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Better Buses

Better Buses Program

• Mayor’s 2019 State of the City: 
  *Improve bus speeds 25%*

• Better Buses Action Plan
  *Released April 2019*

• Bus Priority Projects
  - 16.3 miles of bus lanes installed 2020, including projects on Edward L Grant Hwy & E 149 St
  - 8 additional corridors, including Fordham Rd, identified in the Bronx for priority treatments
Why Fordham Road

Background

• Critical crosstown transportation corridor

• 93,700 average daily bus riders on 9 routes, serving neighborhoods with high concentrations of essential workers

• Bus riders and pedestrians are the majority of roadway users on Fordham Road

• 62% of households on Bx12 corridor have no access to a private vehicle. 71% commute to work via public transit, walking, or biking

• Residents in neighborhoods near Fordham Road have high rates of asthma, obesity, diabetes, and heart disease, in part due to exposure to pollution
Why Fordham Road

Bus Speeds and Ridership

• In 2008, MTA and DOT launched the first Select Bus Service (SBS) route on the Bx12

• Service and street design changes resulted in improvements for bus service

• In recent years, bus speeds and ridership have declined
Why Fordham Road

Parking and Loading

- Observations and data show that existing curbside bus lanes are frequently blocked
- Need for curb access throughout the day
- Demand for the curb continues to increase due to:
  - Uptick in for-hire vehicles (Uber, Lyft, etc.)
  - Deliveries of goods purchased online
Toolbox - Transit

Offset Bus Lanes

Webster Ave and 167th St

Physical Protection

161st St and Sherman Av

Transit & Truck Priority / Busway

14th St, Manhattan

Bus Queue Jump Signal

Edward L Grant Hwy and University Ave
Toolbox – Pedestrian Safety

Painted Curb Extension

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Fordham Rd and Southern Blvd
Toolbox – Parking

Truck Loading Zones

Short Term Parking

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Workshop
Fordham Road Corridor Sections

A) Major Deegan Expwy to Sedgwick Av
B) Sedgwick Av to Jerome Av
C) Jerome Av to Webster Av
D) Webster Av to Southern Blvd
E) Southern Blvd to Boston Rd
Discussion

Workshop Overview

• 10 minutes of discussion per section

• Comments should be pointed and succinct to ensure that everyone can participate

• Utilize raise hand icon or let us know in the chat that you would like to speak

• At end of presentation, we can return to sections to discuss any outstanding issues that were not covered
Discussion

Potential Issues for Conversation

• **Transit**
  - Slow buses
  - Bus bunching
  - Crowded buses and stops

• **Pedestrians**
  - Sidewalk crowding
  - Difficulty crossing
  - Conflicts with turning vehicles

• **Traffic**
  - Congestion
  - Weaving and speeding

• **Parking**
  - Double parking / parking in bus lane
  - Truck loading
  - Difficulty finding parking
  - Taxis/For Hire Vehicles
Discussion

Poll

• What are your top transportation concerns on Fordham Road?
A) Major Deegan Expwy to Sedgwick Av
A) Major Deegan Expwy to Sedgwick Av

Current Conditions

Cedar Ave & Fordham Rd, looking West

Cedar Ave & Fordham Rd, looking East

Fordham Rd & Landing Rd, looking Southwest
A) Major Deegan Expwy to Sedgwick Av

Discussion

1. What are important destinations, institutions, and businesses?
2. What are the primary transportation issues on this section?
3. What improvements would you like to see?
4. Other comments/concerns?

Existing Conditions, Looking West

- South Sidewalk
- 22’ Travel + Parking Lane
- 11’ Travel Lane
- 11’ Travel Lane
- 16’ Travel Lane
- North Sidewalk

60’
B) Sedgwick Av to Jerome Av
B) Sedgwick Av to Jerome Av

Current Conditions

University Av & Fordham Rd, looking East

University Av & Fordham Rd, looking West

Grand Av & Fordham Rd, looking East
B) Sedgwick Av to Jerome Av

Discussion

1. What are important destinations, institutions, and businesses?

2. What are the primary transportation issues on this section?

3. What improvements would you like to see?

4. Other comments/concerns?
C) Jerome Av to Webster Av
C) Jerome Av to Webster Av

Current Conditions

Morris Av & Fordham Rd, looking East

Valentine Av & Fordham Rd, looking East

Tiebout Av & Fordham Rd, looking East
C) Jerome Av to Webster Av

Current Conditions

1. What are important destinations, institutions, and businesses?
2. What are the primary transportation issues on this section?
3. What improvements would you like to see?
4. Other comments/concerns?

Existing Conditions, Looking West

- South Sidewalk
  - 10’ Bus Lane
    - 7a-10a
    - 12p-7p M-F
  - 10’ Travel Lane
  - 10’ Travel Lane
  - 10’ Travel Lane
  - 10’ Travel Lane
  - 10’ Bus Lane
    - 7a-12p
    - 2p-7p M-F

- North Sidewalk
D) Webster Av to Southern Blvd
D) Webster Av to Southern Blvd

Current Conditions

Webster Av & Fordham Rd, looking East

Bathgate Av & Fordham Rd, looking West

Belmont Av & Fordham Rd, looking West
D) Webster Av to Southern Blvd

Discussion

1. What are important destinations, institutions, and businesses?
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3. What improvements would you like to see?
4. Other comments/concerns?

Existing Conditions, Looking West
E) Southern Blvd to Boston Rd
E) Southern Blvd to Boston Rd

Current Conditions

Bronx Park Rd & Fordham Rd, looking East

Bronx River Pkwy & Fordham Rd, looking West
E) Southern Blvd to Boston Rd

Discussion

1. What are important destinations, institutions, and businesses?

2. What are the primary transportation issues on this section?

3. What improvements would you like to see?

4. Other comments/concerns?
Discussion Summary

1. Summary of segment workshop discussion

2. Additional comments/concerns?
Next Steps
Next Steps

• DOT will review feedback received today

• If you have additional follow up comments or questions, please contact the DOT Bronx Borough Commissioner’s Office
  • nlopez1@dot.nyc.gov
  • 212-748-6680

• Are there additional groups that we should be getting feedback from?
Project Timeline

- Background and Overview
- Feedback Gathering and Analysis
- Design Development
- Additional Feedback Gathering and Analysis
- Plan Revision
- Project Implementation
- Monitoring and Adjustments
- Progress Reports
THANK YOU!

Questions?