PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

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Background
BACKGROUND: B46 SELECT BUS SERVICE

• B46 is Brooklyn’s busiest bus route (38,000 daily riders)
• Connects Bed-Stuy to 3 4 A C J Z + 30 bus routes
• Upgraded to Select Bus Service in 2016
• B46 SBS upgraded to articulated buses in January 2020
Better Buses Action Plan

- **Overall Goal** - Improve bus speeds by 25%

- **Annual Targets include:**
  - Install 10-15 miles of new bus lanes
  - Improve 5 miles of existing bus lanes

- 24 priority projects in 2019, plus 24 in 2020, to increase bus speeds across all 5 boroughs
Malcolm X Blvd / Utica Ave identified as 2019 priority project due to:

- High ridership
- Slow bus speeds
- Unreliable travel times
- High volumes of buses
2019 Project
FULTON ST TO ATLANTIC AVE: BEFORE

- Bottleneck approaching Atlantic Ave causes traffic to back up to Fulton St and beyond
- Bus speeds: **4.5 mph (AM)**, **2.7 mph (PM)**
FULTON ST TO ATLANTIC AVE: AFTER

• 1 block of southbound bus lane, photo enforced
• Bus speeds improved **54%** AM peak, **106%** PM peak
• Traffic speeds improved **18%** AM peak, **17%** PM peak
• Overnight parking preserved
Proposal
CHAUNCEY ST TO FULTON ST

- Half of block is B46 bus stop
- Southbound traffic backs up from Fulton St
- Traffic & parking block buses from reaching the stop
**CHAUNCEY ST TO FULTON ST**

- **9,700** daily bus passengers on this block
  - Most coming from CB 3
  - 22 buses per hour southbound, 7am-7pm
CHAUNCEY ST TO FULTON ST

- 9 parking spaces
- In 12 hours, 19 vehicles parked on this block
PROPOSAL

- Curbside bus lane, Chauncey St to Fulton St (southbound only)
  - Allows buses to bypass traffic and access the bus stop
  - Improves traffic flow
  - Overnight parking remains

Example of curbside bus lane
Next Steps
NEXT STEPS

• 2018 – CB 3 On-Street Outreach Campaign
  • Sep. 2018 – Malcolm X Blvd & Fulton St
• Oct. 2018 – Boys & Girls High School
• Late 2018/Early 2019 – Proposal Development
• May 2019 – CB 3 Transportation Committee
• June 2019 – CB 3 Full Board
• July-Dec. 2019 – Implement Fulton St to Atlantic Ave; Evaluate Results
• Feb. 2020 – CB 3 Transportation Committee
  • Mar. 2020 – CB 3 Full Board
• Spring 2020 – Implement Chauncey St to Fulton St
THANK YOU!

Questions?
Appendix
BERGEN ST TO ATLANTIC AVE (2016)

• 3 blocks of bus lane approaching Atlantic Ave northbound, in CB 8
• Buses bypass traffic queues approaching Atlantic Ave
• Overnight parking remains
• Bus speeds improved 17-26% during peak
CB 3 OUTREACH INITIATIVE

- 5-month outreach effort
  - July-Dec. 2018
- Visited 27 venues in CB 3 based on input from CB 3, elected officials, and stakeholders
- 619 participants took a survey on their transportation needs
- Conversations with 800+ members of the public
CB 3 OUTREACH INITIATIVE

- 619 respondents across CB 3
  - 83% regularly ride the bus
  - B46 is 2nd most used route