

Woodhaven Boulevard Street Improvement Project

Work is expected to begin in Fall 2014

Project Background

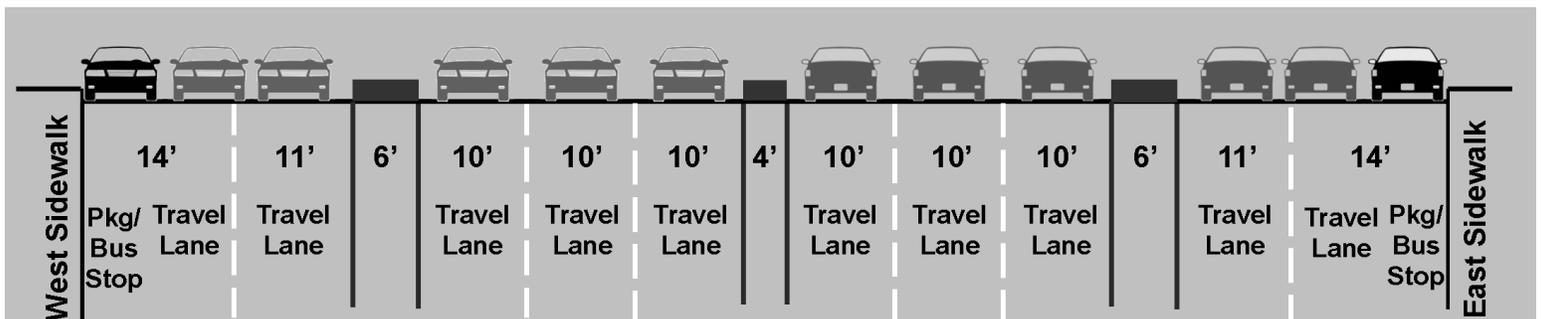
Woodhaven and Cross Bay Boulevards are wide roadways that carry heavy volumes of traffic along with over 30,000 bus riders per day. High speeds and traffic volumes create safety issues that affect all users. In 2008, the New York City Department of Transportation began the Woodhaven Boulevard Congested Corridors Study to identify and evaluate short- and long-term improvements to help reduce congestion and vehicular emissions, and to improve mobility. Initial improvements began in 2011, with more to come this fall including:

Service Road Safety Improvements

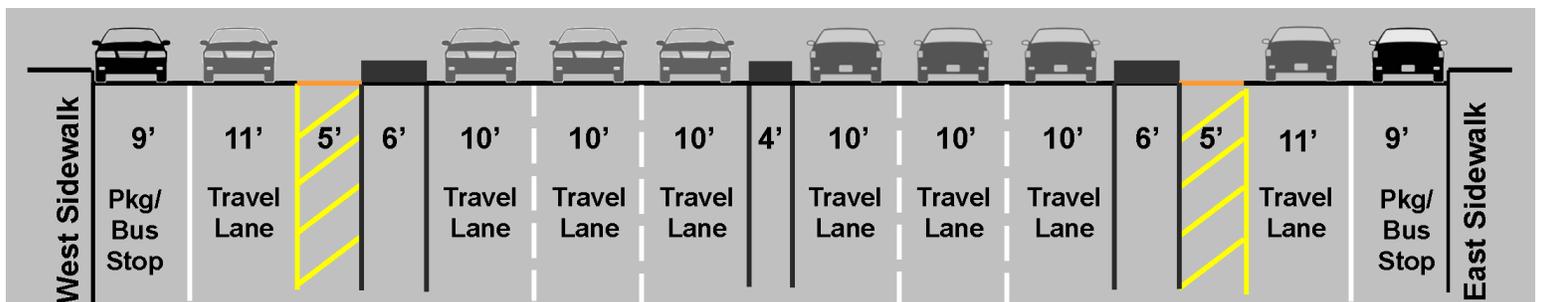
Service roads between Park Lane South and Rockaway Boulevard will be striped with paint, improving safety by limiting opportunity for side swipes and providing painted pedestrian refuges at key crosswalks.



Example: Woodhaven Boulevard and 90 Av



Existing: One travel lane, one very narrow travel lane, and one parking lane



Fall 2014 Implementation: One travel lane, one parking lane, and a widened pedestrian refuge

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What is a bus lane?

- A curbside bus lane is a travel lane for buses at the curb. Parking and standing at the curb are not permitted during the hours the bus lane is in effect.
- An offset bus lane is a travel lane for buses one lane away from the curb. This makes parking or standing at the curb still possible. Double parking, or stopping of any kind, is not permitted in an offset bus lane.
- Vehicles can enter or cross over a bus lane to make right turns, access a curb cut or driveway within 200', or to quickly drop-off or pick up passengers
- You may cross through an offset bus lane to enter a parking space

Offset bus lanes will be implemented between Eliot Avenue and Metropolitan Avenue

- Reduces congestion by eliminating the need for general traffic to merge at the overpass south of Metropolitan Avenue
- Bus lanes will be in effect Monday through Friday, from 7-10 AM and from 4-7 PM
- Parking and loading will remain at the curbside in accordance with posted curb regulation signs



Offset bus lane on First Avenue, Manhattan

Curbside bus lanes will be implemented between 101 Avenue and Plattwood Avenue

- Allows buses to reach subway connections faster without removing travel lanes
- Southbound between 101st Ave and Rockaway Blvd, and northbound between Plattwood and Liberty Aves
- Bus lanes on the last block approaching Liberty Ave and Rockaway Blvds will be in effect from 7 AM to 7 PM. Lanes on all other blocks will be in effect from 7-10 AM and 4-7 PM



Curbside bus lane on Hylan Blvd, Staten Island

Planning for Select Bus Service - Get Involved!

The New York City Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Transit Authority began outreach for the Woodhaven and Cross Bay Blvds Select Bus Service project in the spring of this year. Outreach and planning will continue throughout 2014. For more information and to find out about upcoming events, please visit www.nyc.gov/brt or contact brt@dot.nyc.gov.

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