

***Statements of Community  
District Needs  
and  
Community Board  
Budget Requests***

Fiscal Year  
2021



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**Bronx  
Community District  
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## INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter mandates that form an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, they are intended to support communities in their ongoing consultations with city agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders and influence more informed decision making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. This report also provides a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and may be used by a variety of audiences seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from August to November, 2019.

Community boards may provide substantive supplemental information together with their Statements and Budget Requests. This supporting material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

### 1. Overarching Community District Needs

Sections 1 – 4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

### 2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

Section 5 is organized by seven distinct policy areas aligned with the service and program areas of city agencies. For each policy area, community boards selected the most important issue for their districts and could provide a supporting narrative. The policy area section also includes any agency-specific needs and a list of relevant budget requests submitted by the community board. If the community board submitted additional information outside of a specific policy area, it may be found in Section 6.

### 3. Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY21 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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*Budget Requests:* Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

*Budget Priorities:* Priority numbers apply to expense and capital Budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense and capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 7 of this document.

*Supporting Materials:* Some community boards provided substantive supplemental information. This supportive material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting the links provided in the Appendix into a browser.

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## 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

Bronx Community Board 7

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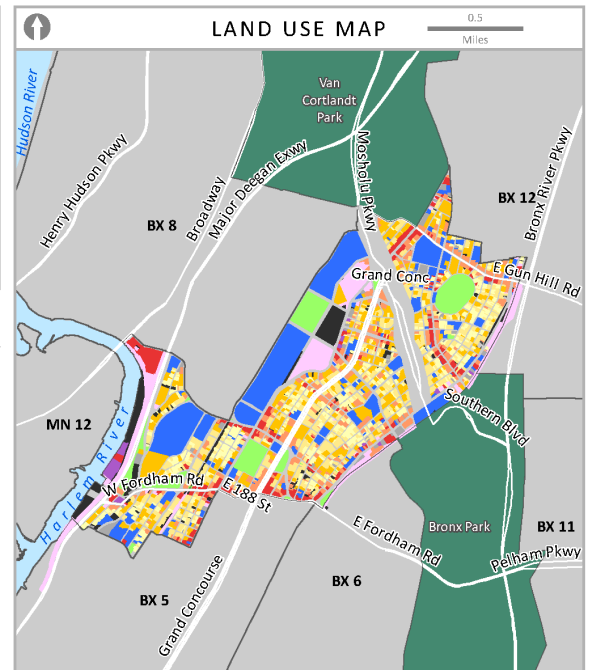
## 2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

# Bronx Community District 7

See BX 7's profile online at  
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**Neighborhoods<sup>1</sup>:** Bedford Park, Fordham, Kingsbridge Heights, Norwood, University Heights

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 <sup>2</sup>	2010 <sup>3</sup>	2000-2010
141,411	139,286	-2%
2013-2017 Estimate <sup>4</sup>		133,339
Square Miles		1.9
Population Density		73,308/sq mi



Map Source: PLUTO 19v2

### COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Bronx Community Board 7 in 2019:

1. Land use trends
2. Schools
3. Other

To learn more, please read Bronx CD 7's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2021.

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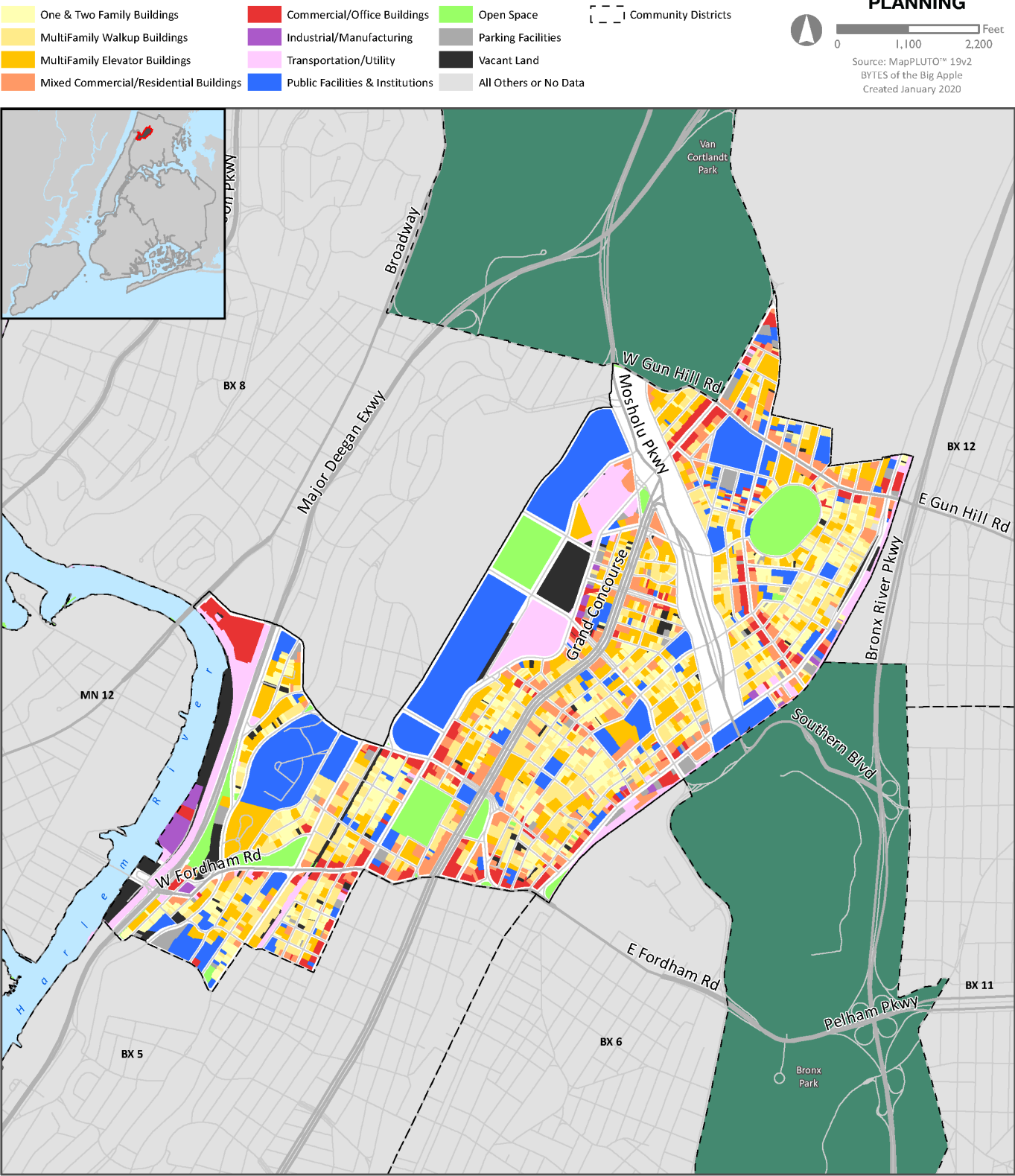
Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	1,249	10%
Multifamily Walk-up	971	15%
Multifamily Elevator	344	14%
Mixed Use	358	9%
Commercial	227	6%
Industrial	20	1%
Transportation/Utility	57	10%
Public/Institutional	164	22%
Open Space	24	7%
Parking	80	2%
Vacant	128	5%
Other	7	0%

### A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS <sup>5</sup>		RENT BURDEN <sup>4, 6</sup>		ACCESS TO PARKS <sup>7</sup>	
Public Schools	34	Bronx CD 7 <b>55%</b> of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	Bronx 51%	Bronx CD 7 <b>98%</b> of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	Citywide Target 85%
Public Libraries	4		NYC 45%		
Hospitals and Clinics	20				
Parks	18				
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer					
MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK <sup>4, 8</sup>		LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY <sup>4</sup>		CRIME RATE <sup>9</sup>	
Bronx CD 7 <b>44</b> minutes	Bronx 44 minutes	Bronx CD 7 <b>37%</b> of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	Bronx 26%	Bronx CD 7 <b>15.8</b> major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2017	Bronx 14.3
	NYC 41 minutes		NYC 23%		NYC 11.8
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>		UNEMPLOYMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>		NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE <sup>11</sup>	
Bronx CD 7 <b>17%</b> of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	Bronx 19%	Bronx CD 7 <b>8.6%</b> of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2013 to 2017	Bronx 6.9%	Bronx CD 7 <b>27%</b> of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	Bronx 26%
	NYC 37%		NYC 4.9%		NYC 20%

<sup>1</sup>Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. <sup>2</sup>2000 US Census; <sup>3</sup>2010 US Census; <sup>4</sup>American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. <sup>5</sup>NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2019); <sup>6</sup>Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>7</sup>NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2019). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. <sup>8</sup>Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. <sup>9</sup>NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); <sup>10</sup>Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>11</sup>2013-2017 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

# Bronx Community District 7 - Land Use



### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

The quality of local schools continues to be a major issue of concern for local residents. The number of schools seats available in our community has not kept pace with our growing youth population and most of our schools are already experiencing overcrowding. As additional development occurs in the district, the problem will only continue to grow more serious. CB 7 is in need of more mixed income housing, as housing accommodation's continue to be one of the primary issues facing residents of our district. While the district has some of the most affordable private market rental housing in the city, many rent-stabilized and rent-controlled apartments are disappearing far quicker than new mixed housing units can be constructed. To make matters worse, the district is seeing an influx of new residents who have been priced out of their own neighborhoods in New York City, increasing competition for the affordable units available in the district. The Bronx has taken on more city-financed supportive housing in the past decade than any other borough and there is a prevailing feeling in our district that we have received a disproportionate share of these developments in our district. In addition to supportive housing facilities, the district is also home to numerous homeless shelters, half-way houses and other special needs housing. We would like to ensure housing is being built responsibly to accomodate the growth by increasing more municipal services. Quality of Life issues like noise and loitering no longer have a way to be addressed by our enforcement agencies, as they are deemed not to be a priority. Our residents deserve to have these basic needs addressed.



## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Bronx Community Board 7

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

**Land use trends (zoning, development, neighborhood preservation, etc.)**

CB 7 is in need of housing that will cater to the income levels in our district, as housing accommodation's continue to be one of the primary issues facing residents of our district. While the district has some of the most affordable private market rental housing in the city, many rent-stabilized and rent-controlled apartments are disappearing far quicker than new mixed housing units can be constructed. To make matters worse, the district is seeing an influx of new residents who have been priced out of their own neighborhoods in New York City, increasing competition for the affordable units available in the district. We would like streamline communication with our municipal agencies to ensure the increase in units is paired with more schools and services overall.

**Schools**

The quality of local schools continues to be a major issue of concern for local residents. The number of schools seats available in our community has not kept pace with our growing youth population and most of our schools are already experiencing overcrowding. As additional development occurs in the district, the problem will only continue to grow more serious.

**Other**

Insufficient Municipal Services: We have seen a dramatic increase in our population due to new development. Unfortunately, services like sanitation, transit have not increased to meet new demands. CB 7 needs additional services from our agencies to maintain our quality of life.

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## 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

### HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Bronx Community Board 7

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##### Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

###### **Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers**

According to the 2010 census, nearly 71,000 residents, or over fifty percent of the total population, receive some kind of government assistance. Even with existing assistance programs, many of these residents struggle to make ends meet. There is a real need to find additional means of assistance to help improve the quality of life of these residents.

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##### Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

###### **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

No comments

###### **Needs for Older NYs**

No comments

###### **Needs for Homeless**

No comments

###### **Needs for Low Income NYs**

No comments

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## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	DFTA	<b>Enhance NORC programs and health services</b>	<i>Initiate the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) in our district. To provide resources to help our senior population maintain healthy living in their own apartments.</i>	
23/25	DOHMH	<b>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.</b>	<i>According to the most recent Community Health Survey, many residents are either overweight or obese and suffer disproportionately from related diseases such as diabetes. The Department of Health needs to have nutritional education programs for the general public in our schools and Hospitals within our district. The Bronx still has the highest rate of health concerns in the State.</i>	

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

### Bronx Community Board 7

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **School and educational facilities (Capacity)**

CEC 10, which includes most of our district, is the most overcrowded district in the Bronx and is among the most overcrowded districts citywide. As a result, students find themselves trying to learn while jammed into spaces never intended as classrooms, such as libraries, gymnasiums, laboratories, lunchrooms, and even closets. There is substantial evidence that overcrowding, particularly in high-poverty districts such as ours, can have an adverse impact on learning.

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#### Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **Needs for Youth Education**

No comments

##### **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

No comments

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## Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	SCA	<b>Renovate interior building component</b>	<i>The Dewitt Clinton High School pool is in need of repairs. The students attending deserve to have a full functioning pool.</i>	Dewitt Clinton Hs Field House, Bronx, New York, NY
6/25	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</b>	<i>Currently, eleven out of our fourteen grade schools are operating overcapacity, with several of these schools severely overcapacity. Our community is experiencing a large increase in residential development with hundreds of planned housing units across the district. As a result of these new developments, school overcrowding will continue become a larger issue unless new grade schools are built immediately.</i>	
CS	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school</b>	<i>Our existing middle schools are over capacity. We are in need of a new middle/intermediate School in the CB 7 district.</i>	3177 Webster Avenue

## Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/25	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>CB 7 is requesting a Youth Center at the Former Bainbridge Library Center which is a city owned property. Example: YMCA.</i>	
5/25	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)</b>	<i>Few if any of the area students are able to attend Specialized High Schools. Bronx High School of Science is within our area but does not serve students in our district. Test Prep for our resident students is needed to address this issue.</i>	
7/25	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</b>	<i>Providing more Beacon Programs in our district is necessary and a critical tool in keeping kids/young adults off the street and positively engaged. Additional after-school slots are necessary to ensure all children in the district are given the opportunity to utilize these services.</i>	

*Provide funding for the establishment of a Gifted and Talented program in a school within Community District 7. As well as, prep courses in CB 7.*

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Bronx Community Board 7

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)**

Bronx Community Board 7 has seen a dramatic increase in public Nuisances complaints. These complaints all involve our quality of life and safety. We need to have better enforcement methods from the NYPD for noise complaints and loitering. Our community needs more of a positive and engaging police presence in neighborhoods with numerous complaints.

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#### Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Needs for Public Safety**

No comments

##### **Needs for Emergency Services**

No comments

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## Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/25	NYPD	<b>Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct</b>	<i>The 52nd Precinct has over 300 officers servicing the community. Currently, the Precinct is need of a sub-precinct to accommodate the growth. There is vacant space that can purchased by the city across the street at 3041 Webster Ave. In addition, the parking lot at the precinct needs to be renovated to further accommodate the growth.</i>	
CS	NYPD	<b>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</b>	<i>The 52nd Precinct House is a historic landmark with its trademark Tower Clock, which is not currently operational. The board requests that the Tower Clock be repaired.</i>	3016 Webster Avenue
CS	NYPD	<b>Provide surveillance cameras</b>	<i>Install NYPD Security cameras on Bedford Park and Fordham Road. Surveillance cameras are a valuable crime fighting tool, but there are still many areas in our community that lack camera coverage.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/25	NYPD	<b>Assign additional transit police officers</b>	<i>The district is home to three subway lines and there are nine stations in the district. We need officers to address common complaints that include panhandling, card swiping and vandalism. Additional officers would allow these complaints to be addressed more quickly and more efficiently.</i>	
17/25	NYPD	<b>Increase resources for vandalism prevention programs, such as anti-graffiti initiatives</b>	<i>These programs will help combat the economic and quality-of-life setback caused by graffiti vandalism. A new initiative will help prevent and abate graffiti vandalism on the local level, resulting in safer, more vibrant communities.</i>	



## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Bronx Community Board 7

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Most Important Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency.

#### **Cleanliness/trash collection**

The office receives a high volume of complaints related to the cleanliness of the district. Specifically, there are a high volume of complaints related to dog waste, illegal dumping and cleanliness of the merchant areas.

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Community District Needs Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency.

#### **Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**

No comments

#### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

No comments

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## Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
20/25	DEP	<b>Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds</b>	<i>In addition to repairing catch basins the continuous flooding after storms on both Bainbridge Avenue and Decatur and Van Cortlandt Avenue East needs to be addressed.</i>	Bainbridge Avenue

## Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/25	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of canine waste laws</b>	<i>The district has historically had one of the highest volumes of complaints regarding canine waste. An increase in enforcement activity would be helpful in addressing this long-standing issue.</i>	
10/25	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws</b>	<i>We need an increase in sanitation enforcement to improve the quality of our commercial corridors. Our shopping districts include: Fordham Road, Kingsbridge Road, Jerome Avenue, 204th Street and Webster Avenue.</i>	

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

### Bronx Community Board 7

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

##### **Housing support (including tenant protection)**

The residents of Bronx Community Board 7 are constantly dealing with rental issues. Tenants have rights and should be afforded more services to help with rental increases and code violations. We see too often how our residents are living in poor conditions. The living conditions can affect your quality of life, your job, your family and your mental health. There is also a need for mixed income housing to accommodate those in different income brackets.

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#### Community District Needs Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

##### **Needs for Land Use**

No comments

##### **Needs for Housing**

No comments

##### **Needs for Economic Development**

No comments

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## Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/25	EDC	<b>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</b>	<i>Allocate funding for a Full Service Community Center to include senior, youth and child care services at the former Bronx Library Center located at 2556 Bainbridge Avenue. Please update on the status</i>	2556 Bainbridge Avenue
14/25	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for medium income households</b>	<i>The recent push to create affordable housing has resulted in additional units for low-income residents in our district. However, there has been a severe shortage in the availability of affordable units for middle income residents. We are requesting the Open-Door Program to encourage home ownership in our district.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/25	NYCHA	<b>Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</b>	<i>Provide additional Personnel for HPD Inspections. There are many community residents who do not live in quality housing because of non-compliance with housing regulations. The primary cause is not that complaints are not recorded by HPD but the heavy reliance of self-certification for determining compliance. We request that HPD move away from relying heavily on self certification and hire additional enforcement personnel to deal with the large number of outstanding violations.</i>	
12/25	EDC	<b>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness</b>	<i>In CB 7 we only have one Public Housing building which is Bailey Houses. Bailey houses is in need of consistent maintenance and cleaning in the public hallways and on all the sidewalks around the building. NYCHA residents deserve to have a clean and environmentally friendly place to live.</i>	2663 Heath Avenue

14/25	SBS	<b>Support development of local Storefront / Facade Improvement Program</b>	<i>All of our commercial strips are in need of rehabilitation and façade improvements. Funding is needed to advertise and support businesses.</i>
16/25	EDC	<b>Expand graffiti removal services on private sites</b>	<i>The average wait-time for graffiti removal is far too long and many residents no longer bother to report graffiti under the mistaken belief that it will not be addressed. It is clear additional resources are needed to cut-down wait times and allow for proactive graffiti removal.</i>
18/25	HPD	<b>Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs</b>	<i>The lack of affordable housing and the continuing decline in the number of Section 8 vouchers has made it impossible for many residents to find affordable housing options. Additional rental subsidy programs would also be helpful in creating housing options for these residents.</i>

## TRANSPORTATION

### Bronx Community Board 7

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Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

**Other**

Lack of frequency in our busses and subways. Poor maintenance as well.

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Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility.

**Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

No comments

**Needs for Transit Services**

No comments

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## Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>DOT should expand the municipal parking garage at the East Gun Hill Road and Jerome to allow for more parking availability.</i>	Jerome Avenue East Gun Hill Road East 212 Street
9/25	DOT	<b>Upgrade or create new greenways</b>	<i>There is currently a city-owned vacant lot at Oliver Place between Marion Avenue and Decatur Avenue. The site is not only an eyesore for the community, but also has facilitated numerous negative activities including loitering, drug dealing and violent crimes. The site has long been a target for the development of a new park for community residents, but the resources have never been invested to make this plan a reality. The city should make a targeted investment to develop a community garden on the lot to address these outstanding issues. We support the proposal of Bridge Arts to establish and maintain a community garden.</i>	
12/25	NYCTA	<b>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</b>	<i>There is a need for an elevator at the #4 Mosholu train station. Many residents use the 4 train to get to local Hospitals like North Central Bronx and Montefiore. The lack of accessibility is a major problem.</i>	
17/25	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Build a Municipal Parking Garage for overnight use, merchants, shoppers and residents of Community Board #7. there is a major need for resident and merchant parking in the community. Land is available along Webster Avenue in the Norwood Community.</i>	
23/25	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Provide Time clocks on the 5 busiest bus lines: # 41, 1, 2, 28 and 9.</i>	
CS	DOT	<b>Install streetscape improvements</b>	<i>Improved streetscapes can be a vital tool in helping to attract and retain quality businesses and improve public safety. Streetscape investment would be particularly useful in the Webster Avenue area to support the types of development envisioned in the Webster Avenue Vision Plan.</i>	Webster Avenue East Mosholu Parkway North East Fordham Road

CS	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Fund Coles Lane as a Pedestrian Street with ADA accessibility. Coles Lane is a deteriorated street with uneven steps , broken pedestrian pavement and poor drainage. It is not accessible to wheel chair bound residents who are trying to access the Bronx Library Center from Bainbridge Avenue. Instead they must traverse Fordham Road to get to the library. Additionally, Coles Lanes does not have any lighting and is an unwelcoming area after sunset. We request that DOT repair the pavement, convert the steps so that it is ADA accessible and provide upgraded street lighting.</i>	Coles Lane Bainbridge Avenues Coles lane
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### Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/25	NYCTA	<b>Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance</b>	<i>Major cleaning and rehabilitation are needed at the D and 4 train lines within District 7.</i>	
19/25	DOT	<b>Address traffic congestion</b>	<i>As development continues to increase in the district, traffic congestion has become an ever increasing area of concern. The department should explore opportunities for reducing traffic congestion on Mosholu Parkway, Gun Hill Road, Kingsbridge Road and Fordham Road.</i>	
21/25	NYCTA	<b>Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service</b>	<i>The Bx41 currently services Webster Avenue, but the service does not extend north of Gun Hill Road. In recent years, the area north of Gun Hill Road has experienced tremendous development with the addition of hundreds of new units of housing. The Bx41 service should be extended to ensure these new residents have access to transit and are connected to the lower portions of Webster Avenue.</i>	Webster Avenue Gun Hill Road East 233rd Street
24/25	NYCTA	<b>Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service</b>	<i>Several years ago, a plan was approved by the MTA to add a new bus line from Fordham Road to LaGuardia Airport. The funding never materialized and the bus line was never fully implemented. The board continues to believe that this vital bus line will help connect the Bronx and Queens and provide a major link for local residents to connect to the many jobs available at the airport.</i>	



## **PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **Bronx Community Board 7**

#### Most Important Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

##### **Quality of parks and park facilities**

The district is home to a large number of parks and parkways, making it one of the greenest districts in the city. However, the large amount of parks space has made it very difficult to provide the necessary level of maintenance to keep the parks clean and safe. Additional investment is needed in both maintenance personnel and equipment in the district.

#### Community District Needs Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

##### **Needs for Parks**

No comments

##### **Needs for Cultural Services**

No comments

##### **Needs for Library Services**

According to NYPL statistics (below), in Fiscal Year 2016 the libraries in CB 7 had 908,316 visits. Branch Visits Program Attendance Bronx Library Center 730,404 95,088 Mosholu Branch 177,912 19,174 Totals 908,316 114,262 The NYPL libraries within BX CB 7 are used extensively. The community relies on them to provide essential library services, as well as educational programs and community space. Many of the library locations are in need of critical upgrades, including mechanical systems, bathrooms, roofs, facades and ADA upgrades. While other locations are in need of a complete renovation.

##### **Needs for Community Boards**

No comments

## Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/25	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or playground</b>	<i>Provide a new sidewalk to the Holt Place entrance at the Williamsbridge Oval Park.</i>	Williamsbridge Oval Rec Center, Bronx, New York, NY
4/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility</b>	<i>New Fitness equipment is needed at the St. James Rec Center.</i>	St James Park Comfort Station, Bronx, New York, NY
5/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility</b>	<i>Create a fitness station on the upper level of Williamsbridge Oval Rec Center. Community Residents have requested the addition of fitness equipment.</i>	Williamsbridge Oval Rec Center, Bronx, New York, NY
7/25	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or playground</b>	<i>Create a jogging path around the Jerome Park Reservoir with an entranceway on Goulden Avenue which would provide easier access to residents in the district. The current plans for the jogging path do not encircle the reservoir and the board has implored the Parks Dept. and DEP to reopen portions of the reservoir so the CB#7 residents have easier access to this community amenity.</i>	
11/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Repair the stone stairs at Williamsbridge Oval Park and make it ADA Accessible.</i>	
13/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Fund repair of the Perimeter fencing at the Williamsbridge Oval Park to address security issues. There are many portions of the current gate surrounding WBO Park where the iron gates are missing or have been compromised. This provided opportunities for individuals to enter the park after dark and cause a variety of disturbances for neighborhood residents or damage to the park's equipment or center. The repair of this fence around WBO Park will restore the first line of defense to the park and serve as a deterrent to vandalism and other quality of life issues.</i>	

15/25	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>The board calls for the department to fund the creation of Regatta Park on the waterfront at Fordham Landing. In previous fiscal years, funds had been allocated to start the project, but nonetheless, the project has never gotten off the ground. A renewed effort should be made to turn this eyesore into a park space for community residents. We need access to the waterfront and an update on this project.</i>	Exterior Street West Fordham Road University Heights Bridge
16/25	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting (Capital)</b>	<i>Purchase and install Flash Cam Security cameras throughout the Parks in Community Board #7 to increase security. The community board has requested these cameras over the last five years. Since then there have been several major incidents that had the cameras been installed they would have acted as a deterrent to these crimes or provided evidence that would have aided law enforcement officials. The board requests that Parks purchase and install these cameras to address this increasing public safety issues.</i>	
18/25	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>Repave sidewalk along the East side of Bainbridge Avenue from the West bound lanes of Mosholu Parkway to Mosholu Parkway North Service Road. The sidewalk is cracked and dangerous for pedestrians.</i>	Mosholu Parkway
19/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>We need funding for a multi-purpose athletic field at Frisch Field.</i>	
21/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Renovate Devoe Park: Recede the curbs, re-pitch the side walks for drainage and update benches.</i>	
22/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate the 2 Playgrounds and play equipment in Devoe Park</i>	
24/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Redesign and repurpose the storage house for public use located in the middle of Devoe Park.</i>	

25/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Devoe Park-Renovate the Basketball Courts to include new Fiberglass backboards. Reconstruct the court area. It is worn and in need of resurfacing. The existing backboards are outdated.</i>	
CS	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>The last major rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway took place nearly forty years ago. In the meantime, the park has been allowed to fall apart with an increasing number of benches out of service, stone pillars crumbling and fencing falling apart. The board calls on the department to work with DOT to undertake a total rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway.</i>	
CS	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Repair the stone pillars on the eastbound and westbound lanes of Mosholu Parkway Main road and service road from Webster to Bainbridge Avenues. Some of these pillars have been damaged by motor vehicle accidents.</i>	Mosholu Parkway Webster Avenue Bainbridge Avenues

#### Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/25	DPR	<b>Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers</b>	<i>Devoe Park is in need of a Playground Associate to provide activities for the children.</i>	University Avenue, Bronx, New York, NY
6/25	DPR	<b>Improve trash removal and cleanliness</b>	<i>The current number of parks personnel assigned to trash removal is insufficient. Additional personnel are needed for trash removal and general upkeep of community park space. A new packer just for District 7 is needed to ensure timely cleanings. The purchase of a mechanical broom, grass cutter, and pickup truck for the Parks Department to address pathway maintenance and ensure frequent garbage collection in Community District #7 parks is needed.</i>	
9/25	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<i>Additional PEP officers are needed to patrol our parks and playgrounds to address various quality of life issues including vandalism, illegal barbecuing, etc. In Bryant Park, Whalen Park, Devoe Park and Mosholu Parkway.</i>	

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20/25	DPR	<b>Other park maintenance and safety requests</b>	<i>Provide a Gardener for Mosholu Parkway, St. James Park and Devoe Park. All these Parks have very large park area and in order to keep up with the gardening and maintenance, we feel that there is a need for a dedicated full time gardener.</i>
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25/25	OMB	<b>Other community board facilities and staff requests</b>	<i>Provide additional Funding for Community Boards to fulfill Charter mandated Responsibilities. We are grateful for the recent increase in the budgets of community boards. However, we are requesting that the city increase the community boards budget to \$350,000 each to assure that they can provide the mandated services to the districts.</i>

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### Other Capital Requests

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

### Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Agency: DOT Increased Sanitation staff to provide more frequent clean-ups of drug equipment and garbage at the Kingsbridge Road Underpass.</i>	East Kingsbridge Road Grand Concourse Valentine Avenue

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>DOT should expand the municipal parking garage at the East Gun Hill Road and Jerome to allow for more parking availability.</i>	Jerome Avenue East Gun Hill Road East 212 Street
2/25	SCA	<b>Renovate interior building component</b>	<i>The Dewitt Clinton High School pool is in need of repairs. The students attending deserve to have a full functioning pool.</i>	Dewitt Clinton Hs Field House, Bronx, New York, NY
3/25	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or playground</b>	<i>Provide a new sidewalk to the Holt Place entrance at the Williamsbridge Oval Park.</i>	Williamsbridge Oval Rec Center, Bronx, New York, NY
4/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility</b>	<i>New Fitness equipment is needed at the St. James Rec Center.</i>	St James Park Comfort Station, Bronx, New York, NY
5/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility</b>	<i>Create a fitness station on the upper level of Williamsbridge Oval Rec Center. Community Residents have requested the addition of fitness equipment.</i>	Williamsbridge Oval Rec Center, Bronx, New York, NY
6/25	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</b>	<i>Currently, eleven out of our fourteen grade schools are operating overcapacity, with several of these schools severely overcapacity. Our community is experiencing a large increase in residential development with hundreds of planned housing units across the district. As a result of these new developments, school overcrowding will continue become a larger issue unless new grade schools are built immediately.</i>	

7/25	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or playground</b>	<i>Create a jogging path around the Jerome Park Reservoir with an entranceway on Goulden Avenue which would provide easier access to residents in the district. The current plans for the jogging path do not encircle the reservoir and the board has implored the Parks Dept. and DEP to reopen portions of the reservoir so the CB#7 residents have easier access to this community amenity.</i>	
8/25	EDC	<b>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</b>	<i>Allocate funding for a Full Service Community Center to include senior, youth and child care services at the former Bronx Library Center located at 2556 Bainbridge Avenue. Please update on the status</i>	2556 Bainbridge Avenue
9/25	DOT	<b>Upgrade or create new greenways</b>	<i>There is currently a city-owned vacant lot at Oliver Place between Marion Avenue and Decatur Avenue. The site is not only an eyesore for the community , but also has facilitated numerous negative activities including loitering, drug dealing and violent crimes. The site has long been a target for the development of a new park for community residents, but the resources have never been invested to make this plan a reality. The city should make a targeted investment to develop a community garden on the lot to address these outstanding issued. We support the proposal of Bridge Arts to establish and maintain a community garden.</i>	
10/25	NYPD	<b>Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct</b>	<i>The 52nd Precinct has over 300 officers servicing the community. Currently, the Precinct is need of a sub-precinct to accommodate the growth. There is vacant space that can purchased by the city across the street at 3041 Webster Ave. In addition, the parking lot at the precinct needs to be renovated to further accommodate the growth.</i>	
11/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Repair the stone stairs at Williamsbridge Oval Park and make it ADA Accessible.</i>	
12/25	NYCTA	<b>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</b>	<i>There is s need for an elevator at the #4 Mosholu train station. Many residents use the 4 train to get to local Hospitals like North Central Bronx and Montefiore. The lack of accessibility is a major problem.</i>	



13/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Fund repair of the Perimeter fencing at the Williamsbridge Oval Park to address security issues. There are many portions of the current gate surrounding WBO Park where the iron gates are missing or have been compromised. This provided opportunities for individuals to enter the park after dark and cause a variety of disturbances for neighborhood residents or damage to the park's equipment or center. The repair of this fence around WBO Park will restore the first line of defense to the park and serve as a deterrent to vandalism and other quality of life issues.</i>	
14/25	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for medium income households</b>	<i>The recent push to create affordable housing has resulted in additional units for low-income residents in our district. However, there has been a severe shortage in the availability of affordable units for middle income residents. We are requesting the Open-Door Program to encourage home ownership in our district.</i>	
15/25	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>The board calls for the department to fund the creation of Regatta Park on the waterfront at Fordham Landing. In previous fiscal years, funds had been allocated to start the project, but nonetheless, the project has never gotten off the ground. A renewed effort should be made to turn this eyesore into a park space for community residents. We need access to the waterfront and an update on this project.</i>	Exterior Street West Fordham Road University Heights Bridge
16/25	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting (Capital)</b>	<i>Purchase and install Flash Cam Security cameras throughout the Parks in Community Board #7 to increase security. The community board has requested these cameras over the last five years. Since then there have been several major incidents that had the cameras been installed they would have acted as a deterrent to these crimes or provided evidence that would have aided law enforcement officials. The board requests that Parks purchase and install these cameras to address this increasing public safety issues.</i>	
17/25	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Build a Municipal Parking Garage for overnight use, merchants, shoppers and residents of Community Board #7. there is a major need for resident and merchant parking in the community. Land is available along Webster Avenue in the Norwood Community.</i>	

18/25	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>Repave sidewalk along the East side of Bainbridge Avenue from the West bound lanes of Mosholu Parkway to Mosholu Parkway North Service Road. The sidewalk is cracked and dangerous for pedestrians.</i>	Mosholu Parkway
19/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>We need funding for a multi-purpose athletic field at Frisch Field.</i>	
20/25	DEP	<b>Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds</b>	<i>In addition to repairing catch basins the continuous flooding after storms on both Bainbridge Avenue and Decatur and Van Cortlandt Avenue East needs to be addressed.</i>	Bainbridge Avenue
21/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Renovate Devoe Park: Recede the curbs, re-pitch the side walks for drainage and update benches.</i>	
22/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate the 2 Playgrounds and play equipment in Devoe Park</i>	
23/25	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Provide Time clocks on the 5 busiest bus lines: # 41, 1, 2, 28 and 9.</i>	
24/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Redesign and repurpose the storage house for public use located in the middle of Devoe Park.</i>	
25/25	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Devoe Park-Renovate the Basketball Courts to include new Fiberglass backboards. Reconstruct the court area. It is worn and in need of resurfacing. The existing backboards are outdated.</i>	

CS	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school</b>	<i>Our existing middle schools are over capacity. We are in need of a new middle/intermediate School in the CB 7 district.</i>	3177 Webster Avenue
CS	NYPD	<b>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</b>	<i>The 52nd Precinct House is a historic landmark with its trademark Tower Clock, which is not currently operational. The board requests that the Tower Clock be repaired.</i>	3016 Webster Avenue
CS	NYPD	<b>Provide surveillance cameras</b>	<i>Install NYPD Security cameras on Bedford Park and Fordham Road. Surveillance cameras are a valuable crime fighting tool, but there are still many areas in our community that lack camera coverage.</i>	
CS	DOT	<b>Install streetscape improvements</b>	<i>Improved streetscapes can be a vital tool in helping to attract and retain quality businesses and improve public safety. Streetscape investment would be particularly useful in the Webster Avenue area to support the types of development envisioned in the Webster Avenue Vision Plan.</i>	Webster Avenue East Mosholu Parkway North East Fordham Road
CS	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Fund Coles Lane as a Pedestrian Street with ADA accessibility. Coles Lane is a deteriorated street with uneven steps , broken pedestrian pavement and poor drainage. It is not accessible to wheel chair bound residents who are trying to access the Bronx Library Center from Bainbridge Avenue. Instead they must traverse Fordham Road to get to the library. Additionally, Coles Lanes does not have any lighting and is an unwelcoming area after sunset. We request that DOT repair the pavement, convert the steps so that it is ADA accessible and provide upgraded street lighting.</i>	Coles Lane Bainbridge Avenues Coles lane
CS	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>The last major rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway took place nearly forty years ago. In the meantime, the park has been allowed to fall apart with an increasing number of benches out of service, stone pillars crumbling and fencing falling apart. The board calls on the department to work with DOT to undertake a total rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway.</i>	

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## Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	DFTA	<b>Enhance NORC programs and health services</b>	<i>Initiate the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) in our district. To provide resources to help our senior population maintain healthy living in their own apartments.</i>	
2/25	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Agency: DOT Increased Sanitation staff to provide more frequent clean-ups of drug equipment and garbage at the Kingsbridge Road Underpass.</i>	East Kingsbridge Road Grand Concourse Valentine Avenue
3/25	DPR	<b>Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers</b>	<i>Devoe Park is in need of a Playground Associate to provide activities for the children.</i>	University Avenue, Bronx, New York, NY
4/25	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>CB 7 is requesting a Youth Center at the Former Bainbridge Library Center which is a city owned property. Example: YMCA.</i>	
5/25	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)</b>	<i>Few if any of the area students are able to attend Specialized High Schools. Bronx High School of Science is within our area but does not serve students in our district. Test Prep for our resident students is needed to address this issue.</i>	
6/25	DPR	<b>Improve trash removal and cleanliness</b>	<i>The current number of parks personnel assigned to trash removal is insufficient. Additional personnel are needed for trash removal and general upkeep of community park space. A new packer just for District 7 is needed to ensure timely cleanings. The purchase of a mechanical broom, grass cutter, and pickup truck for the Parks Department to address pathway maintenance and ensure frequent garbage collection in Community District #7 parks is needed.</i>	
7/25	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</b>	<i>Providing more Beacon Programs in our district is necessary and a critical tool in keeping kids/young adults off the street and positively engaged. Additional after-school slots are necessary to ensure all children in the district are given the opportunity to utilize these services.</i>	

8/25	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of canine waste laws</b>	<i>The district has historically had one of the highest volumes of complaints regarding canine waste. An increase in enforcement activity would be helpful in addressing this long-standing issue.</i>	
9/25	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<i>Additional PEP officers are needed to patrol our parks and playgrounds to address various quality of life issues including vandalism, illegal barbecuing, etc. In Bryant Park, Whalen Park, Devoe Park and Mosholu Parkway.</i>	
10/25	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws</b>	<i>We need an increase in sanitation enforcement to improve the quality of our commercial corridors. Our shopping districts include: Fordham Road, Kingsbridge Road, Jerome Avenue, 204th Street and Webster Avenue.</i>	
11/25	NYCHA	<b>Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</b>	<i>Provide additional Personnel for HPD Inspections. There are many community residents who do not live in quality housing because of non-compliance with housing regulations. The primary cause is not that complaints are not recorded by HPD but the heavy reliance of self-certification for determining compliance. We request that HPD move away from relying heavily on self certification and hire additional enforcement personnel to deal with the large number of outstanding violations.</i>	
12/25	EDC	<b>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness</b>	<i>In CB 7 we only have one Public Housing building which is Bailey Houses. Bailey houses is in need of consistent maintenance and cleaning in the public hallways and on all the sidewalks around the building. NYCHA residents deserve to have a clean and environmentally friendly place to live.</i>	2663 Heath Avenue
13/25	NYCTA	<b>Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance</b>	<i>Major cleaning and rehabilitation are needed at the D and 4 train lines within District 7.</i>	
14/25	SBS	<b>Support development of local Storefront / Facade Improvement Program</b>	<i>All of our commercial strips are in need of rehabilitation and façade improvements. Funding is needed to advertise and support businesses.</i>	

15/25	NYPD	<b>Assign additional transit police officers</b>	<i>The district is home to three subway lines and there are nine stations in the district. We need officers to address common complaints that include panhandling, card swiping and vandalism. Additional officers would allow these complaints to be addressed more quickly and more efficiently.</i>
16/25	EDC	<b>Expand graffiti removal services on private sites</b>	<i>The average wait-time for graffiti removal is far too long and many residents no longer bother to report graffiti under the mistaken belief that it will not be addressed. It is clear additional resources are needed to cut-down wait times and allow for proactive graffiti removal.</i>
17/25	NYPD	<b>Increase resources for vandalism prevention programs, such as anti-graffiti initiatives</b>	<i>These programs will help combat the economic and quality-of-life setback caused by graffiti vandalism. A new initiative will help prevent and abate graffiti vandalism on the local level, resulting in safer, more vibrant communities.</i>
18/25	HPD	<b>Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs</b>	<i>The lack of affordable housing and the continuing decline in the number of Section 8 vouchers has made it impossible for many residents to find affordable housing options. Additional rental subsidy programs would also be helpful in creating housing options for these residents.</i>
19/25	DOT	<b>Address traffic congestion</b>	<i>As development continues to increase in the district, traffic congestion has become an ever increasing area of concern. The department should explore opportunities for reducing traffic congestion on Mosholu Parkway, Gun Hill Road, Kingsbridge Road and Fordham Road.</i>
20/25	DPR	<b>Other park maintenance and safety requests</b>	<i>Provide a Gardener for Mosholu Parkway, St. James Park and Devoe Park. All these Parks have very large park area and in order to keep up with the gardening and maintenance, we feel that there is a need for a dedicated full time gardener.</i>



21/25	NYCTA	<b>Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service</b>	<i>The Bx41 currently services Webster Avenue, but the service does not extend north of Gun Hill Road. In recent years, the area north of Gun Hill Road has experienced tremendous development with the addition of hundreds of new units of housing. The Bx41 service should be extended to ensure these new residents have access to transit and are connected to the lower portions of Webster Avenue.</i>	Webster Avenue Gun Hill Road East 233rd Street
22/25	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Provide funding for the establishment of a Gifted and Talented program in a school within Community District 7. As well as, prep courses in CB 7.</i>	
23/25	DOHMH	<b>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.</b>	<i>According to the most recent Community Health Survey, many residents are either overweight or obese and suffer disproportionately from related diseases such as diabetes. The Department of Health needs to have nutritional education programs for the general public in our schools and Hospitals within our district. The Bronx still has the highest rate of health concerns in the State.</i>	
24/25	NYCTA	<b>Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service</b>	<i>Several years ago, a plan was approved by the MTA to add a new bus line from Fordham Road to LaGuardia Airport. The funding never materialized and the bus line was never fully implemented. The board continues to believe that this vital bus line will help connect the Bronx and Queens and provide a major link for local residents to connect to the many jobs available at the airport.</i>	
25/25	OMB	<b>Other community board facilities and staff requests</b>	<i>Provide additional Funding for Community Boards to fulfill Charter mandated Responsibilities. We are grateful for the recent increase in the budgets of community boards. However, we are requesting that the city increase the community boards budget to \$350,000 each to assure that they can provide the mandated services to the districts.</i>	