

### **Shared E-Scooter Pilot**

Community Board 12 Transportation Committee

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Pilot Background & Service Area



### What are E-Scooters?

- An e-scooter is defined in state law as a device with handlebars, a floorboard or a seat, and an electric motor
- They are not registered with the DMV
- State law limits max speed to 15 mph
- Riders should operate scooters in the same manner as a bike



### What is E-Scooter Share?

- Network of shared e-scooters
  - Intended for point-to-point transportation
- Increased mobility
  - Additional transportation option
  - Convenient for trips that are too far to walk, but too short for the subway or a car
  - Connections to transit
- Flexibility
  - Vehicles are dockless and free-locking, limiting infrastructure needs
  - Find, unlock, and lock e-scooters through smartphone apps





### **Bringing E-Scooters to the East Bronx**

- **2020:** E-scooters became legal under state and local law, City Council mandates DOT conduct a shared e-scooter pilot
- October 2020: DOT released an RFEI for a dockless e-scooter share pilot.
- January 2021: Companies were evaluated based on experience, safety, operations, accessibility, equity and outreach, and consumer and labor policies
- February 2021: DOT announced the East Bronx as the pilot zone
- April 2021: DOT selected three companies, Bird, Lime, and Veo to participate in the pilot





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## **East Bronx Pilot Zone**

Approximately 17.7 square miles

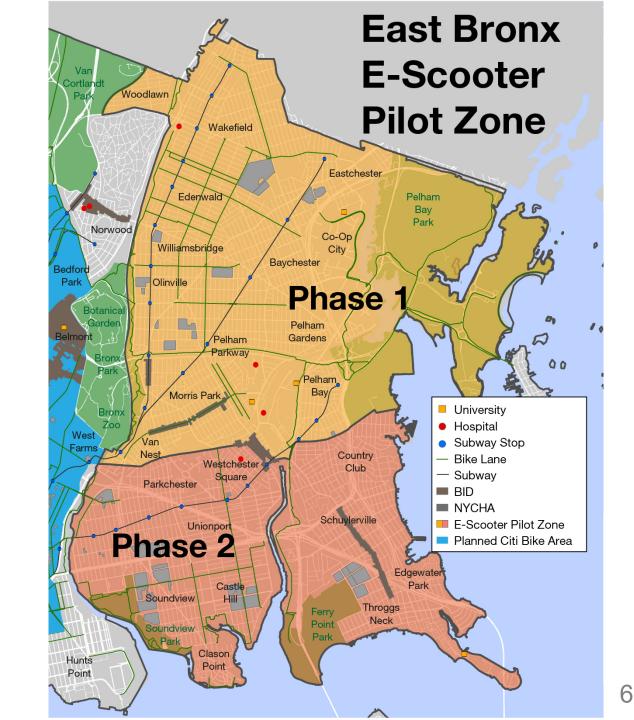
Population: 568,993

#### Phase 1

- Includes key trip generators: Jacobi Medical Center & Montefiore Medical Center
- 3,000 scooters in 2021
- Targeted expansion of bike network with 2021 projects

#### Phase 2

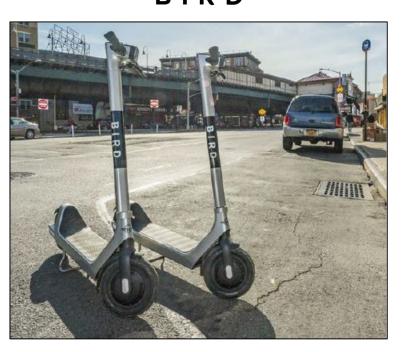
- 3,000 additional scooters in 2022
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### Key Program Elements

### **Core Vehicles**





BirdThree





Lime Gen4

veo



Astro Standing & Cosmo Seated Scooters

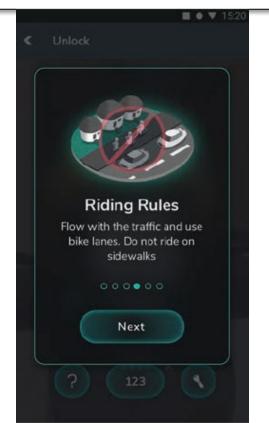
### How to Ride

#### Get Ready to Ride

Download the app

Register with ID & payment information

Take in-app safety training and complete safety quiz

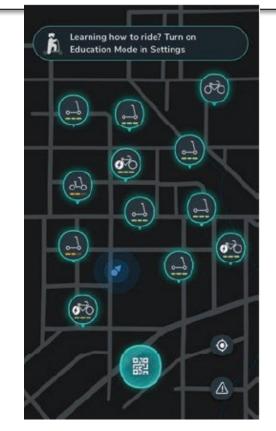


#### Find an E-Scooter

Find an e-scooter in the app

Unlock the e-scooter by scanning a QR code on the vehicle

Ride the e-scooter as you would ride a bicycle



#### **End Your Trip**

Park the scooter in either a designated parking corral or on the sidewalk out of the path of travel

Follow in-app directions for locking the e-scooter



## **Operating Restrictions**

- Operational restrictions may be added throughout the pilot based on trip and safety data and requests from partners
  - Slow Zones: bounded areas within the service area where e-scooter speeds are capped below the typical limit of 15 mph
  - No-Ride Zones: bounded areas within the service area where e-scooters cannot be ridden (motor cuts off when the vehicle crosses boundary)
  - **Temporal Restrictions**: limit overnight riding or restrict riding during inclement weather



## Pricing

## BIRD

\$1 to unlock\$0.39 per minute

#### **Bird Access**

- \$5 per month
- Unlimited 45 minute rides
- Available to:
  - NYCHA residents
  - SNAP recipients
  - Pell Grant recipients
  - "Other forms of state and federal assistance"



\$1 to unlock\$0.30 per minute

#### Lime Access

- Free
- Unlimited 30 minute rides;
  \$0.04 per minute afterwards
- Available to:
  - o NYCHA residents
  - Fair Fare participants
  - Pell Grant recipients
  - "Any forms of local, state, or federal subsidy programs"

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\$1 to unlock\$0.39 per minute

#### Veo Access

- \$5 per month
- Unlimited 30 minute rides; \$0.20 per minute afterwards
- Available to:
  - o NYCHA residents
  - o SNAP recipients

## **Safety Program**

- In-app safety training and test for new riders
- Beginner Mode, requiring that a user's first 30 minutes of trips are limited to 10mph and cannot occur in darkness or overnight
- Helmet give-away program and/or discount purchase program
- Minimum of 4 free, voluntary in-person lessons each month
- Rider accountability and account sharing prevention policies
- Community Reporting Tool enabling members of the public to report improperly parked e-scooters or dangerous rider behavior



### Accessibility Program

- Companies required to provide accessible vehicle options
- At launch, accessible vehicles will be available for longer term rentals and delivered to a user's home or picked up at partner organization site
- Companies required to meet regularly with DOT and MOPD on accessibility issues







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### **Consumer & Labor Protections**

- Contract provisions designed to protect riders and workers and promote safe operational practices
- Vendors are not permitted to include binding arbitration or class action waiver provisions in their terms of service for riders
- Companies must use W-2 employees for operations, no gig labor or franchise agreements are permitted

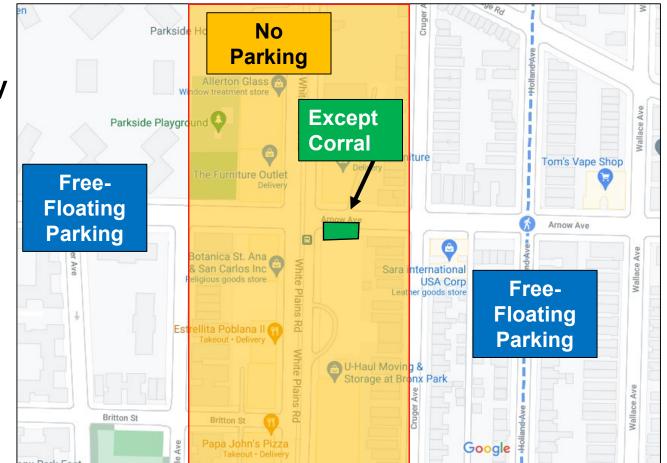


### Parking Model

## **Parking Model**

Hybrid model: riders follow different parking rules depending on where they are in the service area

- 1. <u>Free-Floating Parking Areas:</u> e-scooters must be parked on the sidewalk in the furniture zone
- 2. <u>Mandatory Corral Zones:</u> e-scooter must be parked in a corral if a rider wants to end their trip within one of these zones



### **Free-Floating Parking Zones**

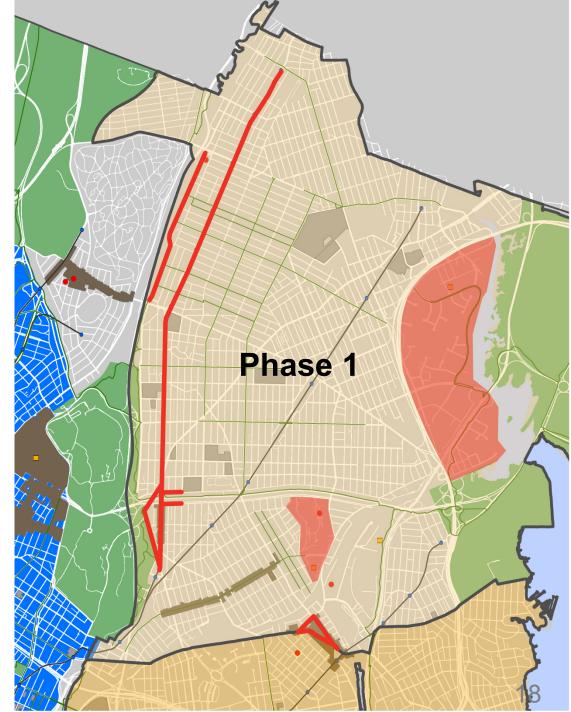
- Free-floating parking maximizes flexibility
- In most of the pilot area, users can park their e-scooter on the sidewalk, in the furniture zone
- When parking in a free-floating zone, users must not:
  - Block the pedestrian path of travel (including pedestrian ramps)
  - Block driveways or curb cuts
  - Park in the roadbed or on private property
- Operators are required to respond to improperly parked vehicles quickly. Improperly parked vehicles can be reported by:
  - Calling the customer service number printed on all escooters in the pilot
  - Using the Community Reporting feature in the operator's smart phone app

**Furniture Zone** 

• Calling 311

## **Mandatory Parking Corrals**

- Parking corrals minimize sidewalk clutter on busy corridors
- If you want to end your e-scooter trip in one of these areas, you must park in a corral
- Corrals planned by DOT and installed, paid for, and maintained for by companies
- Launch with approximately 90 corrals and expect to add as pilot continues
  - White Plains Road
  - Bronx Boulevard
  - Westchester Square
  - Jacobi Medical Center Campus
  - Co-Op City
  - Pelham Bay Park & other DPR properties
- Accepting input on corral locations on the DOT <u>feedback portal</u> throughout the pilot



### **Parking Corral Design**

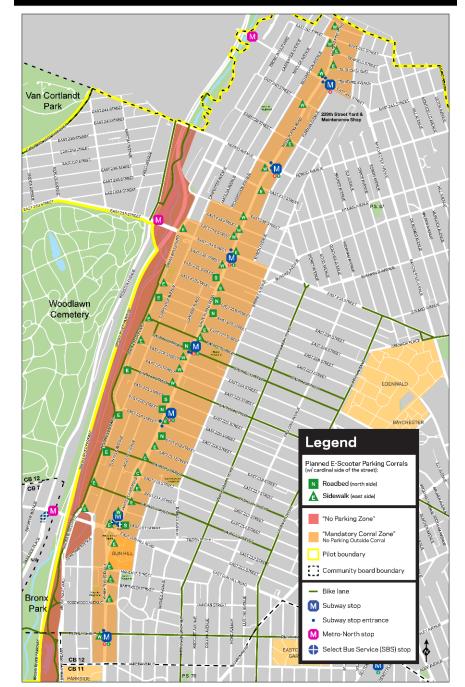


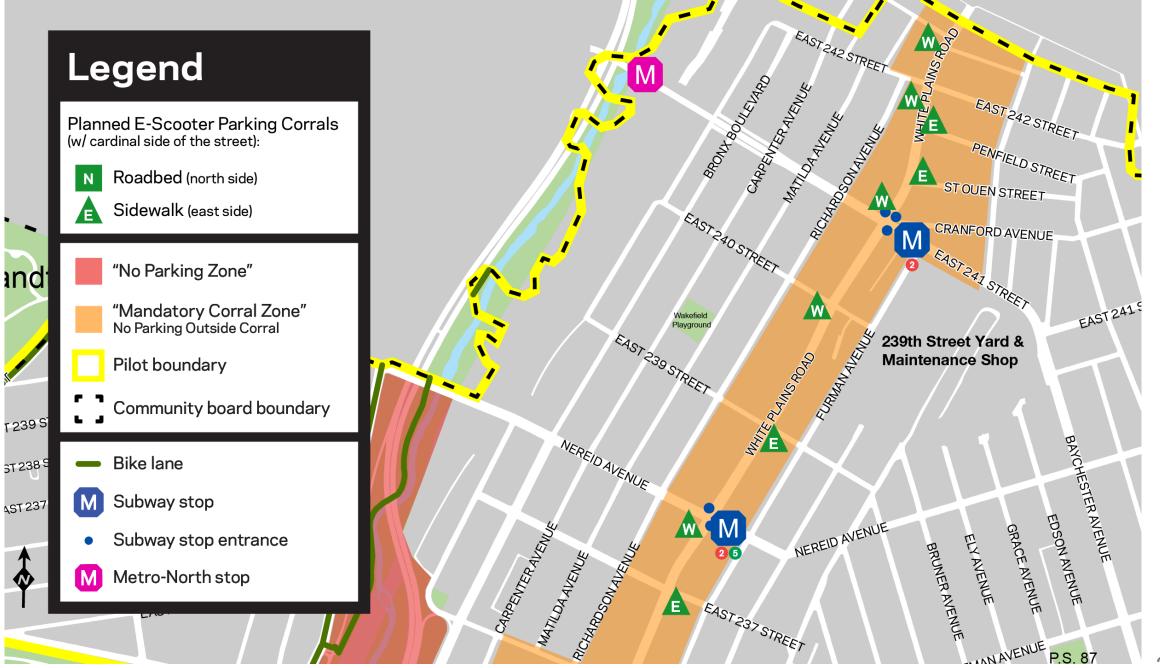


### Parking Corrals in Community Board 12

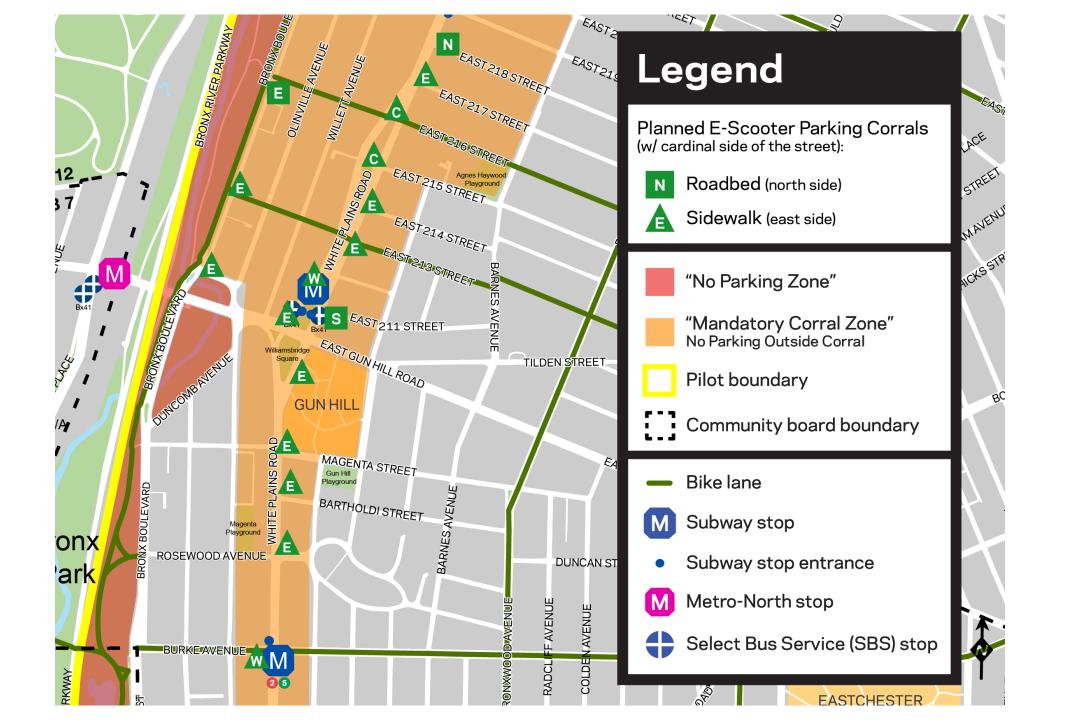
- 51 parking corrals proposed in Community Board 12 at launch
  - 39 sidewalk corrals
  - 12 roadbed corrals
- DOT is currently working with DPR on additional corral locations

#### Draft Plan for BX CB 12 E-Scooter Corrals









### **Timeline to Launch**

**April:** Pilot planning, including corral planning and operational set-up

**April-May:** Outreach to stakeholders, including elected officials, Community Boards, BIDs, Jacobi and Montefiore Hospitals, and advocacy groups

May: Share corral locations with stakeholders and prepare for installations

**June:** Install corrals and conduct pre-launch outreach

**June:** Launch with 3,000 scooters in late spring or early summer and conduct on-street outreach after launch



### **Thank You!**

Questions?

