Transit & Truck Priority

In October 2021, Jamaica Ave. from Sutphin Blvd. to 168th St. will become a Busway in both directions. Archer Ave. will also become an eastbound Busway from 150th St. to 160th St. Both Busways are part of a one-year pilot project designed to:

- Increase bus speeds and reliability for 14 bus routes on Jamaica Ave. and 19 bus routes on Archer Ave.
- Improve truck movement and deliveries along Jamaica Ave. corridor

Frequently Asked Questions

Are passenger vehicles allowed on the Jamaica Ave. Busway? Yes, all vehicles are allowed to enter the Jamaica Ave. Busway for local access to most blocks, but must make the next available right turn.

Are passenger vehicles allowed on the Archer Ave. Busway? Unlike Jamaica Ave., passenger vehicles and trucks are not allowed eastbound on Archer Ave. between 153rd St. and 160th St. There will be no parking nor loading access eastbound between 150th St. and 160th St.

Why are left turns banned except at 153rd St.? Left turn bans keep buses and local access traffic from getting stuck behind turning vehicles. These restrictions also improve pedestrian safety as left turns are associated with high rates of pedestrian injuries. Jamaica Ave. already has numerous left turn bans. A left turn is allowed at 153rd St. because it has a dedicated turn lane.

Where can I be dropped off or picked up? Pickups and drop-offs are allowed throughout Jamaica Ave., except on Jamaica Ave. westbound between 147th Pl. and Sutphin Blvd. Pickups and drop-offs on Archer Ave. are permitted in the westbound direction. Westbound subway access will be maintained at Parsons Blvd., 153rd St., and at Sutphin Blvd. Drivers are responsible for following traffic rules.

Which vehicles are considered trucks? A truck is any vehicle that has more than two axles OR six or more wheels.

How is the Busway enforced? Restrictions are enforced through NYPD traffic agents who may issue warnings and summonses. Automated cameras will eventually take over this function. Violating bus lane rules results in a $50-$250 fine.

How are curb regulations enforced? NYPD traffic agents will handle enforcement.

How will this project be monitored and evaluated? Data on bus performance, safety, parking, traffic, and trucks will be collected and reported regularly.

New Jamaica Ave. and Archer Ave. Busway Regulations

24 hours a day / 7 days a week

Only buses, trucks, and emergency vehicles may make through trips on Jamaica Ave. between Sutphin Blvd. and 168th St. in both directions. Only buses and emergency vehicles may make through trips on Archer Ave. between 153rd St. and 160th St. in the eastbound direction.

On Jamaica Ave. only, all other vehicles may make local trips to access the curb, but must make the next available right turn off the Busway. All left turns off the Busway are restricted, with the exception of the eastbound left at 153rd St. There is no local access on Archer Ave.

Passenger vehicles may drop-off and pickup all along Jamaica Ave. and are generally allowed access to every block.

Learn more at nyc.gov/busprojects
**Jamaica Ave. and Archer Ave. Busway Pilot**
**Traveling on the Busway: How to Reach Your Block**

### If you enter Jamaica Ave. from:

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### You must exit on:

| 150th St. (EB) or 148th St. (WB) | 150th St. (EB) or 149th St. (WB) | Parsons Blvd. (EB) or 149th St. (WB) | Parsons Blvd. (EB) or 153rd St. (WB) | 160th St. (EB) or 153rd St. (WB) | Union Hall St. (EB) or Parsons Blvd. (WB) | Guy R. Brewer Blvd. (EB) or 160th St. (WB) | 165th St. (EB) or 163rd St. (WB) | Merrick Blvd. (EB) or 163rd St. (WB) | 168th St. (EB) or 163rd St. (WB) | 163rd St. |

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**Buses Only**

**Buses and Trucks Only**

**Permitted to Enter**

**Unauthorized Vehicles Must Exit**

**Permitted Left Turn**

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**Designated Commuter Van Stops:**

- 153rd St. north of Archer Ave.
- 158th St. south of Archer Ave.
- 160th St. north of Archer Ave.