

COMMUNITY ADVISORY NOTICE

Nostrand Avenue Select Bus Service Project – Phase II PROJECT # HWK1130A

Borough: Brooklyn

February 2013

Nostrand Avenue Select Bus Service Project – Phase II Commences

Winter 2013 – Summer 2014
Monday through Friday – 7:00am to 6:00pm

The New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) began work for the Nostrand Avenue Select Bus Service (SBS) Project/Phase II in February 2013; this work will be performed in Brooklyn Community Boards 1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17 and 18 and is expected to be completed in the Summer 2014.

WHAT IS THE NOSTRAND AVENUE SELECT BUS SERVICE PROJECT?

A significant aspect of this project will be the installation of a full-time bus lane added throughout the project limits. The Select Bus Service (SBS) is a directive initiated by the NYC Department of Transportation and the MTA/NYC Transit to convert the B44 limited bus route to Select Bus Service (SBS) on Nostrand Avenue, Rogers Avenue and Bedford Avenue in Brooklyn.

Upon completion, bus riders will be provided with a faster and more efficient service than that on local or limited bus stop buses. Among the various improvements associated with this measure, the SBS buses have dedicated bus lanes and transit signal priority, allowing "traffic signals to extend the green light or shorten the red light to keep buses moving." Riders can pay their bus fares at dedicated SBS stations prior to boarding the bus, allowing for faster boarding and un-boarding of the bus; in addition, many stations will be built with high curbs for easier boarding. To help facilitate the flow of pedestrians and riders, wider sidewalks will be installed at SBS stations which will consist of tree planting, seating and wider waiting/standing areas for pedestrians and riders waiting for the bus.

Work To Be Performed

Construction/Installation/Implementation of:

- Select Bus Service (SBS) Stations and features at Nostrand Avenue and Rogers Avenue bus lines.
- Bus bulbs, pads, fare machines, shelters

Installation/Relocation of:

- Water Main, Hydrants, Catch Basins/Chute Connections, , Curbs/Sidewalks, Street Lighting/ Traffic Signals,

Resurfacing of:

- Roadway

Planting of:

- Trees

UPCOMING WORK LOCATIONS:

There are approximately twenty-eight (28) new select bus service stops that will be installed as part of this project along Nostrand Avenue between Emmons Avenue and Taylor Street and Rogers/Bedford Avenues between Emmons Avenue and Taylor Street. This is a mobile operation, with work operations occurring at multiple locations simultaneously. Below is the location where work is currently ongoing:

- Rogers Avenue between Church Street and Martenese Street

As the project progresses the remaining locations will be provided when work is scheduled to occur at those locations.

Beginning on/about the week of February 18, 2013 and continuing for the duration of the project, access to driveways and curbside parking will be restricted within the work areas. These impacts are associated with the work operations listed above that is being performed by the NYCDDC. Work operations are slated to occur Mondays through Fridays between 7:00AM and 6:00PM.

WHAT ARE THE COMMUNITY IMPACTS?

The DDC is committed to maintaining a work site that is safe and clean. However, dust, noise and heavy equipment are common elements of construction and we ask for your patience during the project. There may be limited street access on certain blocks. However, deliveries to commercial and residential properties and emergency vehicle access will be allowed. In addition, the DDC will be baiting the construction zone on a regular basis to control rodent populations. Please take note of the following impacts:

Student Pick-Up/Drop Off

- Where construction impacts school pick-up and drop-off areas, the DDC will coordinate with the DOE and school officials to ensure these locations are safe and clearly marked and maintained.

Pedestrian/Traffic

- **Pedestrian access** to buildings will be maintained at all times.
- **Street Closures/Traffic Detours** may include partial closures and/or limited access of intersections and streets. Signs will be posted.
- **Vehicular Access** may be restricted on certain streets in certain locations
- **Parking** will be temporarily restricted so construction may proceed. Signs will be posted where necessary.
- **Driveway/Loading Dock Access** may be temporarily restricted.

Public Transportation

- **Bus Relocation** will be detoured in/around the work zones, if necessary.
- **Subway Entrances/Exits** will be closed one at a time, if necessary.

Hours of Work

The contractor's typical working hours are **Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM**. At certain locations the contractor may have to work different daytime hours, nights and weekends.

Water Service Disruptions

During the course of this project, temporary water service disruptions will be necessary in order to replace the water mains. If it is necessary for DDC to turn off your water service, you will receive written notice by 4pm the day before service interruption. If your water service is not restored by 6 PM, unless otherwise indicated on the Shut-Off Notice, please call 311.

Property Damage

Under the terms of the contract, the Contractor is responsible for the repair of any proven property damage and restoration of the construction area, including sidewalks and curbs, to at least the condition that existed prior to the start of construction; preconstruction pictures will be taken. The contract requires the Contractor to maintain property damage and liability insurance coverage until the completion of all work. You are advised to inform the Community Construction Liaison and the Resident Engineer in the first instance of any property damage you may have, and if the Contractor fails to respond within 10 days, you should inform the DDC Borough Director in writing. For more details, please contact the Community Construction Liaison.

Who To Contact For More Information?

In an effort to keep the community informed and identify and resolve any issues that may arise during construction, the DDC has assigned Ms. Emily Campbell of ENTECH Engineering, P.C. as the Community Construction Liaison (CCL). Please contact Ms. Campbell for all project related inquiries/concerns or to be added to the e-mail distribution list:

T: 718-942-5017/ Email: NostrandAvenueSBSCCL@gmail.com

Address: 2511 Avenue I, Brooklyn, NY 11210

If there is a concern during non-construction hours, please call the New York City Government Services and Information Hotline at 311.

We appreciate your cooperation and thank you for your patience while we rebuild NYC's infrastructure.

