

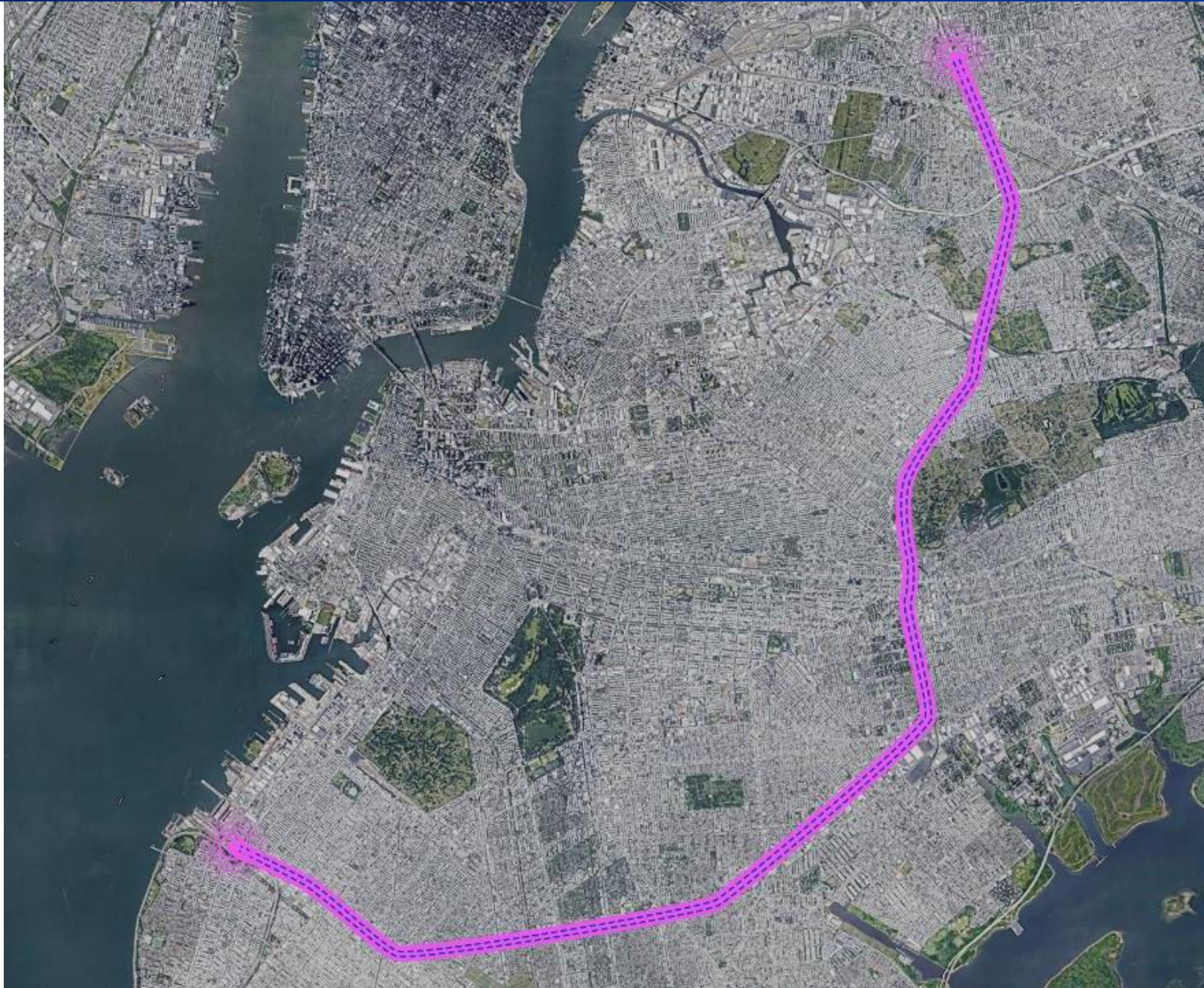


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Interborough Express

Community Board Briefing –
Brooklyn CB14

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Project Overview



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 that runs from Sunset Park to Jackson Heights and is currently used solely for freight
- The IBX would **add passenger service** while preserving freight service
- The Southern portion (~11 miles) is owned by LIRR and operated by New York & Atlantic Railway
- The Northern portion in Queens (~3 miles) is owned by CSX



IBX Station Locations

The current station program was developed to **maximize connections** within MTA networks and major arterial roadways

18

IBX stations

13

IBX stations with subway transfers

17

Subway lines connecting with IBX

A C E N Q R 2 3 5 7 B D F M J Z L

50+

Current bus route connections

LIRR

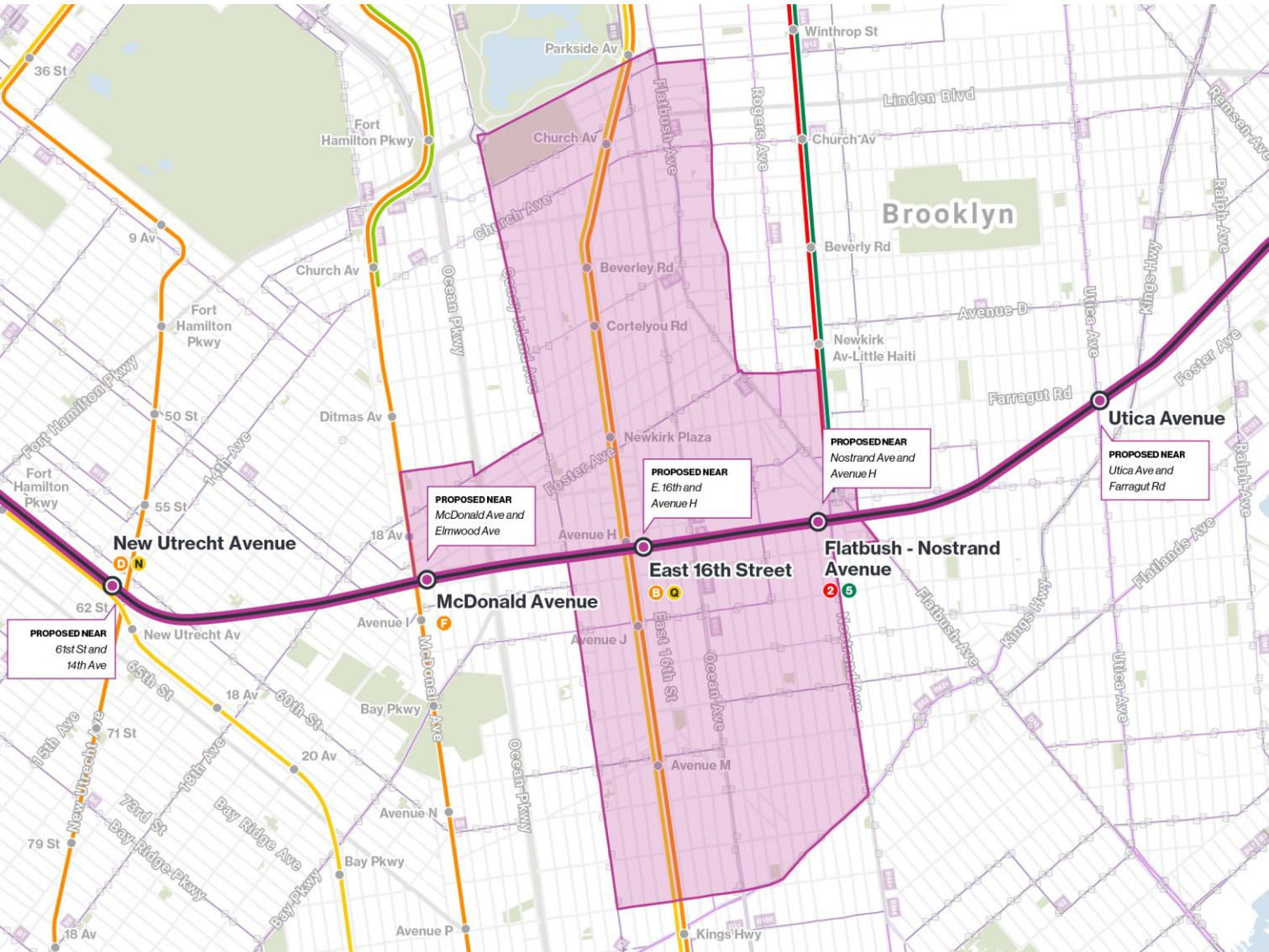
Connections at East New York & Woodside Avenues



Access to Opportunity



Brooklyn Community District 14



Brooklyn Community District 14 is currently served by:

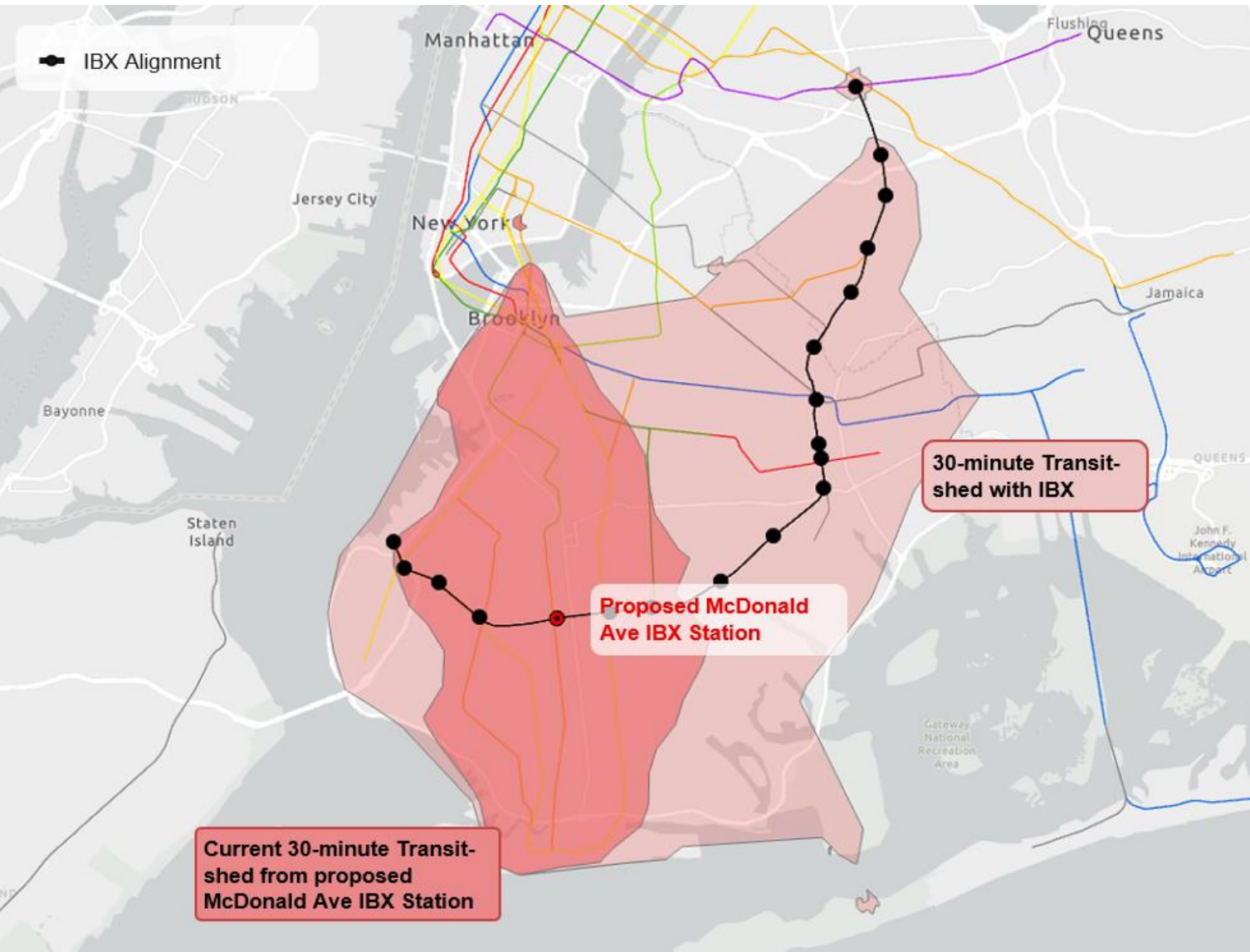
- **21** bus routes (B103, B11, B12, B16, B35, B41, B44, B44+, B49, B6, B68, B7, B8, B82, B82+, B9, BM1, BM2, BM3, BM4, Q35)
- Subway lines (**B** **F** **Q** **2** **5**)

IBX will introduce **three stops** at:

- McDonald Avenue
- East 16th Street
- Flatbush – Nostrand Avenue

Exact station locations subject to change

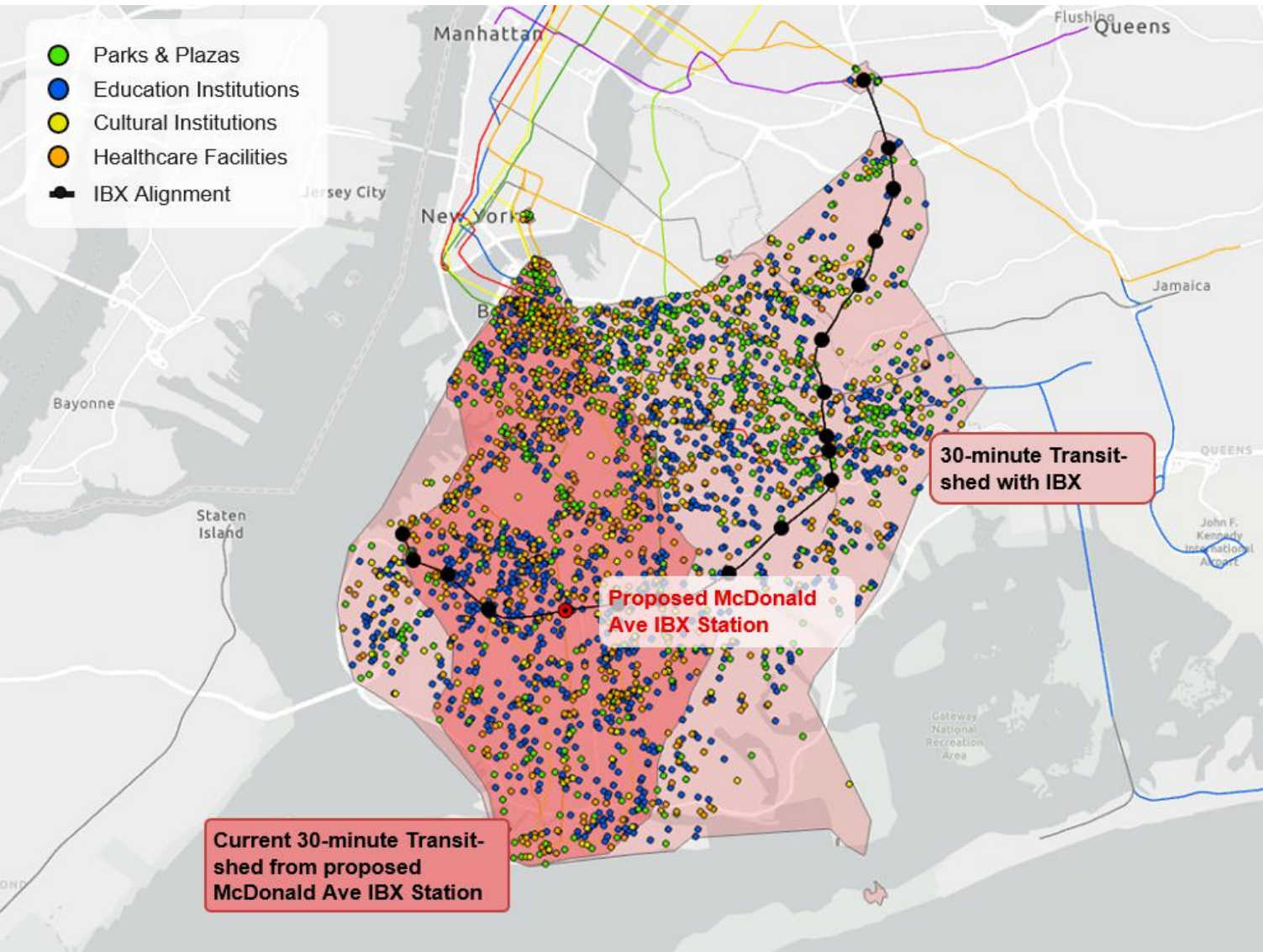
Access to Opportunity: McDonald Avenue



IBX **more than doubles** the land area accessible within a 30-minute public transit trip

- **Residents** gain access to employment hubs, amenities, and recreation
- **Businesses** reach larger customer bases and talent pools
- Newly accessible **destinations** include:
 - Bay Ridge
 - Far Rockaway beaches
 - Jackson Heights
 - Sunset Park

Access to Opportunity: McDonald Avenue



Residents and businesses near **McDonald Avenue** will gain access to:

1.5x jobs

From 489K to 755K

1.9x healthcare facilities

From 417 to 798

1.4x higher education institutions

From 14 to 19

1.8x daycare & pre-K

From 803 to 1,469

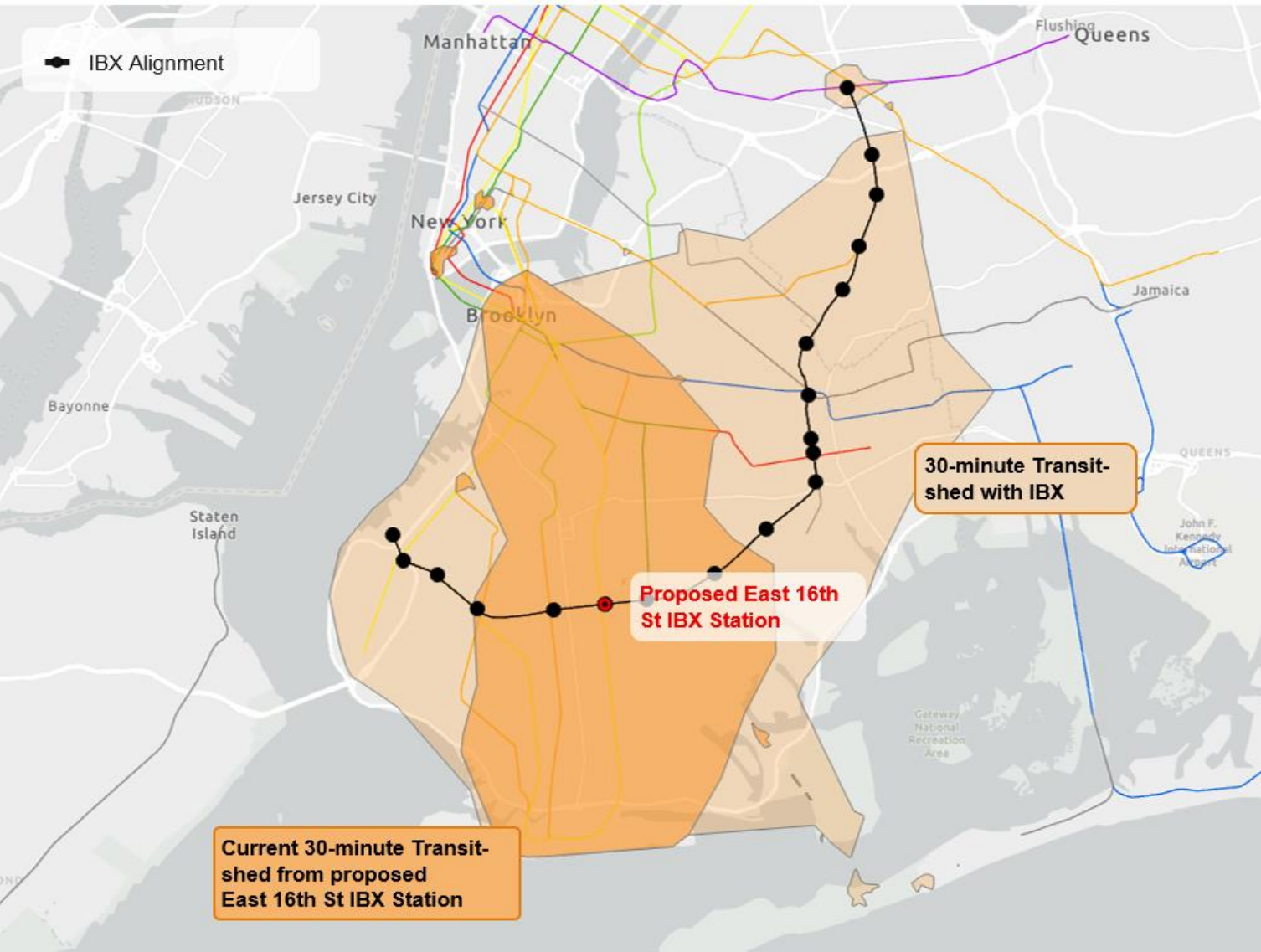
1.6x cultural institutions

From 282 to 441

2.1x working age population

From 908K to 1.9M

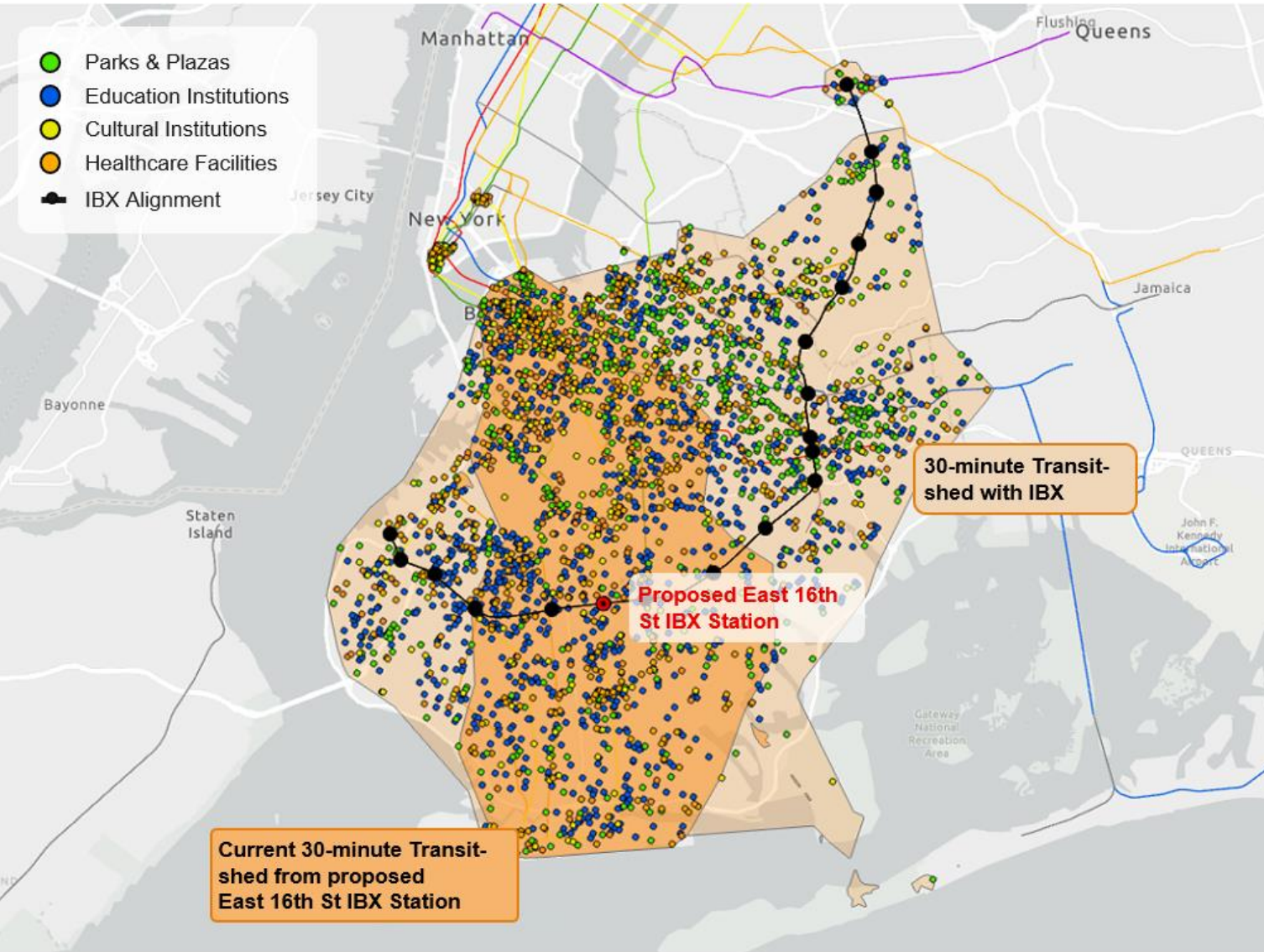
Access to Opportunity: East 16th Street



IBX **more than doubles** the land area accessible within a 30-minute public transit trip

- **Residents** gain access to employment hubs, amenities, and recreation
- **Businesses** reach larger customer bases and talent pools
- Newly accessible **destinations** span as far north as Jackson Heights and as far south as the Rockaways

Access to Opportunity: East 16th Street



Residents and businesses near **East 16th Street** will gain access to:

1.7x jobs

From 470K to 798K

1.7x healthcare facilities

From 529 to 884

1.1x higher education institutions

From 22 to 24

1.7x daycare & pre-K

From 875 to 1,530

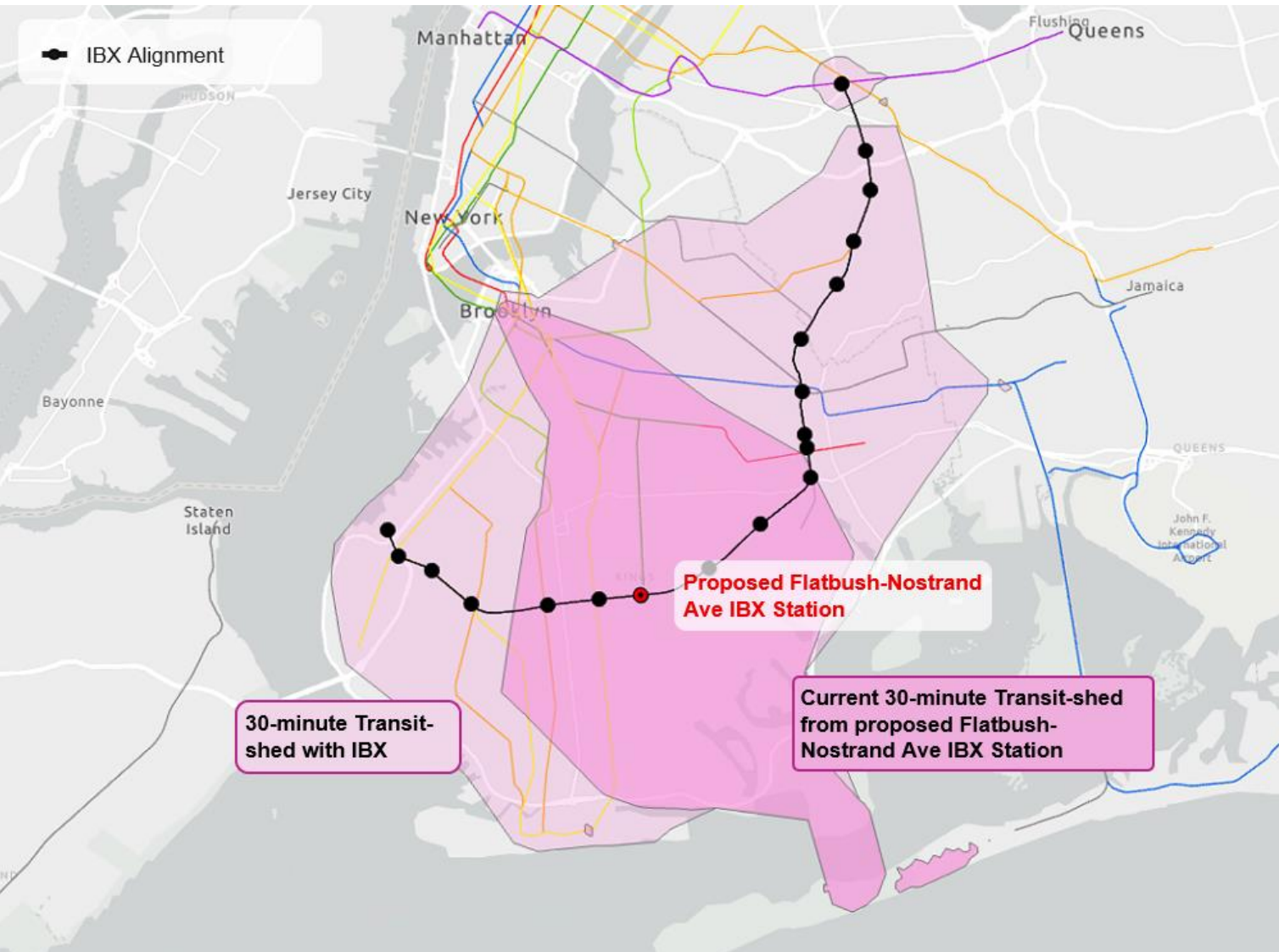
1.4x cultural institutions

From 343 to 473

2x working age population

From 1M to 2M

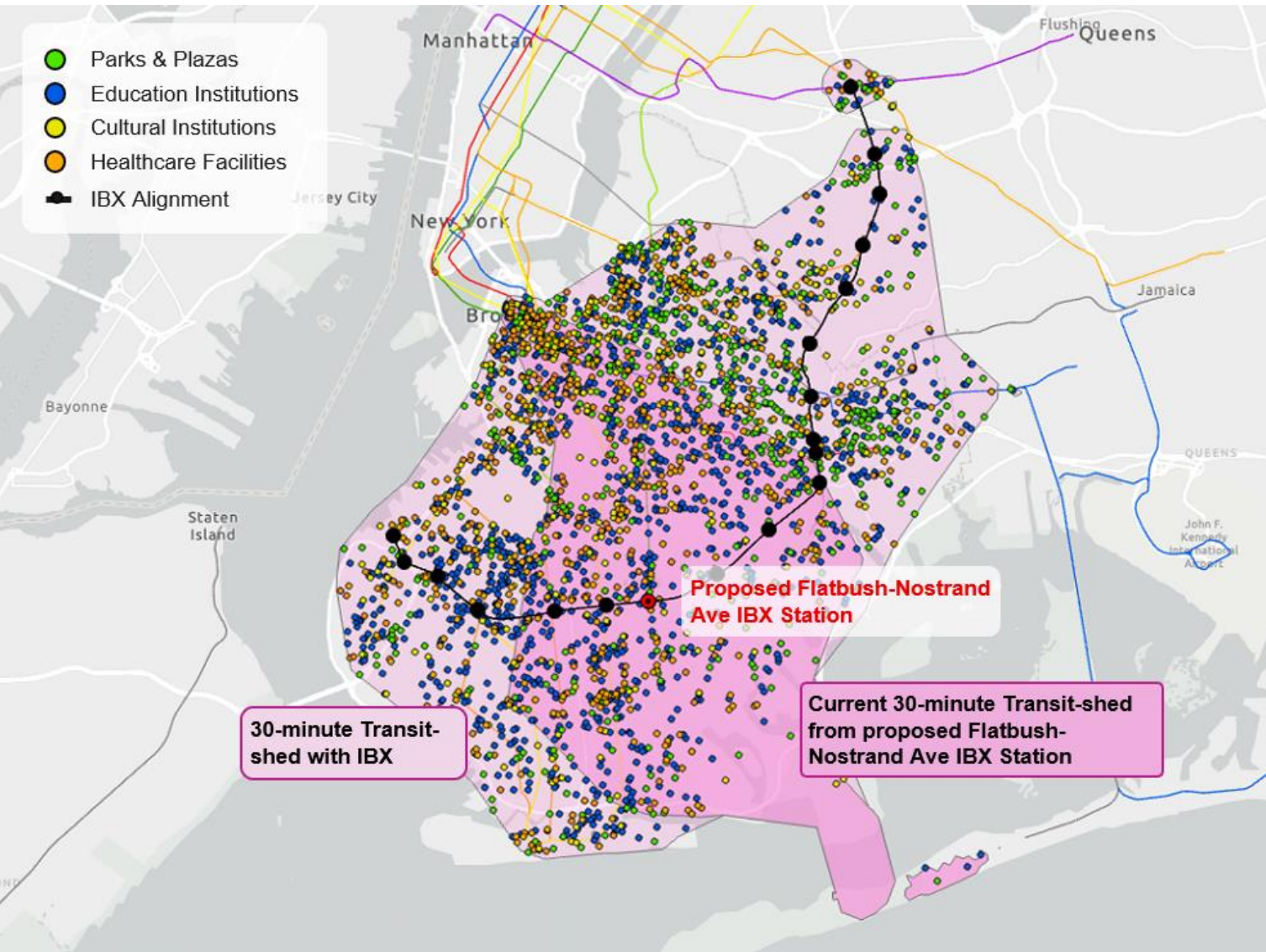
Access to Opportunity: Flatbush-Nostrand Avenue



IBX **more than doubles** the land area accessible within a 30-minute public transit trip

- **Residents** gain access to employment hubs, amenities, and recreation
- **Businesses** reach larger customer bases and talent pools
- Newly accessible **destinations** include:
 - Bay Ridge
 - Brooklyn waterfront
 - Jackson Heights
 - Park Slope
 - Sunset Park
 - Sheepshead Bay

Access to Opportunity: Flatbush-Nostrand Avenue



Residents and businesses near **Flatbush-Nostrand Avenue** will gain access to:

2.2x jobs

From 363K to 813K

2x healthcare facilities

From 423 to 859

1.4x higher education institutions

From 12 to 17

2.3x daycare & pre-K

From 653 to 1,516

1.9x cultural institutions

From 223 to 429

2.3x working age population

From 898K to 2.1M

Project Updates



Environmental Review



SEQRA Environmental Review

In October 2025, MTA kicked off the environmental review process under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)

- MTA completed the Scoping phase in November, hosting two in-person and two virtual Scoping meetings. Over 500 comments were provided.
- Environmental analyses are now underway
- A final Scoping Document will be issued this year, with a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to follow



Property Acquisition

IBX's location **within an existing rail corridor significantly reduces** the need for private property acquisition

- However, a small number of properties will need to be acquired
- MTA is working to identify those properties and is striving to minimize this number to the extent possible
- Acquisition may only begin after the EIS is complete (est. Q4 2026)
- If acquisition is required, MTA will fully comply with the Uniform Relocation Act and all applicable laws governing the use of eminent domain. Elected officials and stakeholders will be kept informed.



Project Design



Design Process

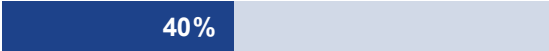


- MTA has retained Jacobs and HDR to **begin design** of the IBX project
- Design is a **two-year process** that includes three workstreams:

Due Diligence	Civil Design	System Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Surveys• Geotech• Environmental• Structure inspections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site work• Utilities• Structures• Track work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stations• Operations facility• Storage yard• Power, train control, communications

- MTA's design team will also assist with procurement of construction contracts

Due Diligence: Pre-Design In Brooklyn

- Pre-design is when **sites are analyzed in detail**
- This work tells MTA about project feasibility – and **changes to earlier assumptions**
- The design team has distributed flyers and contacted properties close to work sites to ensure coordination and minimal disruption

Field Work Underway	Completion
Geotechnical Investigation Evaluates soil, rock, groundwater conditions	 40%
Surveying Models conditions in 3D	 45%
Structures Inspections Assesses integrity of nearby infrastructure, like bridges	 55%



Soil Boring Operations within New York & Atlantic's Right of Way

Systems Design: Stations & Urban Realm

Since Fall 2025, MTA's design team has conducted site investigations, developed station prototypes, and analyzed critical factors such as fire and life safety

- **Design is prioritizing** the passenger experience, neighborhood interfaces, accessibility, and connection with other modes of transportation
- This Spring, MTA will host a series of **public workshops** to ask for input on these and related topics:
 - Safety
 - Wayfinding
 - Street lighting
 - Passenger information products
 - Treatments for fencing/barriers



Prototype of Station Entrance (Illustrative Only)

Community Focus Areas



Stormwater Management

As part of design, MTA and their design team are developing a **resilience plan to mitigate stormwater flooding** throughout the corridor

- MTA continues to **meet with NYCDEP** to coordinate stormwater modeling, existing system connection, and future mitigation plans
- Resilience plan design is prioritizing public safety, operational resilience, and impacts to adjacent neighborhoods, particularly during storm events



Track Ponding at Entrance to 65th Street Yard

Electrical Grid Capacity



MTA and their design team are **working with ConEd** to ensure IBX's electrical needs can be met by the existing grid – and that any grid improvements resulting from IBX also benefit communities

- IBX's electrical design is **prioritizing** public safety and resilience, overall impact, and vehicle performance under different conditions
- Upcoming public outreach will ask for feedback on substation architecture to blend with the existing community fabric

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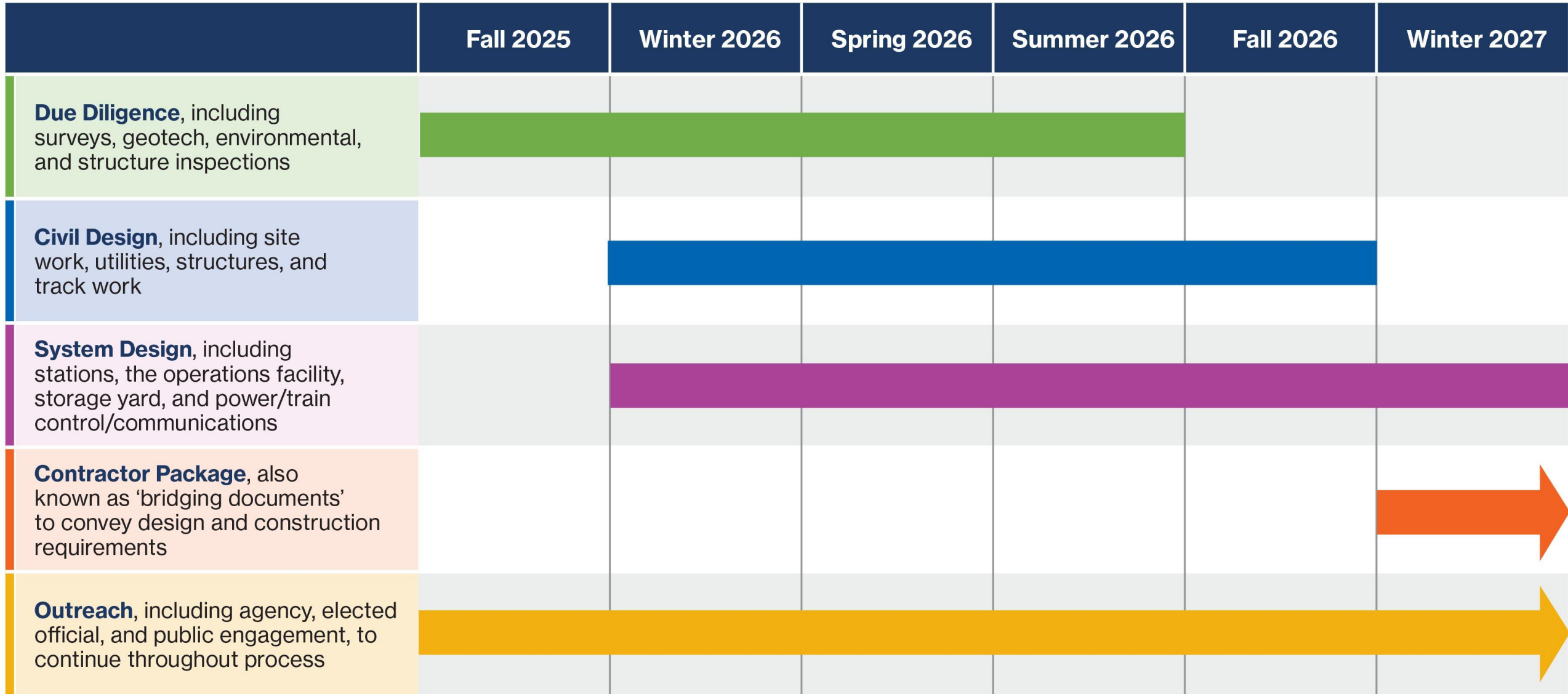
Upcoming Public Outreach



- MTA expects to ask for your feedback at three key stages over the next year:
 - To inform **design decisions**, including about stations, urban realm connections, and vehicle layout
 - To receive formal comment on the **DEIS** as part of New York's SEQRA process
 - To inform the **draft design** concepts developed during preliminary engineering
- MTA welcomes your input on locations, languages, and groups or individuals to include in this outreach
- To date, MTA has hosted: 12 open houses, 10 pop ups, four SEQRA scoping meetings, and quarterly Community Council meetings

Open House at the Queens Public Library in Ridgewood

Next Steps



Q&A



Thank you!





***Scan the QR code to
share your input!***

We want to hear from you!

Take the IBX survey to share your input on design priorities to help shape the Interborough Express.

Survey available in English and Spanish.