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Bronx Community Board 6 has reviewed the proposed East Tremont busway with the Department of Transportation at our June 2024, November 2024, and February 2025 Transportation committee meetings. At those meetings, DOT outlined the need to improve speeds for the BX36 bus. As part of the planning for the busway, DOT surveyed residents and shared that survey data with the Community Board. Residents surveyed raised concerns about long wait times between buses, and multiple buses showing up at once. This bunching of buses is a continuous problem with the BX36 and it is unclear how the busway addresses this problem.

At the June and February presentations conducted by DOT, Community Board 6 members expressed concern that BX36 buses are bunched up, meaning multiple buses moving in groups, when they are driving down East 181st street in Manhattan, on the Washington Bridge, and when they turn onto University Avenue. DOT never provided the Board with a substantive response to this concern, and we believe this may be the underlying cause of irregular bus arrival times. At the most recent February meeting, MTA made mention of an upper Manhattan bus study, which is not a substantive answer to our concern.

In light of this lack of clarity, Bronx Community Board 6 opposes the installation of the Tremont Busway as proposed by the Department of Transportation, as we are not clear that it will address the irregular arrival times for the BX36.

Regards,

Evonne Capers
Chair
Bronx Community Board 6

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