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Neighborhoods:

Morrisania

Mott Haven

Port Morris

The presence of Citi-bike will help improve connections to mass transit. Mass transit is sparsely located in most of our neighborhoods, and Citi-bike would make it more practical for residents to use MTA services.

The introduction of Citi-bike service to these neighborhoods will allow residents to utilize a more cost-effective and environmentally-friendly mode of alternative transportation. In addition to toll fares, cars carry additional fees such as oil and maintenance costs. Commuters can pay a \$3 fare for each 30-minute Citi-bike ride (or save by using a Citi-bike membership plan), in conjunction with a \$2.75 MTA fare (assuming the rider is not an unlimited Metrocard holder) for transport to areas inaccessible by bicycle. Inversely, citi-bikes allow for quick and easy transport into areas that have inadequate bus or train service. Additionally, Citi-bike reduces emissions from motor vehicles by acting as a substitute to commuter cars for relatively short distance transportation and by encouraging the use of public transportation (MTA subway) for longer distances. Citi-bikes also provide the following benefits to communities: greater general fitness (physical health) of residents, the elimination of initial wait times (buses), and reduction in reliance upon private automobiles.