



BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9

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Whereas, currently, there is a sizeable senior population living along Bedford Avenue in Brooklyn's Community District 9. These senior residents may have more difficulty moving toward bus routes than the average city resident and benefit from the current proximity of the southbound B49 bus route — a crucial route that reaches as far as (formerly) Manhattan Beach and Coney Island.

Whereas, despite this, the Brooklyn Bus Redesign in its current form plans to discontinue the B49 route on the Bedford and Rogers Avenues and move them further eastward to the Nostrand and New York Avenues.

Whereas this change would unfortunately create a wide transit gap and force many people in the district to walk two long blocks further (over 1,700 ft) to access the B49 bus route. This turnout would be particularly negative and inconvenient for our district's senior population.

Whereas, while we understand the desire to consolidate buses on roads with existing bus lanes, we do not support making it significantly more difficult for people to access bus routes—even if there is an increase in speed or efficiency.

Whereas, we support increasing speed and efficiency while conveniently serving as many residents as possible, and moving the B49 moves the route out of reach for many residents in our district. It leaves them with almost no suitable alternative.

Be It Resolved, Brooklyn Community Board 9 recommends the southbound route of the B49 remain on Bedford Avenue and that the northbound route of the B49 remain on Rogers Avenue as the Brooklyn Bus Redesign advances.

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