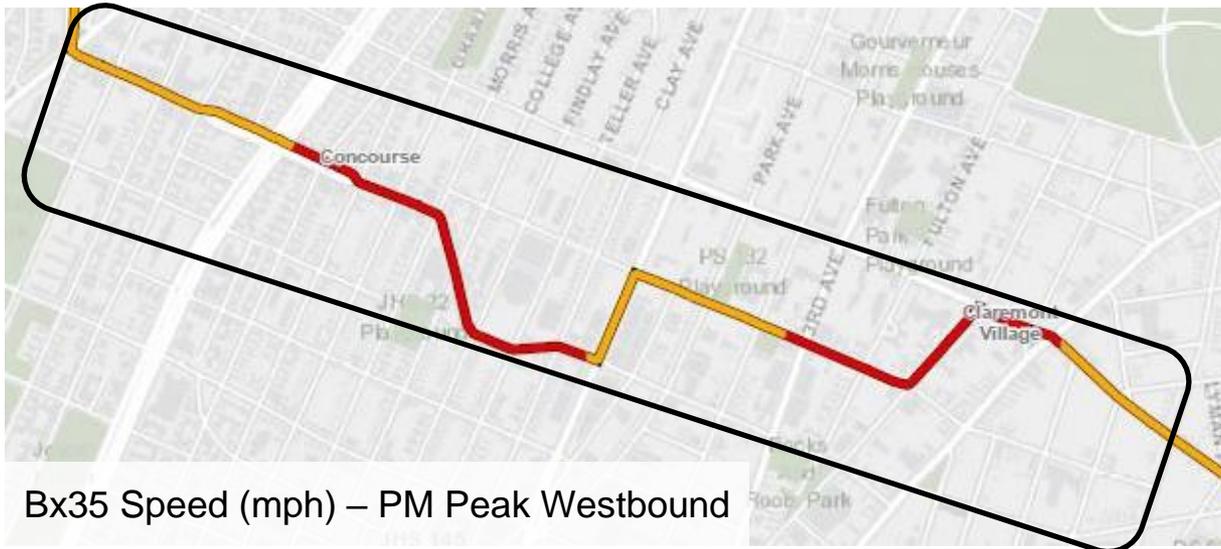
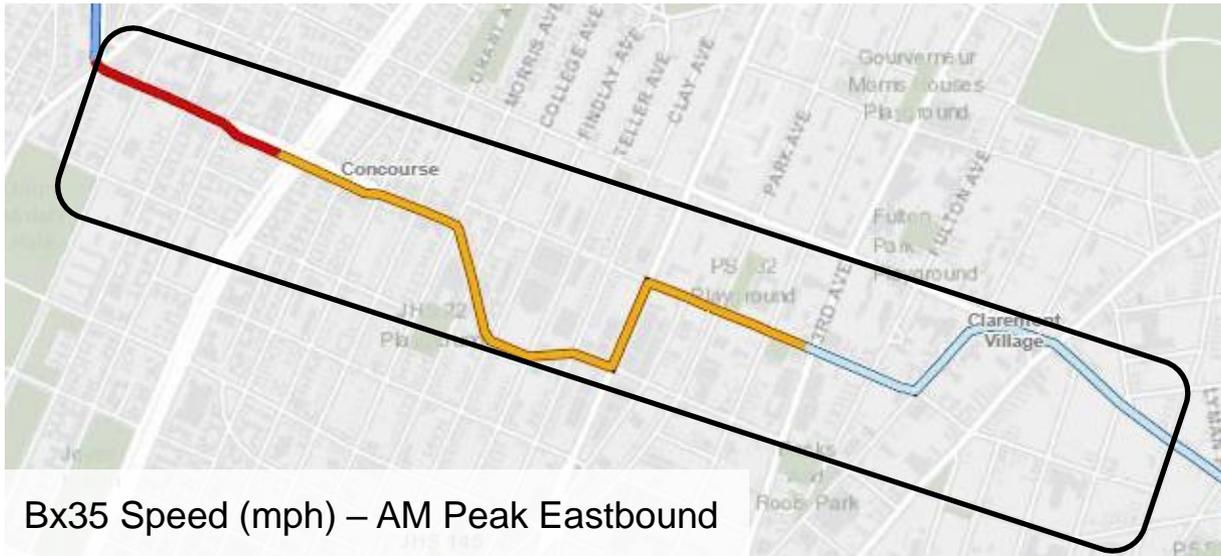


- NYCDOT analyzed Bronx corridors to determine where bus lanes and other bus priority are most needed
- Both E.L. Grant Hwy and E 167th/E 168th St identified as top Bronx corridors
- High ranking due to:
 - High ridership & high volume of buses
 - Slow and unreliable bus service
 - Important cross-borough connections

E 167th St / E168th St

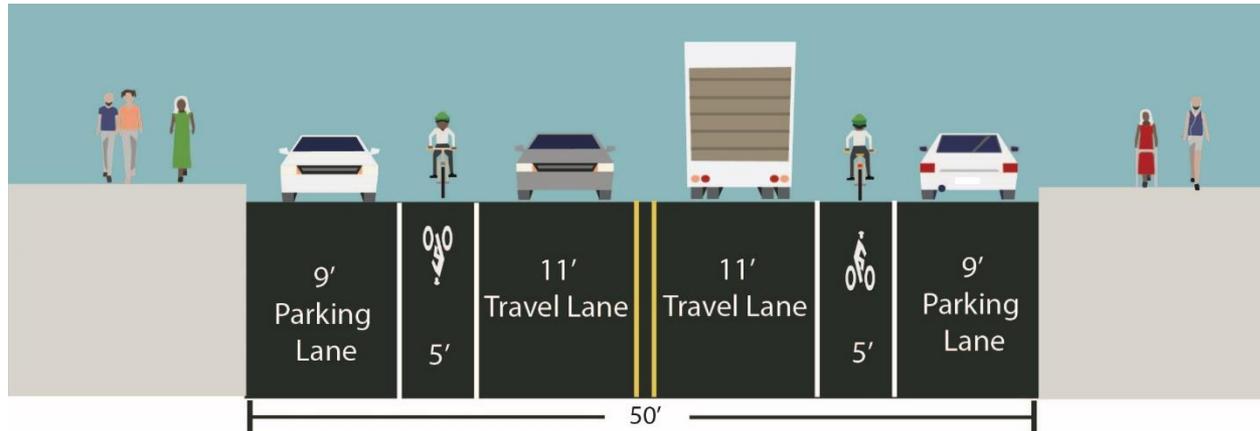
Background

Bus Speeds



Source: NYCT BusTime Data (local, limited, and SBS routes)

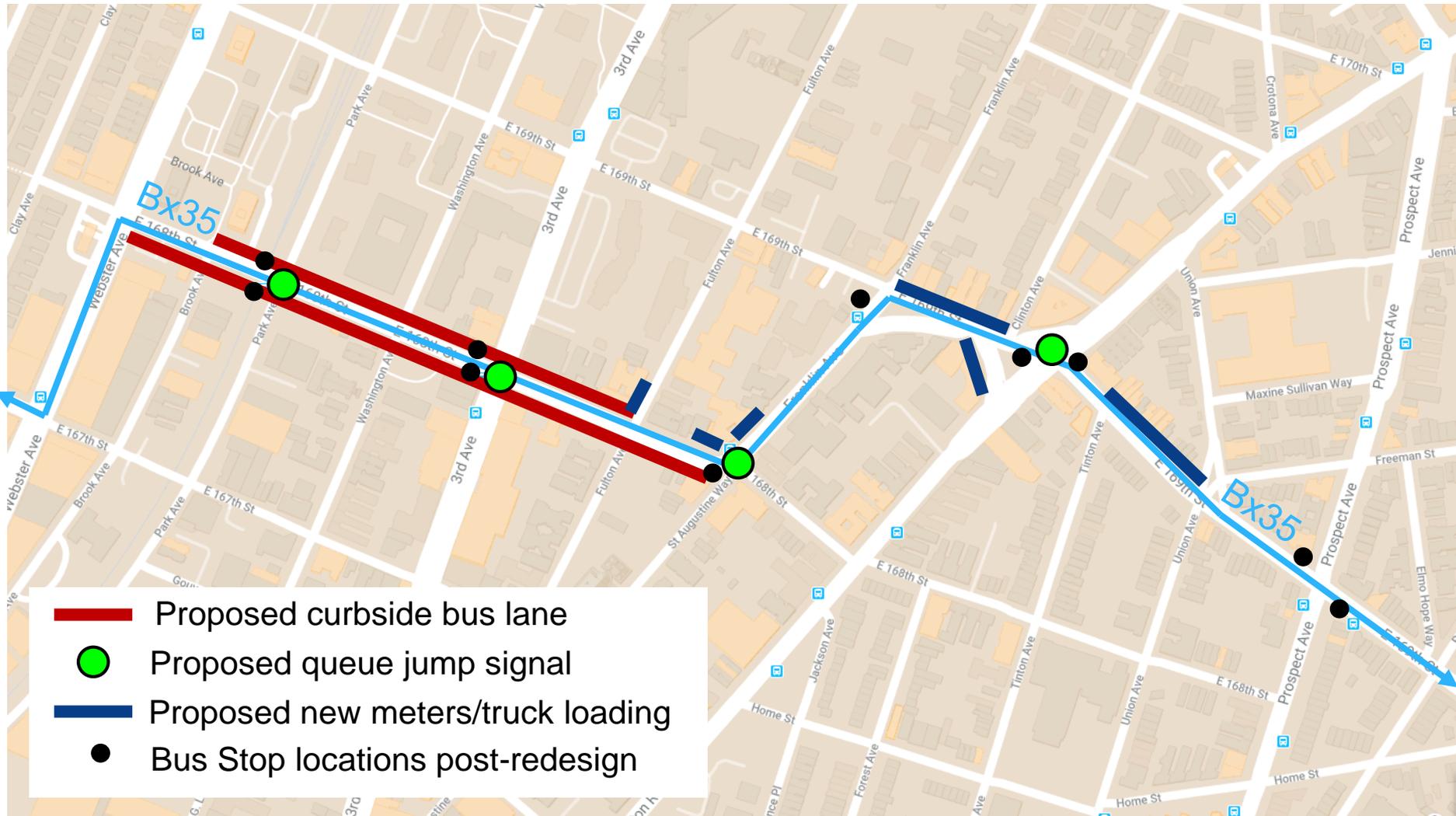
Existing Conditions



Double parking, blocked bike lane, and bus stuck in traffic at E 168th St and Fulton St (looking east)

Proposals

Proposed Locations for Bus Lanes, Queue Jump Signals, and Curb Regulation Changes in CB3



Proposed Treatments

Queue Jump Signals



5th Ave @ 79th St, Manhattan

Segments of Bus/Bike Lanes



Broadway @ Whitney St, Queens

Benefits of proposed treatments:

- Increase bus speeds by allowing buses to bypass traffic queues
- Make bus travel times more reliable
- Improve traffic conditions by reducing double parking/loading

Curb Management

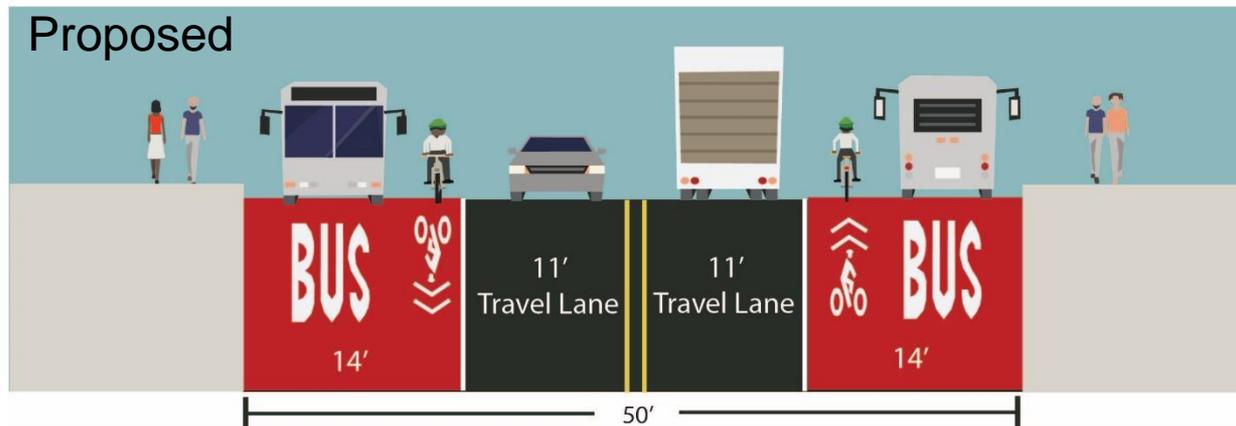
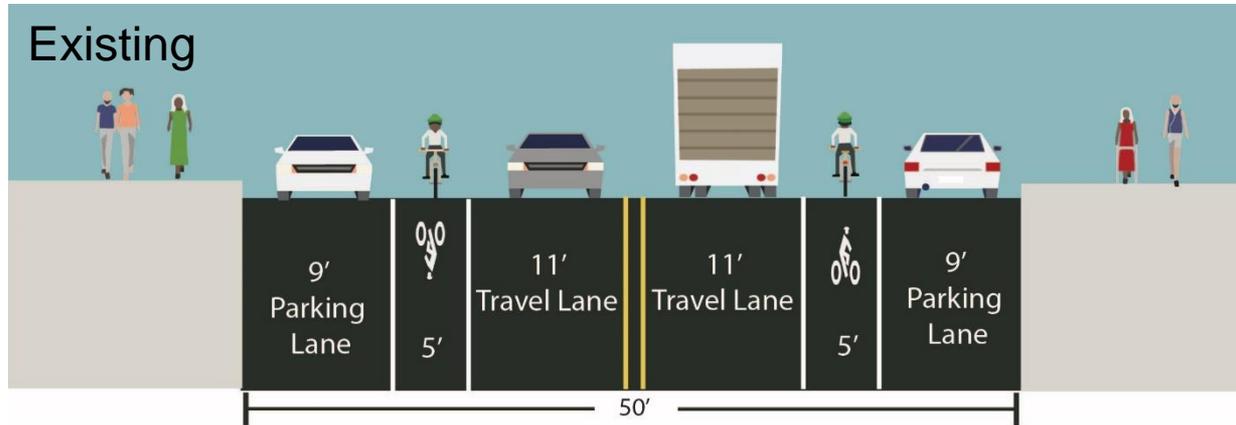


178th St @ Hughes Ave, the Bronx

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Proposed Street Design

E 168th St & 3rd Ave



Making it Work

DOT is studying additional changes to support this design and create a safer, better functioning corridor for all users

- **Changes being studied:**
 1. New metered parking or truck loading zones to reduce double parking and lane blocking
 2. Queue Jump Signals to allow buses to have a jump start at certain intersections
- We will continue to identify and coordinate with community stakeholders throughout project

Queue Jump Signal



Broadway @ Corona Ave, Queens

Next Steps

Project Timeline

Fall 2019

- Present potential treatments to Community Boards 3 & 4
- Ongoing coordination with MTA
- Data analysis and plan development

Winter 2019/2020

- Develop draft street design plans & continue data analysis
- Present draft plans to Community Boards 3 & 4
- Continue to identify/meet with other stakeholders

Early Spring 2020

- Develop final street design plans
- Share final plans with Community Boards 3 & 4

Late Spring-Fall 2020

- Implement projects

Continuing Community Engagement

Suggestions on additional organizations/stakeholders we should reach out to?

Past outreach:

- **MTA Bronx Bus Redesign / NYC DOT Better Buses**
 - Open Houses
 - Community Board presentations

THANK YOU!

Questions?



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Appendix

Proposed Locations for Bus Lanes, Queue Jump Signals, and Curb Regulation Changes in CB4

