

An aerial photograph of a city, likely New York City, showing a dense urban grid, water bodies, and parks. A pink dashed line is overlaid on the map, tracing a path that starts in the upper right, moves south, then west, and then north, ending in the lower left. The line is composed of two parallel dashed segments.

THE INTERBOROUGH EXPRESS:

Community Council Meeting #6

October 9, 2025



Meeting Ground Rules

- Allow space for everyone to participate
- Be present and ready to learn and share
- Speak for yourself and your own community
- Lead with respect
- Assume best intentions
- Not every comment is perfect and that's OK
- Please remember to keep yourself on mute – we'll call on folks with raised hands for discussion and Q&A opportunity at the end



The IBX Community Council Is...

- **You!** Include your organizational/office affiliation in your name or share in the chat
- A space for community leaders to **receive regular updates**, upcoming events, engagement opportunities
- A space for community leaders to **share thoughts and ideas** from their communities
- A space for community leaders to **give feedback on public materials and information**: Is it understandable? Easy to read or interact with?
- A group that **shares information with communities** that live and work along the proposed route: encourage event participation & engagement
- The IBX Community Council is **NOT: final decision-makers** or **technical (engineering, etc.) advisors**

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Project Refresher



Project Context

- The Interborough Express (IBX) would **provide a transformative new transit connection between Brooklyn & Queens**
- It would be built along an existing rail corridor running from Sunset Park to Jackson Heights that is currently solely used for freight
- Would add passenger service while preserving freight service and ensuring compatibility with future freight expansion plans.
- Southern portion in Brooklyn (~11 miles) owned by LIRR and operated by New York & Atlantic Railway
- Northern portion in Queens (~3 miles) owned by CSX



Station Locations

The current station program was developed to maximize connections within MTA networks & major arterial roadways.

19

IBX stations



17

Subway lines connecting with IBX

13

IBX stations with subway transfers

51

current bus route connections

LIRR

Connections at East New York and Woodside Avenues



Construction & Development

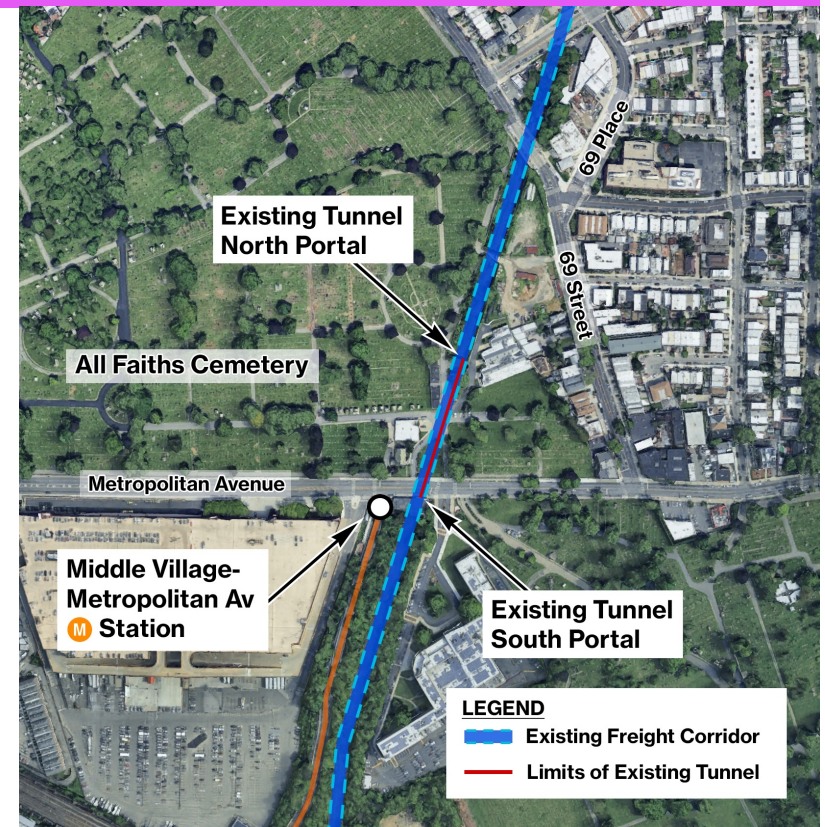
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Project Refinements



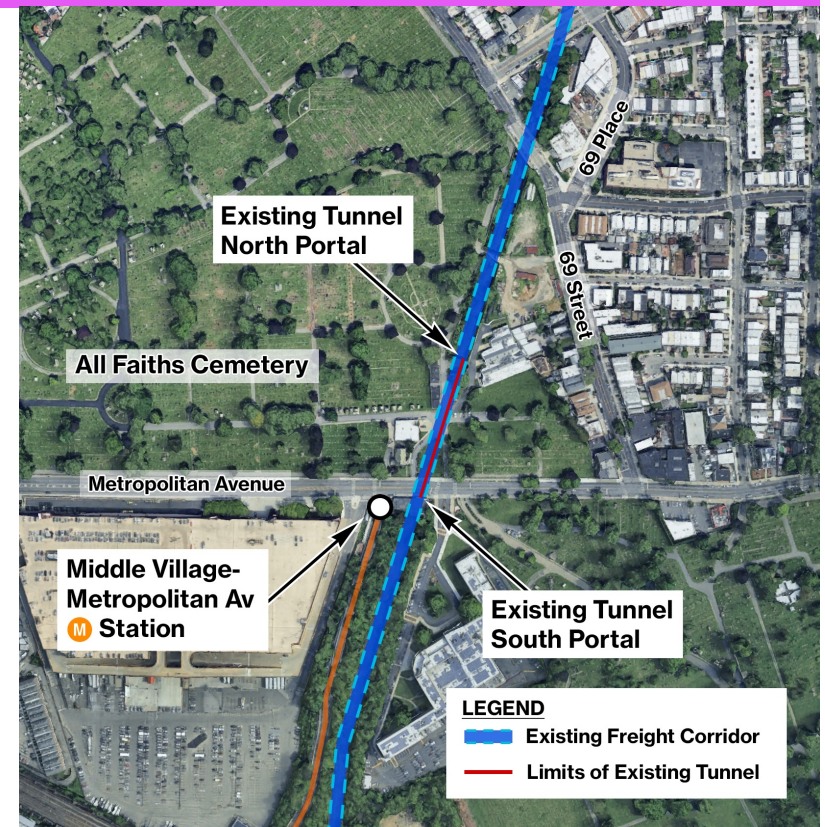
Project Refinements

- Eliminated street running
- Sealed corridor
- Refined alignment and curvature
- Reduced dwell times
- Increased speeds



Project Refinements

- Runtime dropped from 39 minutes to **32 minutes** end to end
- Increased ridership projection from 120,000 to **160,000** daily riders



Project Refinements

- Reduced bridge work
- Reduced vertical circulation within stations
- Atlantic Av station moved closer to Broadway Junction



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Project Design



GEC and Design Process

- We have retained a Jacobs/HDR JV to begin design of the IBX project
- Design is a two-year process and will include:

Due Diligence:

- Surveys
- Geotech
- Environmental
- Structure inspections

Civil Design:

- Site work
- Remediation
- Utilities
- Structures
- Track work

Light Rail Design:

- Stations
- Operations facility
- Storage yard
- Systems

- Design will accommodate physical separation of passenger and freight service



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Public Outreach



Open Houses

10 Open Houses

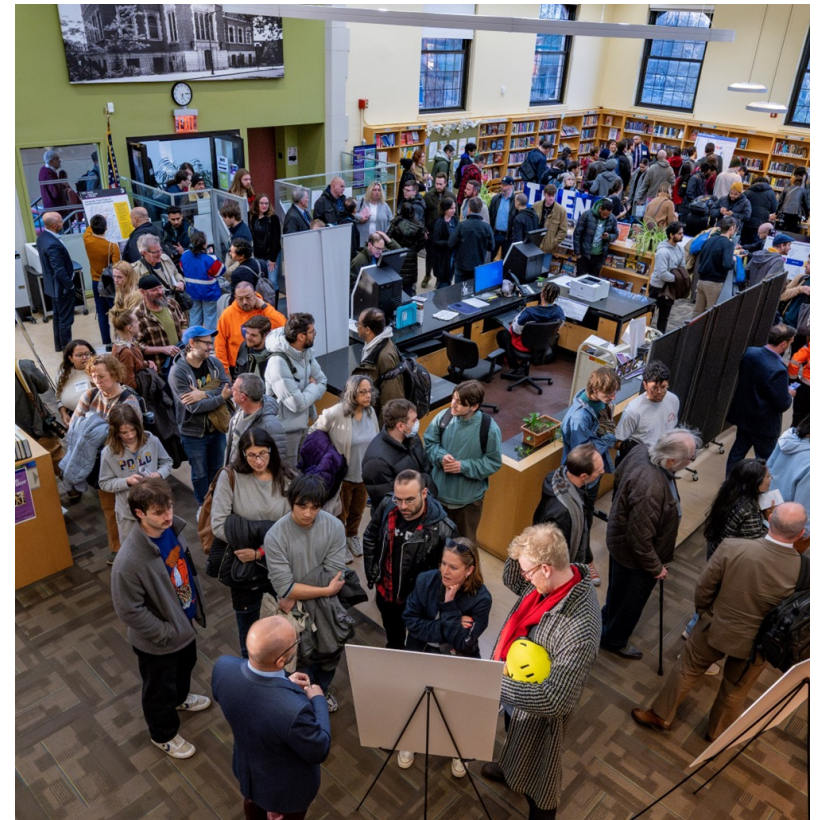
- Nearly **900** attendees

10 Pop-Ups

- Over **1,300** interactions
- Over **250** businesses

Quarterly Community Council mtgs

Open House program
will continue this Fall



Next Steps: Overall Process

Public, stakeholder, and Community Council outreach to continue throughout process

Finalize planning study & identify optimal project mode

Completed in January 2023

Governor Hochul's engineering & \$52M funding announcement
Secured \$15M USDOT RAISE grant
2024

Project funded in MTA's 2025-2029 Capital Plan
2025

Conduct environmental review process and project design

WE ARE HERE

Finalize design and award construction contract

Complete construction and begin revenue service





Q&A



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Thank you!

Project Webpage: new.mta.info/ibx

