

**Woodhaven Boulevard Select Bus Service**  
**New York, New York**  
**New Starts Project Development**  
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The New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) proposes to implement bus rapid transit (called Select Bus Service or SBS locally), in the 14 mile Woodhaven Boulevard corridor between Woodside and Rockaway Beach. NYCDOT expects the project to include dedicated lanes over the majority of the alignment, enhanced bus stops with shelters, seating and customer information, an off-board fare payment system, transit signal priority, branded SBS service including signage and vehicles, and roadway improvements for improved pedestrian and roadway user safety. The service would operate in mixed traffic at the northern and southern ends of the alignment where streets are narrow. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$231 million. NYCDOT anticipates requesting more than \$75 million in Section 5309 funding. Thus, the project is considered a New Start rather than a Small Start.

NYCDOT believes the project will provide faster, more reliable service in the corridor, while encouraging motorist and pedestrian safety. The project will also provide better connections to commuter rail in Woodside, subway, long distance and local bus services in Queens, and other regional transit services serving John F. Kennedy International Airport.

NYCDOT chose Select Bus Service as the locally preferred alternative in June 2010. It was subsequently included in the region's fiscally constrained long range transportation plan in September 2013. NYCDOT completed the environmental review process with receipt of a Categorical Exclusion in July 2015. The scope and cost of the project is currently being assessed by the project sponsor. Future milestone dates will be determined after the project sponsor's review is complete.