

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

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2027

**Bronx Community  
District**

**7**

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October 31, 2025

Dear Bronx Community Board 7 Community,

Bronx Community Board 7 (CB7) is an Advisory Board that consists of dedicated community volunteers appointed by the Bronx Borough President and NYC council members. Community Board 7's goal is to assist and empower the residents. We serve the community through 7 committees, monthly General Board meetings, constituent services, and frequent informational newsletters. Our meeting calendar is posted on our [website](#) and our [Instagram page](#). We invite you to subscribe to our emails by emailing the [District Manager](#).

Bronx CB7 is made up of the neighborhoods of Bedford Park, Fordham, Kingsbridge Heights, Norwood, and University Heights. Geographically, the district extends from the East at Webster Avenue to the West at Goulden Avenue and the Harlem River. The North end boundary of the district starts from the south end of Woodland Cemetery (E 211th Street) to Fordham Road and West 183rd Street on the South end. The area is served by two subway lines, D and 4, and Metro-North service from/to Westchester County and Grand Central Station. Several major institutions are our neighbors, such as Lehman College, Montefiore Hospital, and the New York Botanical Garden. The Community Board is also home to two recognizable high schools, Bronx High School of Science and DeWitt Clinton High School, and 34 public schools.

According to the 2020 U.S. Census Redistricting Data, Bronx Community Board 7 is densely populated, with 146,813 residents, and nearly 25% are 18 years old and under. 68.1% of our residents identified as Hispanic/Latino (of any race), 16.7% identified as Black non/Hispanic, 6.8% identified as Asian non-Hispanic, 5.6% identified as White non-Hispanic, 1.5% identified as Non-Hispanic Biracial, and 1.3% identified as Some other race, non-Hispanic. Our community mainly lives in rental units in multi-family buildings, as homeownership has been on the decline. Nearly 50% of our households are rent-burdened, meaning they spend 35% or more of their income on rent. Many of the private homes in our neighborhoods have been sold out, and as a result, the district has seen enormous development. Former houses are being developed into new residential buildings with Supportive and Affordable Housing Units. New developments take advantage of zoning laws to build taller buildings, maximizing the number of units. Bronx Community Board 7 would like to ensure housing is developed responsibly to accommodate the current fabric of our neighborhoods, and increasing municipal services to meet the growing population needs and demands. Bronx CB7's growing community needs additional municipal services (sanitation, public safety, transportation, and park maintenance) to thrive.

In service,

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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) 2027. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2025.

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 FY24 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.

## Disclaimer

This report represents the Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests of this Community District for Fiscal Year 2027. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board.

*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. 2020 CENSUS DATA

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

## New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	8,175,133	100.0	8,804,190	100.0	629,057	7.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	2,336,076	28.6	2,490,350	28.3	154,274	6.6	-0.3
White non-Hispanic	2,722,904	33.3	2,719,856	30.9	-3,048	-0.1	-2.4
Black non-Hispanic	1,861,295	22.8	1,776,891	20.2	-84,404	-4.5	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,028,119	12.6	1,373,502	15.6	345,383	33.6	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	78,063	1.0	143,632	1.6	65,569	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	148,676	1.8	299,959	3.4	151,283	101.8	1.6
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	3,371,062	100.0	3,618,635	100.0	247,573	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	3,109,784	92.2	3,370,448	93.1	260,664	8.4	0.9
Vacant housing units	261,278	7.8	248,187	6.9	-13,091	-5.0	-0.9

## The Bronx

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	1,385,108	100.00	1,472,654	100.00	87,546	6.3	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	368,196	26.6	349,579	23.7	-18,617	-5.1	-2.9
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	1,385,108	100.0	1,472,654	100.0	87,546	6.3	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	741,413	53.5	806,463	54.8	65,050	8.8	1.3
White non-Hispanic	151,209	10.9	130,796	8.9	-20,413	-13.5	-2.0
Black non-Hispanic	416,695	30.1	419,393	28.5	2,698	0.6	-1.6
Asian non-Hispanic	47,335	3.4	67,766	4.6	20,431	43.2	1.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	12,494	0.9	19,866	1.3	7,372	59.0	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	15,962	1.2	28,370	1.9	12,408	77.7	0.7
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	511,896	100.0	547,030	100.0	35,134	6.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	483,449	94.4	522,450	95.5	39,001	8.1	1.1
Vacant housing units	28,447	5.6	24,580	4.5	-3,867	-13.6	-1.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

## Bronx Community District 7

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	139,286	100.00	146,813	100.00	7,527	5.4	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	38,098	27.4	34,554	23.5	-3,544	-9.3	-3.9
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	139,286	100.0	146,813	100.0	7,527	5.4	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	90,979	65.3	99,985	68.1	9,006	9.9	2.8
White non-Hispanic	10,023	7.2	8,260	5.6	-1,763	-17.6	-1.6
Black non-Hispanic	26,165	18.8	24,456	16.7	-1,709	-6.5	-2.1
Asian non-Hispanic	9,156	6.6	10,021	6.8	865	9.4	0.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	1,293	0.9	1,948	1.3	655	50.7	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,670	1.2	2,143	1.5	473	28.3	0.3
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	50,161	100.0	53,180	100.0	3,019	6.0	0.0
Occupied housing units	47,564	94.8	50,996	95.9	3,432	7.2	1.1
Vacant housing units	2,597	5.2	2,184	4.1	-413	-15.9	-1.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

### Statement on Data Accuracy

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, such as top- and bottom-coding, imputation, table- and cell-suppression, and data swapping. The Census Bureau is employing a new technique with the 2020 Census, referred to as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS), based on differential privacy. With this approach, the Census Bureau “infuses noise” systematically across census data and sets a quantified disclosure risk, referred to as the Privacy Loss Budget (PLB).

While the new DAS approach may diminish the risk of disclosure concerns, it comes at a cost to data accuracy. Consequently, 2020 Census data users should be aware that all sub-state counts, except for housing units (which are unaffected by the DAS), may be adjusted to protect the privacy of Census participants and may be subject to reduced accuracy. Because DAS noise infusion is randomized, it is impossible for data users to know the degree to which any individual statistic is altered. However, it is possible to say that in general the relative size of errors decreases as counts increase. Consequently, data users should have greater confidence in the accuracy of the data as counts get larger. Further, an evaluation of a Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF), treated with a Disclosure Avoidance System like the one applied to 2020 redistricting data, showed that counts of 300 or more rarely have sizable errors (error beyond +/- 10% of the count). Therefore, while data users need to be cognizant of data accuracy limitations, they should have confidence in conclusions based on sizable counts, which are relatively unaffected by the Census Bureau’s latest disclosure avoidance method.

### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

The office receives a high volume of complaints about the district's cleanliness. Specifically, the complaints concern dog waste, illegal dumping, and the cleanliness of residential and commercial areas. Enforcement of sanitation laws and a culturally sensitive public education campaign targeted to residential and commercial property owners can reduce these violations and significantly improve the quality of life for CB 7 residents. We need a coordinated effort among city agencies to step up enforcement of illegally parked/abandoned cars, illegally motorized vehicles driven recklessly on sidewalks and green spaces, noise complaints, loitering, and littering.

CB 7 residents are constantly dealing with housing and rental issues. Tenants have rights and should be afforded more services to help them address issues such as rent increases, code violations, and evictions. We see too often how our residents live in poor conditions because landlords collect rent but fail to maintain their buildings adequately. Poor living conditions can affect a household, quality of life, jobs, family well-being, and mental health. There is also a need for mixed-income housing and affordable homeownership opportunities to accommodate households in different income brackets.

Bronx Community Board 7 has seen a dramatic increase in public nuisance complaints. These complaints all involve our quality of life and safety for district residents. The district is home to many parks and parkways, making it one of the city's greenest districts. The vast amount of parkland makes it challenging to maintain the parks to the necessary level of cleanliness and safety. Additional investment is needed in both park maintenance personnel and park equipment in the district.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Bronx Community Board 7

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Land use trends**

CB 7 needs quality, mixed-income housing, as mixed-income housing remains one of the district's primary issues. 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 due to evictions and tenant turnover. To make matters worse, the district is seeing an influx of new residents priced out of other neighborhoods, increasing competition for the affordable units available here. CB7 cannot accommodate any more supportive housing developments and shelter siting.

#### **Schools**

The quality of and lack of funding for our local schools continues to be of paramount importance for our residents. The COVID-19 pandemic proved that access to technology and remote learning is a critical component for student learning. As we experience a significant increase in the number of residents, we task the city to support educational opportunities and add seats to accommodate our present and future students. Failure to address these inequities in educational services and resources will persist and negatively impact the ability of our students to achieve academic success.

#### **Other - Write In (Required)**

Insufficient Municipal Services: We have seen a dramatic increase in our population due to new residential development. However, services such as transportation, sanitation and parks maintenance have not increased to meet new demands. CB 7 needs city agencies to deliver additional services to maintain our quality of life and accommodate our population growth.

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

### HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Bronx Community Board 7

##### Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

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

Communities within the Bronx consistently rank among the highest in health disparities and among the lowest in positive health outcomes. According to the 2018 NYC Community Health profile, the rate of avoidable hospitalizations among adults in Community Board 7 is more than double the citywide rate, and the adult obesity rate is 33%, which is higher than the rest of NYC. In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately affected Bronxites and individuals with comorbidities such as diabetes and hypertension, who were more at risk for complications. As the city recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, Community Board 7 requests dedicated, linguistically and culturally competent resources to educate the public about infectious diseases, the importance of healthy lifestyles, and routine medical care to keep our neighbors and residents healthy and to address long-standing health disparities.

## HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOHMH	1 / 1	Veterans

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 3	Enhance NORC programs and health services
DFTA	2 / 3	Continue Crime Prevention/Victim Assistance Program for Seniors
DFTA	3 / 3	Increase home delivered meals capacity
DHS	1 / 1	Expand street outreach
DOHMH	1 / 5	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment
DOHMH	2 / 5	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning
DOHMH	3 / 5	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment
DOHMH	4 / 5	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.
DOHMH	5 / 5	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations
HRA	1 / 2	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing
HRA	2 / 2	Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)

# **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)**

Students should be provided with spaces for recreation and exploration. Students must be provided with high quality school resources and educational facilities.

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## **YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE**

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### **CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
SCA	1 / 2	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school
SCA	2 / 2	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school

### **EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
DOE	1 / 1	Other educational programs requests
DYCD	1 / 2	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)
DYCD	2 / 2	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)

## 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)**

Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances) Bronx Community Board 7 has seen a dramatic increase in public nuisance complaints. These complaints all involve our quality of life and safety for district residents. We need a coordinated effort among city agencies to step up enforcement of illegally parked/abandoned cars, illegally motorized vehicles driven recklessly on sidewalks and green spaces, noise complaints, loitering, and littering. Our community needs a more positive, engaging police presence in neighborhoods with numerous complaints to improve the quality of life.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 3	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras
NYPD	2 / 3	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct
NYPD	3 / 3	NYPD facilities and equipment requests

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 4	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles
NYPD	2 / 4	Hire additional school safety agents
NYPD	3 / 4	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents
NYPD	4 / 4	Crossing guards

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Bronx Community Board 7

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

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

The office receives a high volume of complaints about the district's cleanliness. Specifically, the complaints concern dog waste, illegal dumping, graffiti, and the cleanliness of residential and commercial areas. Enforcement of sanitation laws and a culturally sensitive public education campaign targeted to residential and commercial property owners can reduce these violations and significantly improve the quality of life for CB 7 residents.

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 2	Clean catch basins
DEP	2 / 2	Inspect fire hydrant at a specific location and repair or replace as needed
DSNY	1 / 2	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws
DSNY	2 / 2	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws

# 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

#### **Affordable housing creation**

CB 7 residents are constantly dealing with housing and rental issues. Tenants have rights and should be afforded more services to help them address issues such as rent increases, code violations, and evictions. We see too often how our residents live in poor conditions because landlords collect rent but fail to maintain their buildings adequately. Poor living conditions can affect a household, quality of life, jobs, family well-being, and mental health.

There is also a need for mixed-income housing and affordable homeownership opportunities to accommodate households in different income brackets.

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

#### **Needs for Housing**

The district needs affordable homeownership opportunities.

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
HPD	1 / 1	Provide more housing for medium income households

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOB	1 / 1	Expand code enforcement
EDC	1 / 1	Invest in financial incentives and low cost financing for job creation and retention
HPD	1 / 2	Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations
HPD	2 / 2	Provide, expand, or enhance rental subsidies programs
SBS	1 / 1	Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion

## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

### Bronx Community Board 7

#### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Subway service and quality (frequency, access, crowding, etc.)**

CB 7 residents must endure some of the longest commutes in the city on crowded trains and buses. Further, many services are infrequent enough to be unreliable or unable to serve a growing population. For instance, peak express service is available only on the D train for 5 hours per day. Compare this to other similar lines, such as the 6 or 7, which provide peak express service 10-14 hours per day.

Infrequent bus service, even on core routes, means riders are waiting too long for bunched buses at inadequate bus stops. Finally, high fares and infrequent service discourage residents from using Metro-North to reach jobs in Manhattan. Additionally, provisions for services such as a shared bike program and ferry services on the Harlem River would provide additional travel options. Providing the services described above will help address public transit congestion.

#### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Bronx CB7 advocates for preserving existing parking spaces.

## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 5	Upgrade or create new greenways
DOT	2 / 5	Repair or provide new street lights
DOT	3 / 5	Lighting at Van Cortlandt Ave East and Bainbridge Ave
DOT	4 / 5	Parking Preservation
DOT	5 / 5	Increase Size Jerome Gun Hill
NYCTA	1 / 1	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 2	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	2 / 2	Address traffic congestion
NYCTA	1 / 5	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation
NYCTA	2 / 5	Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations
NYCTA	3 / 5	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance
NYCTA	4 / 5	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service
NYCTA	5 / 5	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance

## 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 many parks and parkways, making it one of the city's greenest districts. The vast amount of parkland makes it challenging to maintain the parks to the necessary level of cleanliness and safety. Additional investment is needed in both maintenance personnel and equipment in the district.

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCAS	1 / 1	Renovate, upgrade, or provide new community board facilities and equipment
DPR	1 / 15	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	2 / 15	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting
DPR	3 / 15	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	4 / 15	Improve access to a building in a park
DPR	5 / 15	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	6 / 15	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	7 / 15	French Charley's Playground Reconstruction
DPR	8 / 15	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	9 / 15	Riverbend Playground
DPR	10 / 15	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	11 / 15	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	12 / 15	Provide new type and/or specific type of program
DPR	13 / 15	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	14 / 15	Other park maintenance and safety requests
DPR	15 / 15	WBO Dog Run

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCLA	1 / 1	Other expense budget request for DCLA
DPR	1 / 4	Improve trash removal and cleanliness
DPR	2 / 4	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)
DPR	3 / 4	Other park maintenance and safety requests
DPR	4 / 4	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers
NYPL	1 / 1	Other expense budget request for NYPL
OMB	1 / 1	Other community board facilities and staff requests

## **6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS**

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### **CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

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

### **EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**

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

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

#### Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

<b>1 of 1</b>	<b>Provide more housing for medium income households</b>	HPD
Provide more housing for medium income households		

The recent push to create affordable housing has resulted in additional units for low-income residents in our district. We are requesting developments with residential ownership opportunities financing within our district to provide our residents with ownership opportunities.

#### School Construction Authority

<b>1 of 2</b>	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</b>	SCA
Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school		

Our community is experiencing a large increase in residential development with thousands of planned housing units across the district; therefore, foreseeing the need for additional schools.

<b>2 of 2</b>	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school</b>	SCA
Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school		

We are in need of a new middle/intermediate School within the CB 7 district; therefore, foreseeing the need for additional middle schools.

#### Department of Transportation (DOT)

<b>1 of 5</b>	<b>Upgrade or create new greenways</b>	DOT
Upgrade or create new greenways		

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 been a site for numerous negative activities including loitering, drug dealing and violent crime. We are requesting a community garden. Please review Bridge Arts application for maintaining this site.

<b>2 of 5</b>	<b>Repair or provide new street lights</b>	DOT
Repair or provide new street lights		

The tunnels under the Grand Concourse at East Kingsbridge Road, Bedford Park Blvd and East 204 Street are in need of additional and updated lighting to enhance the safety under these thruways. Additionally, these tunnels are in need of cleaning and painting to remove graffiti.

<b>3 of 5</b>	<b>Lighting at Van Cortlandt Ave East and Bainbridge Ave</b>	DOT
Repair or provide new street lights		

Location: Moshulu Parkway South near East 204th Street  
DOT has created a crosswalk and path midblock between Van Cortlandt Avenue East and Bainbridge Avenue along Moshulu Pkwy. The existing park walkway leading to the new crosswalk from the south service road needs repair and lighting. Install lighting along the new crossing path on Moshulu Parkway South near East 204th Street. Additionally, lighting is needed on more areas on Moshulu Parkway to increase pedestrians' visibility and safety.

<b>4 of 5</b>	<b>Parking Preservation</b>	DOT
Other capital budget request for DOT		

With all the parking spots removed by various agencies, including NYC Sanitation Trash Bins, DOT CitiBike, and the DOT Car Share Program, and proposed Daylighting, we need replacements to be considered. Community members are asking for and need parking.

**5 of 5 Increase Size Jerome Gun Hill**  
Other capital budget request for DOT

DOT

Increase the size of the Jerome-Gun Hill Municipal Parking Garage at 3510 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467.

## New York Police Department (NYPD)

**1 of 3 Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras**  
Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras

NYPD

Installation of surveillance cameras at St. James Park, Devoe Park, Aqueduct Walk, Williamsbridge Oval Park and Moshulu Playground to increase community safety.

**2 of 3 Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct**  
Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct

NYPD

The 52nd Precinct has over 230 officers servicing the community. Currently, the Precinct is in need of a sub-precinct to accommodate the growth in personnel..

**3 of 3 NYPD facilities and equipment requests**  
Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

NYPD

NYPD to acquire window boots/windshield boots for non-compliant trucks or oversized vehicles. The Bronx tow pound and the NYPD 52nd Precinct often has no available space for collection of vehicles with violations. In the absence of the ability to tow a heavy duty truck, NYPD can use these window/windshield boots to tag those oversized vehicles that are eligible for towing due to violations like having no tags, blocked VIN numbers, parking in bus lanes, et cetera. The availability of additional window/windshield boots would allow NYPD to reach more vehicles in an effort to increase its enforcement capacity in the absence of a tow truck, and the authorized user or owner of the vehicle would have to pay the fine in order to have the boot safely removed from the windshield.

## Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)

**1 of 1 Renovate, upgrade, or provide new community board facilities and equipment**  
Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment

DCAS

Provide adequate community office, storage, and meeting space to better serve our district. Bronx Community Board 7 needs an office with two points of egress so it can host hybrid meetings, increasing accessibility to public meetings.

## Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

**1 of 15 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**  
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

DPR

Frank Frisch Field floods whenever it rains, and improvements in the field's drainage system are needed.

**2 of 15 Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting**  
Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting

DPR

Funding portable lighting for night games at Williamsbridge Oval.

**3 of 15 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**  
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

DPR

Repair of the Perimeter fencing at the Williamsbridge Oval Park (WBO) to address security issues. There are many sections of the current gate surrounding WBO Park where the iron fences are missing or compromised. An open park after dark allows individuals to enter, causing various disturbances for neighborhood residents and damage to the park's equipment or facilities. Repairing the broken/missing fences around WBO Park will restore the park's first line of defense and deter vandalism and other quality-of-life issues.

**4 of 15 Improve access to a building in a park**

DPR

Improve access to a building in a park

The Recreation Center at Williamsbridge Oval offers many diverse programs for both adults and youngsters. The building has limited ADA accessibility due to a lack of an elevator that would allow full access to both floors of the building. CB7 requests the installation of an ADA compliant elevator that would allow mobility impaired users access to all programs.

**5 of 15 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Rehabilitate the two (2) playgrounds and play equipment in Devoe Park

**6 of 15 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

The last major rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway took place nearly forty years ago. In the meantime, the parkway 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.

**7 of 15 French Charley's Playground Reconstruction**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

French Charley's Playground needs reconstruction.

**8 of 15 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Flooding and drainage in the park grass areas and walkways have been ongoing issues at Devoe Park. Also, benches need to be repaired or upgraded throughout the park.

**9 of 15 Riverbend Playground**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Riverbend Playground needs the following upgrades: installation of new sprinklers, swings, mats, and concrete floors.

**10 of 15 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Renovate Mosholu Playground.

**11 of 15 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Location: Williamsbridge Oval Park - Reservoir Oval East & Bainbridge Avenue  
Flooding and drainage in the park grass areas and walkways have been ongoing issues at Williamsbridge Oval.

**12 of 15 Provide new type and/or specific type of program**

DPR

Provide new type and/or specific type of program

The Bocce Court at Williamsbridge Oval is no longer used for Bocce games and it should be repurposed for an active sport.

**13 of 15 Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)** DPR

Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Repair broken pavement at the Williamsbridge Oval Park at the Holt Place entrance.

**14 of 15 Other park maintenance and safety requests** DPR

Other park maintenance and safety requests

Install railings along the path at University Woods Park. The wooded area along the path contains poisonous plants and rocks that could injure visitors. Low railings will help maintain parkgoers' safety.

**15 of 15 WBO Dog Run** DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

The dog run at Williamsbridge Oval Park needs an upgrade.

## New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)

**1 of 1 Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.** NYCTA

Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

An ADA compliant elevator at the D subway line at 205th Street station will benefit the community.

## Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

**1 of 1 Veterans** DOHMH

Other capital budget request for DOHMH

Provide funding to expand and enhance Veteran-based programs with accessibility to medical/health care appointments and services. The COVID-19 Pandemic has increased health needs and limited veterans' ability to travel; many providers use telemedicine as a means of contact. Funding to provide equipment like WIFI tablets, provide staffing to train Veterans on how to use the equipment, and provide the means for Mobile Medical Units to do training, transport equipment to Veterans, and provide a base for Veteran enrollment, and provide free dental cleanings and distribute dental kits.

## EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

### Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

**1 of 5 Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment** DOHMH

Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment

CB7 would like to request a targeted multilingual media campaign advertising NYC Well so that residents can become aware of the services available. CB7 would also like DOHMH to conduct community outreach to make residents aware of the resources available through NYC Well and other mental health support.

**2 of 5 Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning** DOHMH

Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning

Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning, including access and communication around where folks can access PREP and PEP.

**3 of 5 Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment** DOHMH

Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment

It is important to make Naloxone accessible and available to community members without out-of-pocket costs. Community members have expressed the importance of being able to access Naloxone to prevent opioid overdoses in our communities. It is important for Naloxone to be accessible within pharmacies and health care organizations within Community Board 7 and that the public has access to this life saving intervention.

**4 of 5 Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.** DOHMH

Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.

According to the latest available NYC Community Health Profile for Bronx Community District 7, the adult obesity rate in our district is 33% higher than the average for the city. The rate of diabetes is 19% and 35% of residents have hypertension, both rates higher than the NYC average. We request funding to promote existing programs and initiatives that promote healthy living and chronic disease prevention. We request that promotion efforts are multilingual and culturally competent for the diverse population within CB7.

**5 of 5 Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations** DOHMH

Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations

The COVID-19 pandemic exponentially increased the volume of rats and other vermin in the communities within Community Board 7. We request funding to provide additional and improved methods of animal and pest control to address the unsanitary conditions in our buildings, streets, and communities. We would also like the department to address the lantern fly infestation. We also request funding to continue virtual and in-person education sessions through programs like the Rat Academy.

## Department for the Aging (DFTA)

**1 of 3 Enhance NORC programs and health services** DFTA

Enhance NORC programs and health services

Bronx CB7 requests funding for DFTA to conduct a study to determine eligibility for a NORC program within CB7. According to recently available census data, approximately 10% of Community Board 7 residents are aged 65 years and older. However, within the district, there are concentrations of older adults that need services and support to age with dignity and comfort in their own homes.

**2 of 3 Continue Crime Prevention/Victim Assistance Program for Seniors** DFTA

Continue Crime Prevention/Victim Assistance Program for Seniors

CB7 requests an information campaign about crime prevention and victim assistance programs for seniors in the Bronx. The Board requests targeted outreach activities including tabling at community events, mailings, television commercials, and phone banking advertising these services to our senior communities.

**3 of 3 Increase home delivered meals capacity** DFTA

Increase home delivered meals capacity

Currently there are only 15 providers, citywide, serving home delivered meals in 22 catchment areas. We need to increase the number of providers and catchment areas to better serve seniors including those residing in Community Board 7.

## Department for Homeless Services (DHS)

**1 of 1 Expand street outreach** DHS

Expand street outreach

CB7 requests a higher number of outreach activities to be conducted within CB7 for areas that are known to be frequented by chronically homeless and unsheltered individuals.

## Department of Education (DOE)

### 1 of 1 Other educational programs requests

Other educational programs requests

DOE

Provide funding for the establishment of a Gifted and Talented (G&T) program as well as a preparatory course for the G&T Test in a school within Community District 7.

## Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)

### 1 of 2 Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

DYCD

Providing more Beacon Programs in our district is necessary and a critical tool in keeping children/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.

### 2 of 2 Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)

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DYCD

Students in our district are underrepresented in two specialized high schools in our community. We are requesting test preparation programs to prepare our students for admission to Bronx science and American Studies High Schools.

## Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

### 1 of 4 Improve trash removal and cleanliness

Improve trash removal and cleanliness

DPR

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. 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.

### 2 of 4 Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)

Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)

DPR

Additional PEP officers are needed to patrol our parks and playgrounds to address various quality of life issues.

### 3 of 4 Other park maintenance and safety requests

Other park maintenance and safety requests

DPR

Provide a full time Gardener and Maintenance personnel for Mosholu Parkway, St. James Park and Devoe Park which have very large green spaces and require additional maintenance.

### 4 of 4 Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers

Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers

DPR

Devoe Park is in need of a Playground Associate to provide activities for the children.

## Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

### 1 of 2 Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations

Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations

HPD

Provide additional personnel for HPD to enforce the housing maintenance code.

**2 of 2 Provide, expand, or enhance rental subsidies programs**

HPD

Provide, expand, or enhance rental subsidies programs

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.

**Department of Sanitation (DSNY)****1 of 2 Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws**

DSNY

Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws

There is a need to increase sanitation enforcement personnel to address the trash along our commercial corridors that include, but not limited to, Fordham Road, Kingsbridge Road, Jerome Avenue, East 198th Street, East 204th, Bainbridge Avenue, and Webster Avenue. In addition, the additional personnel could also focus on the dirty sidewalks along our residential streets. An increase in enforcement in tandem with public education would be helpful in tackling the problems of littering, trash maintenance, and the proper way to keep sidewalks and streets clean on our neighborhood streets.

**2 of 2 Increase enforcement of canine waste laws**

DSNY

Increase enforcement of canine waste laws

The district has historically had one of the highest volumes of complaints regarding canine waste. An increase in public education and infrastructure (such as bags) along parks and sidewalks would be helpful in addressing this long-standing issue.

**Human Resources Administration (HRA)****1 of 2 Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing**

HRA

Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing

To prevent homeless, additional funding is needed to maintain people living in their homes with rent assistance our vouchers

**2 of 2 Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)**

HRA

Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)

Food insecurity is a major challenge for residents of Community Board 7, especially during this period of economic inflation. Community Board 7 requests increasing the funding for emergency food programs and pantries within Community Board 7 and also funding to advertise Food Help NYC so that residents can be better informed of the assistance available and refer neighbors.

**Economic Development Corporation (EDC)****1 of 1 Invest in financial incentives and low cost financing for job creation and retention**

EDC

Invest in financial incentives and low cost financing for job creation and retention

With our community still experiencing an 8% unemployment rate as of August 2024, funding for Job Readiness and Empowerment Programs that focus on developing skills in job searching, interviewing and job retention are vital to the community.

**Department of Small Business Services (SBS)****1 of 1 Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion**

SBS

Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion

Our community businesses need help now more than ever. The current climate has put a huge economic strain on local businesses; they need assistance.

## Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

<b>1 of 2</b>	<b>Clean catch basins</b>	<b>DEP</b>
Clean catch basins throughout the community board need servicing more frequently. Following rainstorms and or when hydrants are opened, streets are flooded and overflow onto sidewalks. Areas of concern include Mosholu Parkway, North and South sides, the commercial corridor of East 204th Street from Webster to Bainbridge Avenues, Parkside Place near East 205th Street and in front of 3300 Webster Avenue.		

<b>2 of 2</b>	<b>Inspect fire hydrant at a specific location and repair or replace as needed</b>	<b>DEP</b>
Inspect fire hydrant at a specific location and repair or replace as needed		

The community would like to request fire hydrant tamper proof valves for all hydrants throughout the district to prevent illegal use.

## Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

<b>1 of 1</b>	<b>Other community board facilities and staff requests</b>	<b>OMB</b>
Other community board facilities and staff requests		

Provide additional funding for Community Boards to fulfill Charter mandate responsibilities. We are requesting that the city increase the community board's budget to \$350,000 to properly serve the district's growing population of 146,813 constituents. With the additional funding, the board could afford to host hybrid meetings to increase community engagement.

## Department of Buildings (DOB)

<b>1 of 1</b>	<b>Expand code enforcement</b>	<b>DOB</b>
Expand code enforcement		

Provide additional personnel for the Department of Buildings (DOB) to enforce code violations and maintenance to prevent further deterioration of our housing stock.

## Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA)

<b>1 of 1</b>	<b>Other expense budget request for DCLA</b>	<b>DCLA</b>
Other expense budget request for DCLA		

The Bronx County Historical Society needs additional funding to hire additional staff, such as a Librarian Archivist to coordinate and execute programming, and maintenance and operations staff to keep the building and grounds at optimal conditions for the public and entire CB7 Community.

## New York Public Library (NYPL)

<b>1 of 1</b>	<b>Other expense budget request for NYPL</b>	<b>NYPL</b>
Other expense budget request for NYPL		

As detailed in the attached support letter, additional funding is needed by NYPL to increase programming for youth, adult, and senior in libraries in CB7.

## New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)

<b>1 of 5</b>	<b>Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation</b>	<b>NYCTA</b>
Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation		

The neighborhoods in our district are experiencing a substantial increase of residential units. Therefore, frequency in service is a priority on the buses that begin and end within our district. Extend express service during evening rush hours from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. More frequent service will avoid overcrowding.

<b>2 of 5</b>	<b>Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations</b>	NYCTA
Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations		

The neighborhoods in our district are experiencing a substantial increase of residential units. Therefore, frequency in service is a priority on the B and D train lines. Extend express service during evening rush hours from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Faster service will avoid overcrowding.

<b>3 of 5</b>	<b>Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance</b>	NYCTA
Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance		

Major cleaning and rehabilitation are needed at the B, D and 4 subway lines within District 7.

<b>4 of 5</b>	<b>Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service</b>	NYCTA
Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service		

Add a new Select Bus Service line from the Fordham Road area to LaGuardia Airport. This bus line was once proposed by the MTA, but funding never materialized and never implemented. The Board continues to believe that this vital bus line will provide an easier connection to the airport for all Bronxites.

<b>5 of 5</b>	<b>Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance</b>	NYCTA
Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance		

Major cleaning is needed on buses that begin and end within District 7. We have witnessed buses BX1, BX2, BX3, BX9, BX12, BX28, and BX34 with unsanitary conditions, such as food left over on the floors, behind the seats and inside the vents. These conditions are unsanitary and can lead to infestation of pests; roaches have been spotted and reported through 511. Fulfilling this request will make a difference in a cleaner and safer ride for bus riders.

## Department of Transportation (DOT)

<b>1 of 2</b>	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	DOT
Other traffic improvement requests		

During peak and non-peak hours, traffic from the highway at the 207 Street Bridge can be difficult and unsafe to navigate. The intersection remains unsafe to navigate when vehicles speed through the lights while pedestrians try to cross to and from the bridge and to and from the University Heights Metro North train station.

<b>2 of 2</b>	<b>Address traffic congestion</b>	DOT
Address traffic congestion		

Location: Gun Hill Rd and Kingsbridge Rd  
As housing 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 Jerome Avenue, Gun Hill Road, Kingsbridge Road and Fordham Road.

## New York Police Department (NYPD)

<b>1 of 4</b>	<b>Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles</b>	NYPD
Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles		

NYPD to acquire additional heavy duty tow trucks in the Bronx. Currently, the Bronx tow pound collects trucks and other oversized vehicles with the use of two heavy duty tow trucks. Oftentimes, NYPD may have to request to borrow a heavy duty tow truck from another agency. NYPD needs additional heavy duty tow trucks in order to increase its enforcement capacity on trucks and other oversized vehicles with no license plates, with obstructed VINs and/or with other violations requiring a tow.

**2 of 4    Hire additional school safety agents**

NYPD

Hire additional school safety agents

There is a shortage of public safety officers within our district, and Parent Associations and school administrations have expressed interest in additional safety measures for the schools. Whenever new public safety officers come in, others currently in the position either retire, quit, or get promoted to a higher paying position in another division outside of the School Safety division. Many schools like PS 86, PS 8, and others have between 2 and 3 officers on staff, yet some schools have multiple buildings, and all schools have many entrances that remain unguarded due to low numbers of officers.

**3 of 4    Hire additional traffic enforcement agents**

NYPD

Hire additional traffic enforcement agents

During peak and non-peak hours, traffic from the highway at the 207 Street Bridge can be difficult and unsafe to navigate. The presence of traffic agents will discourage motorists from violating traffic rules to and from the University Heights Metro North train station. The presence of traffic agents will discourage motorists from violating traffic rules.

**4 of 4    Crossing guards**

NYPD

Hire additional crossing guards

School crossing guards play a vital role in keeping our children safe. Crossing guards guide drivers to obey traffic lights and signs, be aware of pedestrians, and help children and families safely cross busy intersections.