

(Draft Pending Committee Approval)

Minutes of the Traffic & Transportation Committee Meeting

Bronx Community Board 8

March 16, 2023, 7pm ET

Via Zoom Video and Audio Conference

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

Committee Members Present: Sylvia Alexander, Kelli Buford, Christopher Calhoun, David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs (CCM), Daniel Padernacht and Debra Travis

Opening Remarks

Committee Chair Buford welcomed Committee Members, Elected Officials and the Community. She then outlined the meeting process.

Chair's Report

Ms. Buford informed the Community that the CB8 office receives notice of various closures within the District due to work being performed by city and state agencies as well as local utility companies and indicated information related to the closures are routinely posted to the CB 8 social media platforms and encouraged the Community to check the platforms for projects that may impact their neighborhoods. She further advised that on March 28, 2023 there will be a full street closure, including parking restrictions, on W 237th Street between Henry Hudson Parkway West and Independence Avenue due to the positioning of heavy construction equipment.

Approval Item: Minutes (February 16, 2023 Meeting)

Ms. Buford referred the Committee Members to the draft minutes of the February 16, 2023 Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting for review and approval. She advised that a friendly amendment was submitted in advance of the meeting and the revised minutes were distributed to Committee Members for consideration accordingly. The Committee duly approved the February 16, 2023 meeting minutes with the noted changes.

In favor: Sylvia Alexander, Kelli Buford, Christopher Calhoun, David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Daniel Padernacht and Debra Travis

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

NYC DOT Presentation: Citi Bike Expansion in the District

NYC Department of Transportation, represented by Mses. Lisa Marasco and Darisa Cruz, discussed the proposed expansion of the Citi Bike Program in the District. Ms. Marasco provided an overview of the Citi Bike program (the Program) and indicated that the Program was a public-private partnership between New York City and the Lyft rideshare operator. She discussed proposed logistics and informed that DOT was soliciting community input on potential sites and noted that an online portal was established for said

purpose. Ms. Cruz informed that the link to the feedback map, portal, draft plan and presentation deck would be shared with the Board Office for distribution to the community and indicated that DOT will present designated sites at the May or June Community Board Meeting with implementation later in the year. The community suggested that the proposed boundary be moved to allow for consideration of locations west of Irwin Avenue into Spuyten Duyvil and Riverdale. Other recommendations included locations along the Broadway corridor near the 1 train line stations, use of current daylighted areas to minimize loss of parking as well as near parks and libraries.

Discussion of Proposed FY 2025 Capital and Expense Requests

Ms. Buford advised that the FY 2024 requests, including responses from the agencies, were distributed to the Committee. She thanked Member Travis for working on the step-street matters and informed that the requests would be added to the FY 2024 document along with matters discussed during the February 2023 meeting for consideration for the FY 2025 submission. Discussion ensued regarding a number of the step streets and Ms. Buford, Member Gellman and Member Padernacht advised that they would perform site visits of the Gale Place, Naples Terrace and W 229th Street (Sedgwick Avenue/Kingsbridge Terrace) and W 231st Street (Sedgwick Avenue/Kingsbridge Terrace) and share findings with the Committee. Ms. Buford asked the Committee to review the spreadsheet, rank their choices and return it by March 31 for collation and distribution in advance of the April meeting. Lastly, Ms. Buford reminded the Committee that the requests must be finalized at the April meeting.

Old Business

Intersection of Sedgwick Avenue and Van Cortlandt Avenue West

Ms. Buford asked about plans for a new study at the intersection at Sedgwick Avenue and Van Cortlandt Avenue West. She advised that recent enhancements created greater risks, did not resolve concerns and the intersection remains unsafe and asked DOT to perform a site visit and consider a new study of the intersection.

Carshare Program

Ms. Buford discussed changes to carshare locations discussed during the November 2022 meeting and asked for DOT rationale of inclusion of 690 W 227th Street and 3100 Kingsbridge Terrace. Ms. Darisa Cruz advised that she would speak with the Carshare Team and update the Committee accordingly.

Pedestrian Walkway adjacent to Brust Park

Mr. Jim Wacker requested an update on a matter presented to the Committee in November 2022 related to the pedestrian walkway at W 242nd Street and Manhattan College Parkway adjacent to Brust Park and wanted to ensure that it was not going to be a driveway. Member Travis advised that the Builder's Plan was provided and shared details. Ms. Buford advised that she believed that the matter was resolved during the November meeting and advised that the Committee would get back to him with additional information.

Bradley Terrace Step Street

Community member requested an update on the repair of the Bradley Terrace step street.

New Business

Traffic Concerns Tibbett Avenue and W 232nd Street

Community Committee Member expressed concerns of potential traffic problems related to the construction of the charter school at W 232nd Street and Tibbett Avenue. Ms. Buford advised that Assembly Member Dinowitz, Council Member Dinowitz and State Senator Jackson requested a traffic study of the area.

Request from Environment and Sanitation Committee

Camelia Tepelus, Chair, CB 8 Environment and Sanitation (E&S) Committee, advised that E&S may seek assistance from Traffic and Transportation in the near future regarding the MTA property at the southern portion of the daylighting of Tibbetts Brook Corridor.

Next Meeting

Ms. Buford advised that the next meeting was scheduled for April 20, 2023.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.



Citi Bike Phase 3 Expansion

Bronx Community Board 8

March 16th, 2023



NYC Bike Share Overview

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What is Bike Share?

Shared-Use Mobility

Network of shared bicycles

- Intended for point-to-point transportation

Increased mobility

- Additional transportation option
- Convenient for trips that are too far to walk, but too short for the subway or a taxi
- Connections to transit

Convenience

- System operates 24/7
- No need to worry about bike storage or maintenance

Positive health & environmental impacts



What is Citi Bike?

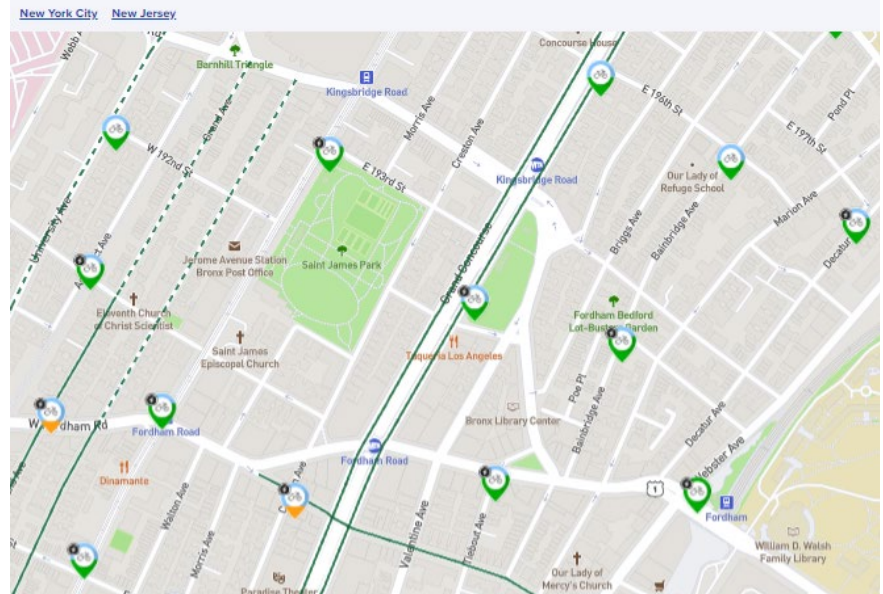
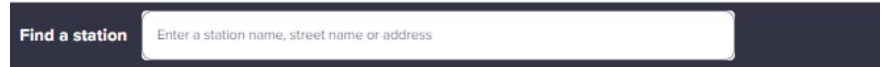
New York City's Bike Share System

Private – Public partnership

- NYC DOT responsible for system planning and outreach
- Lyft responsible for day-to-day operations and equipment
- Funded by sponsorships & memberships

Citi Bike is a station-based bike share system. Stations:

- Can be on the roadbed or sidewalk
- Are not hardwired into the ground
- Are solar powered and wireless
- Provides reliability, consistency, and redundancy for riders



Citi Bike to Date

9+ Years of Citi Bike

Citi Bike Launch: Phase 1

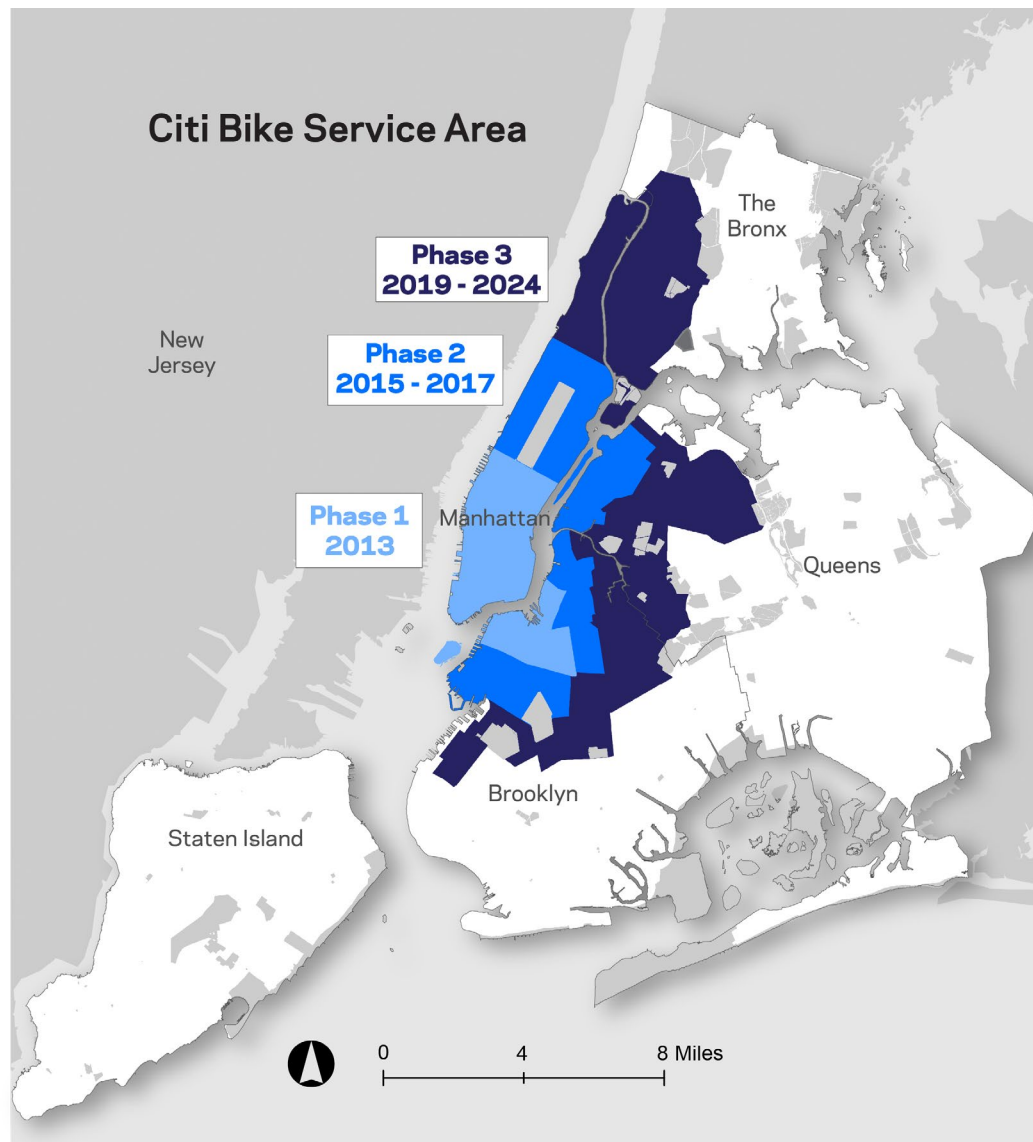
- 2013
- Manhattan & Brooklyn
- 330 stations
- 6,000 bikes

Citi Bike Expansion: Phase 2

- 2015–2017
- Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens
- 750 stations
- 12,000 bikes

Citi Bike Expansion: Phase 3

- Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx
- 2019–2024
- + 35 square miles
- + 24,000 bikes



High Ridership

By the Numbers

170+ million trips to date

29.5+ million trips in 2022

~4 trips per day per bike

~100,000 daily trips in peak riding months

120,000+ daily rides during busiest days

~160,000 annual members



Pricing

Memberships

Single Ride
\$4.49

One 30-minute ride

Available via the Lyft
smartphone app

Day Pass
\$19

Includes unlimited 30-
minute rides in a 24-hour
period

Annual
\$205/year

Or ~\$17/month

Includes unlimited 45-
minute rides

Reduced Fare Bike Share

NYCHA (New York City Housing Authority) Residents
SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Recipients
\$5/month

Annual commitment optional

Includes unlimited 45-minute rides

*Additional charges apply for ebikes and late fees

Equity Efforts

Bike Share for Everyone

Reduced Fare Bike Share

Community Grants Program

Partner Keys & Free Ride Codes

Equity Advisory Board

REDUCED FARE BIKE SHARE

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myrtleavebklyn Bicycle! Bicycle! Our final ride of the season with @thebrownbikegirl rides tomorrow Monday, the 17th at 6pm. Hop on a free @citibike and tour around Brooklyn with us! All skill levels welcome 🚲 to meet at Washington Park and Willoughby, at #fortgreenePark. RSVP at bit.ly/myrtlerides evokreadiv How can I RSVP? myrtleavebklyn @evokreadiv Please visit bit.ly/myrtlerides to register evokreadiv @myrtleavebklyn thank you! dreamsmooth3 🚲



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Safe Cycling

Safe Cycling Environment

DOT promotes cycling safety with:

- Helmet giveaways
- Light and bell giveaways
- Safety awareness classes

2019 Green Wave plan

- Focuses on improving bicycle infrastructure in bike share expansion area
- Includes expanded education efforts

All Citi Bike kiosks and bicycles have the Rules of the Road



Expansion Planning Process

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Planning Process

1. Station Siting
2. Public Outreach
3. Draft Plan Creation
4. Final Steps & Installation



1. Station Siting

Success based on high density of stations and equal access to stations across service area

Stations located every few blocks (approximately 3-5 minute walk)

Considerations for hydrants, utilities, accessibility, among other factors



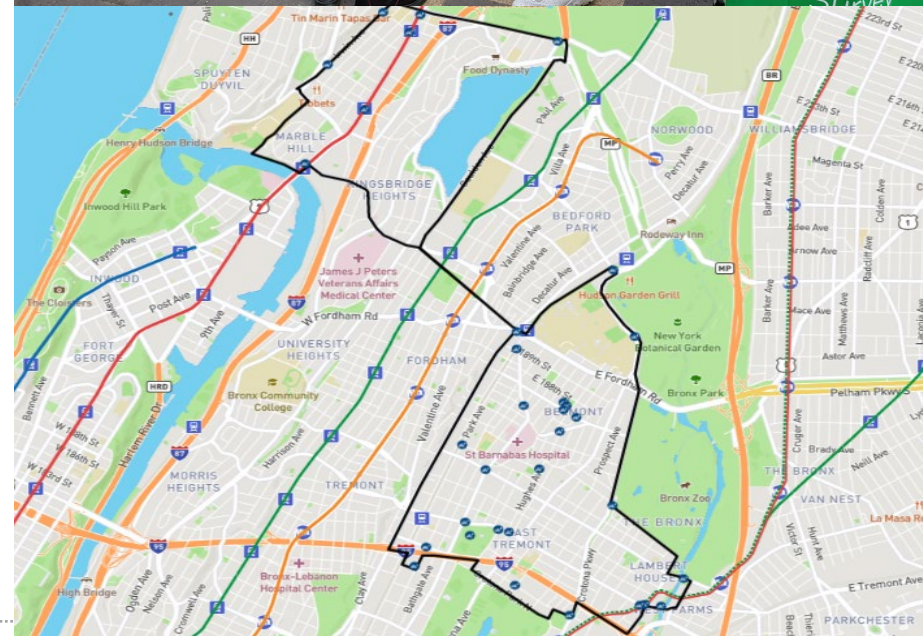
2. Public Outreach

In-person outreach with the DOT
Street Ambassadors

Interactive station planning map &
feedback portal

- <https://nycdotprojects.info/CitiBikePhase3>

Stakeholder meetings



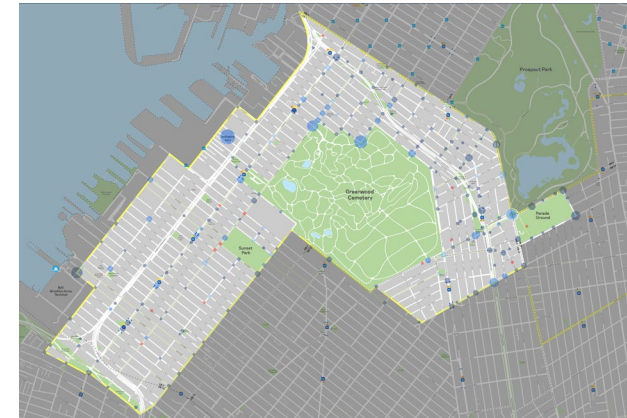
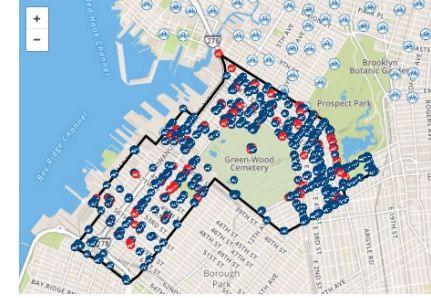
3. Draft Plan Creation

Example: Brooklyn 2021 Expansion

Station locations determined by:

- Community feedback
- Siting principles & guidelines
- Lyft operational considerations

Present draft plan of stations to Community Boards and post online



4. Final Steps & Installation

Gather feedback on the Draft Plan

1 month feedback period

Technical screening & coordination

Site specific outreach & notifications

Install stations

Continued outreach, monitoring, & adjustment



Thank You!

Questions?



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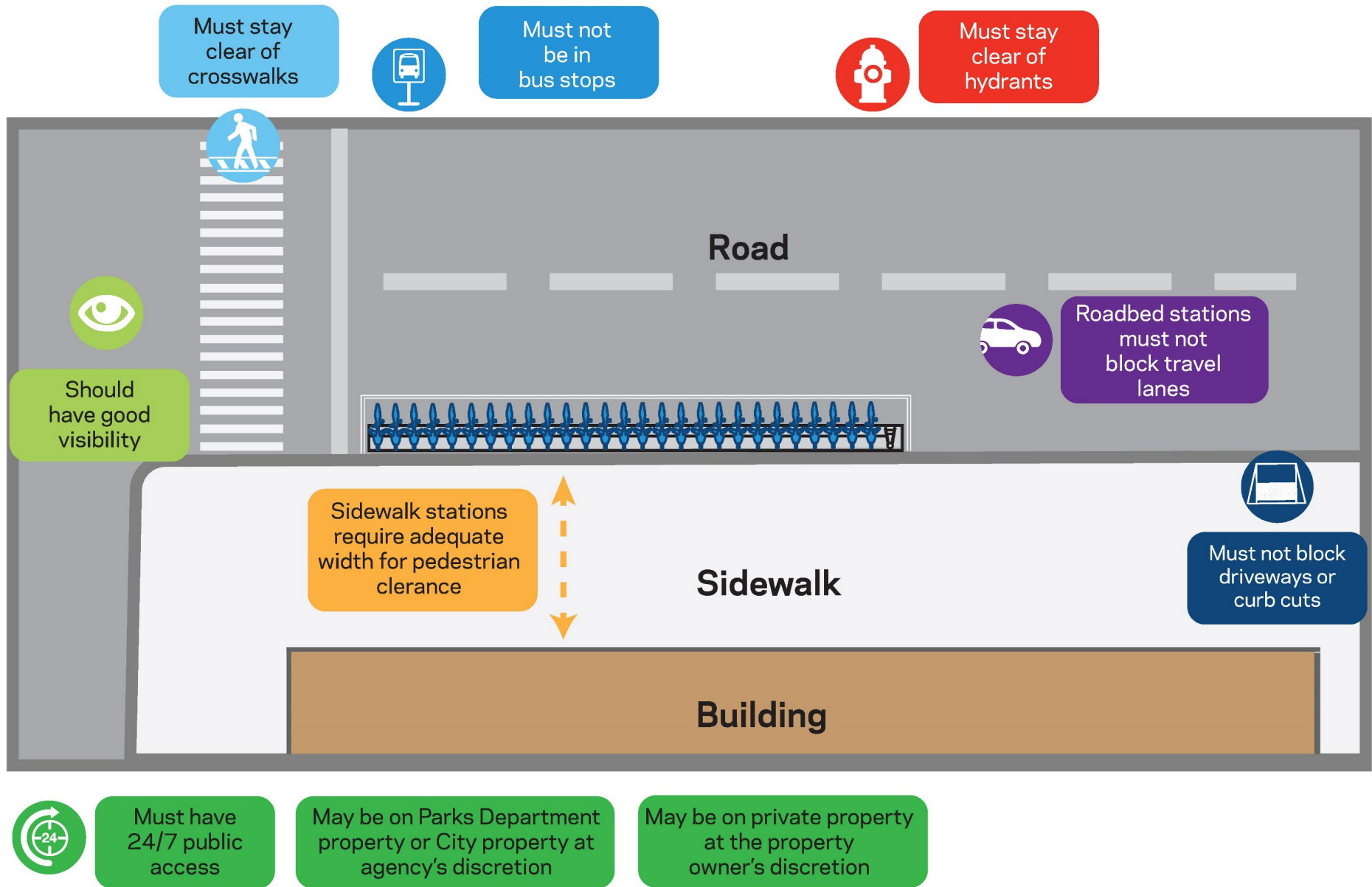
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Station not to scale