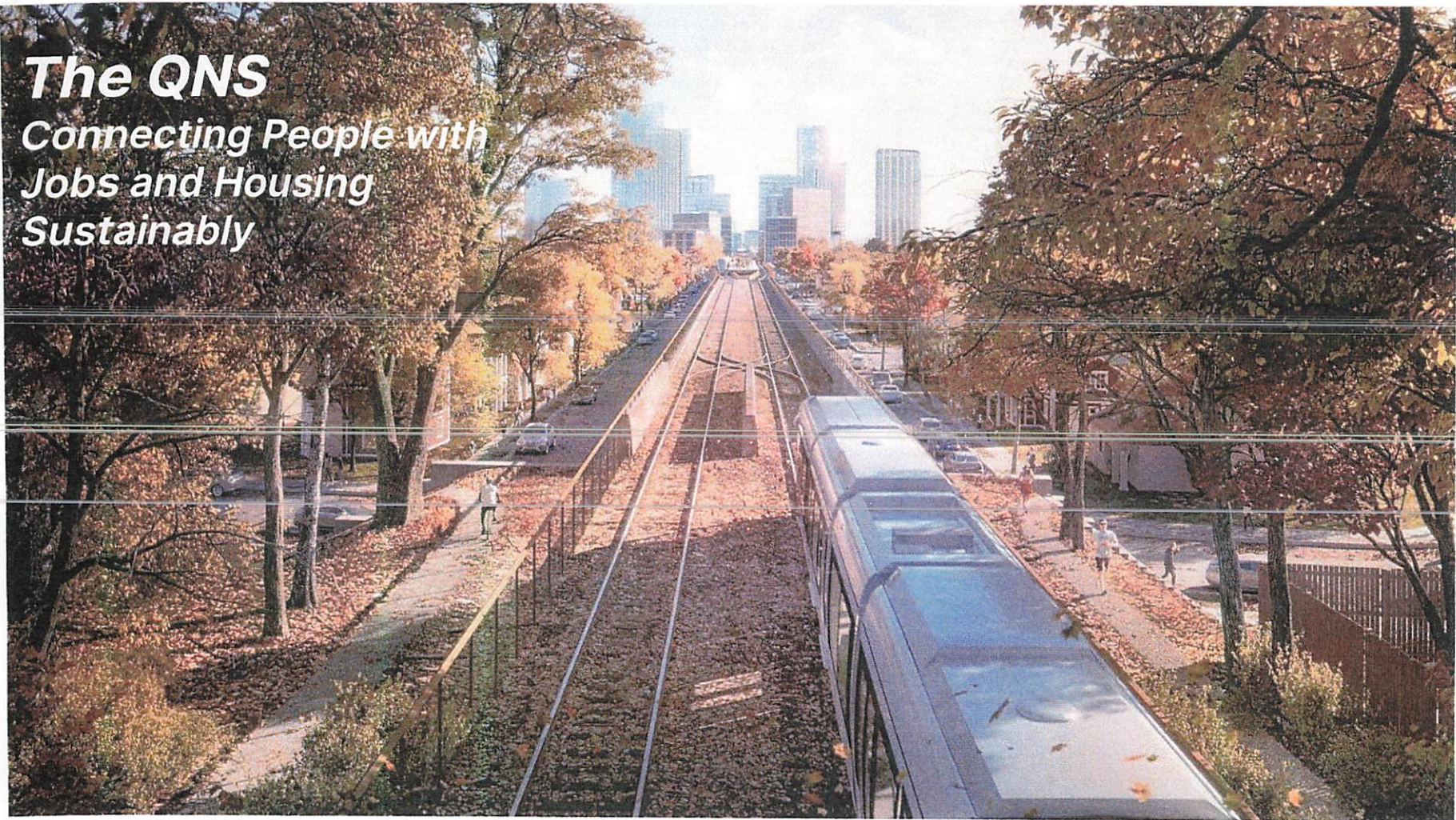


The QNS

*Connecting People with
Jobs and Housing
Sustainably*



March 7, 2023

Transportation Committee Meeting
The QNS Connecting People with Jobs
and Housing Sustainably
Attachment #1

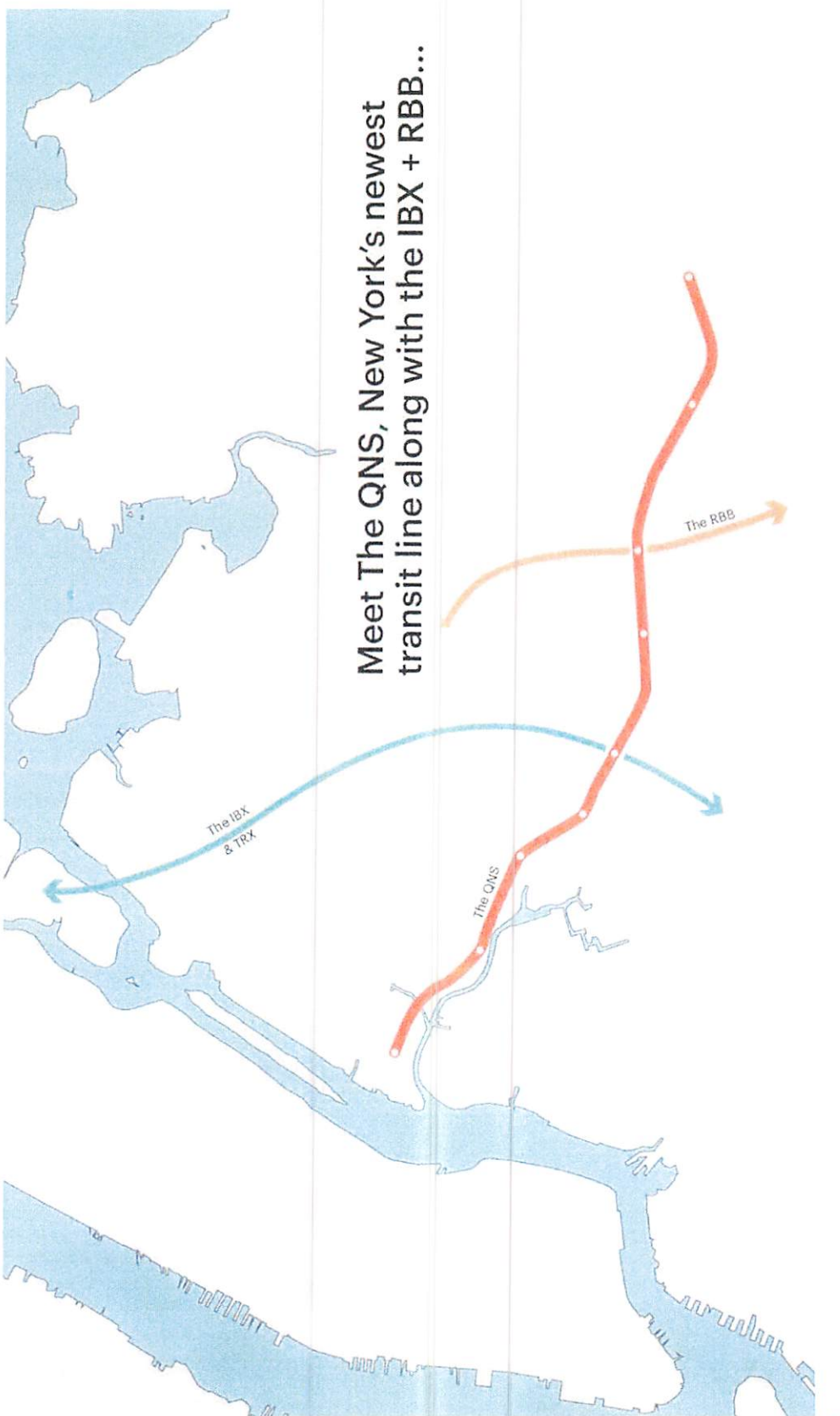
Objectives of this Meeting

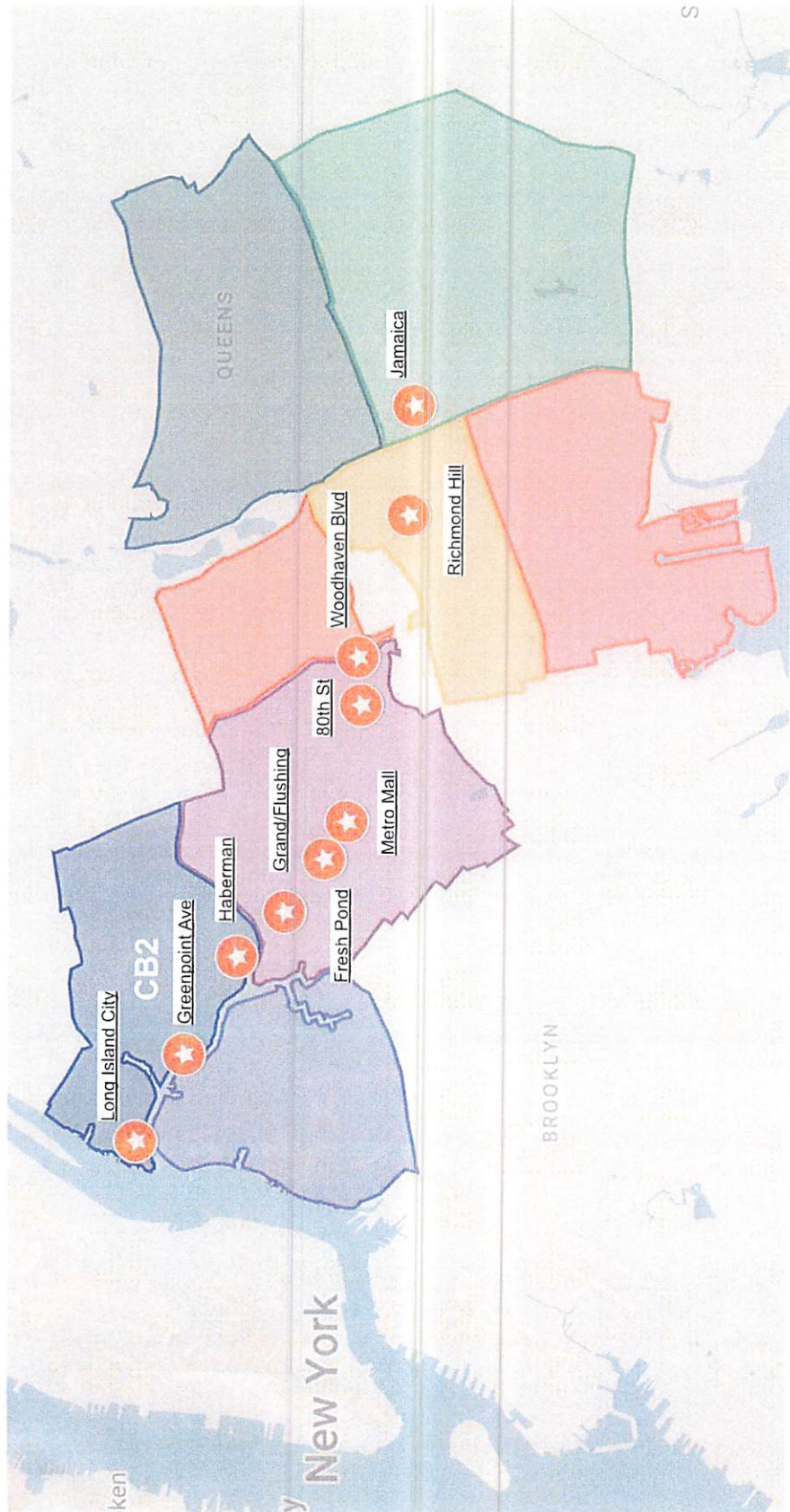
To reach a **shared appreciation for the enormous benefits** that an active QNS train will bring to Queens Community Board 2 (especially when paired with the IBX and RBB)

To discuss ways to **develop the support of elected officials** in the short-term, given the need to strike while the iron is hot with IBX momentum building

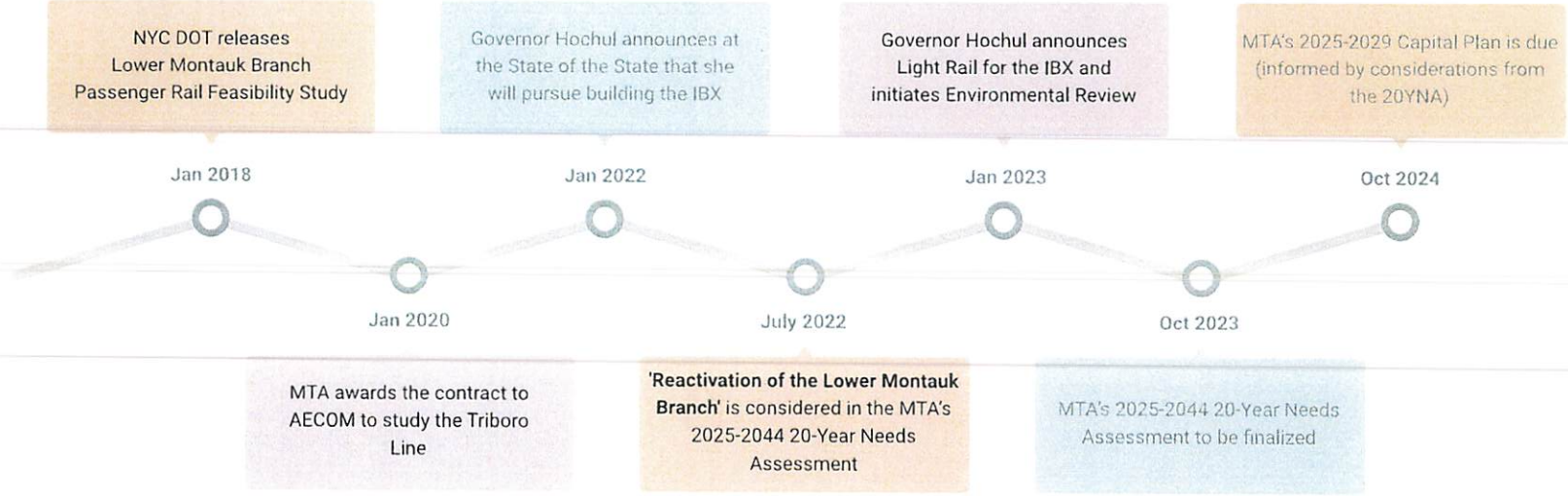


Meet The QNS, New York's newest transit line along with the IBX + RBB...





Recent Timeline of the IBX and QNS



We all want the best future for CB2



Sustainable
Transportation System

"If we want **climate justice**, we need to **redesign the infrastructure.**" -CM Won



Making CB2 Affordable
& Livable

"..deep focus on **creating and preserving affordable housing.**"
-CM Won

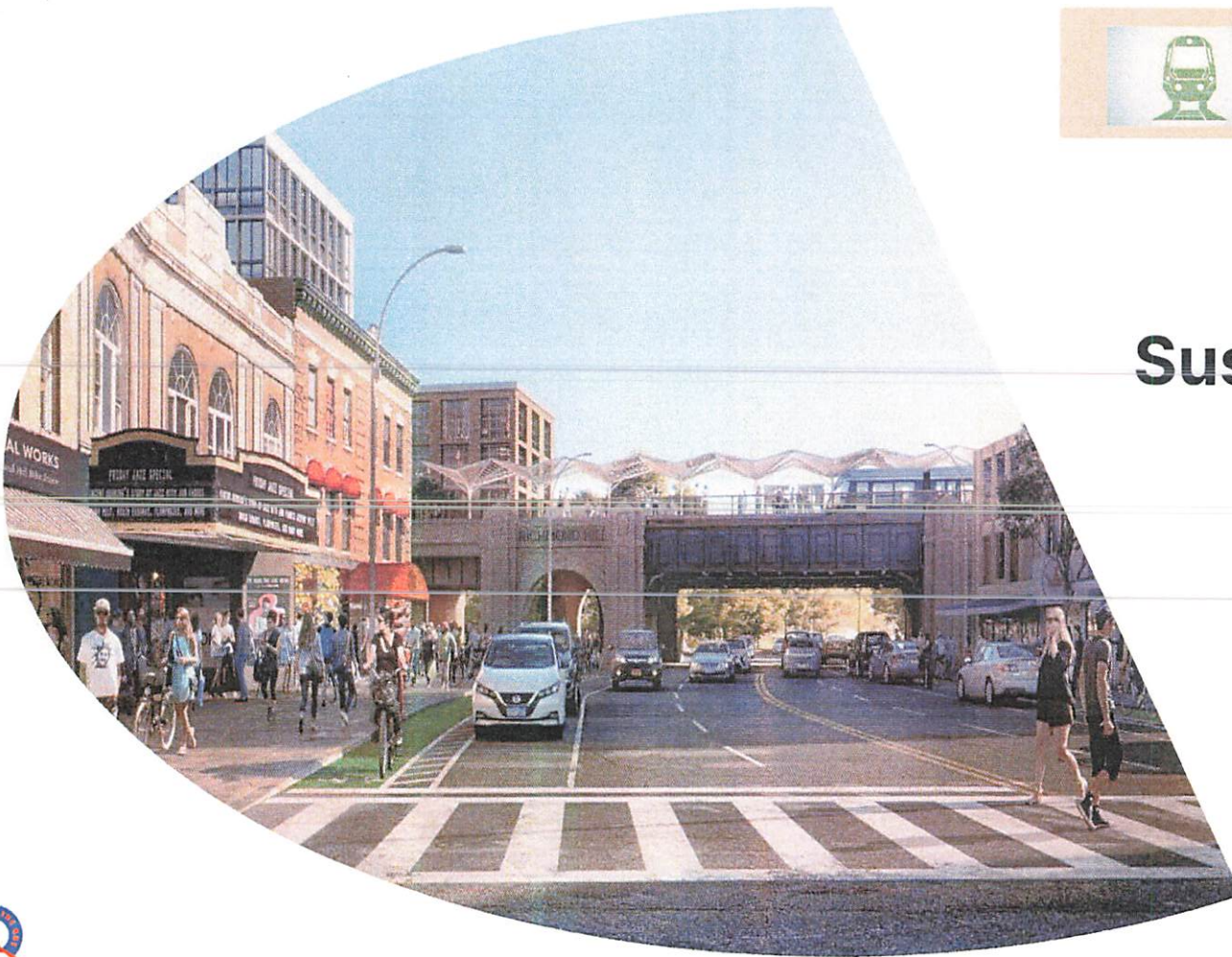




Fixing our
Transportation System

The QNS: A Vision of Sustainability...

According to the EPA, transportation **produces more than 27%** of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, making it the largest contributor to climate change. **The availability of transit and cycling options** will help us reduce emissions.



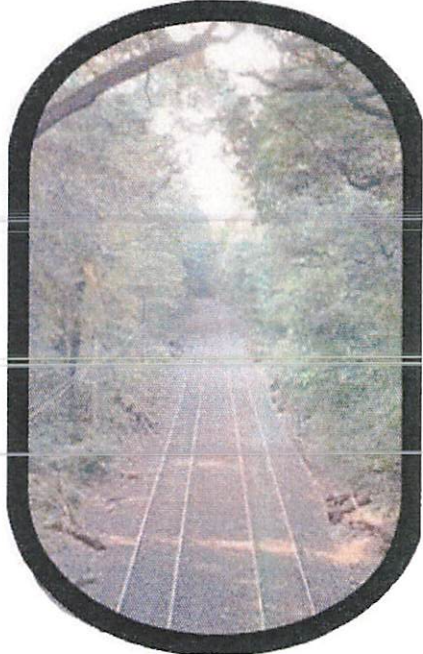
... that is more than just Rail

 Fixing our Transportation System



Friends of the QNS partnered with Transportation Alternatives to map out a greenway to run alongside the QNS

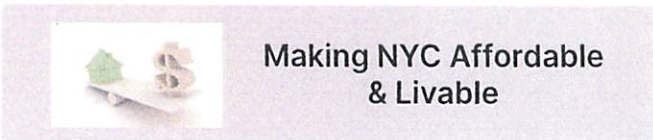
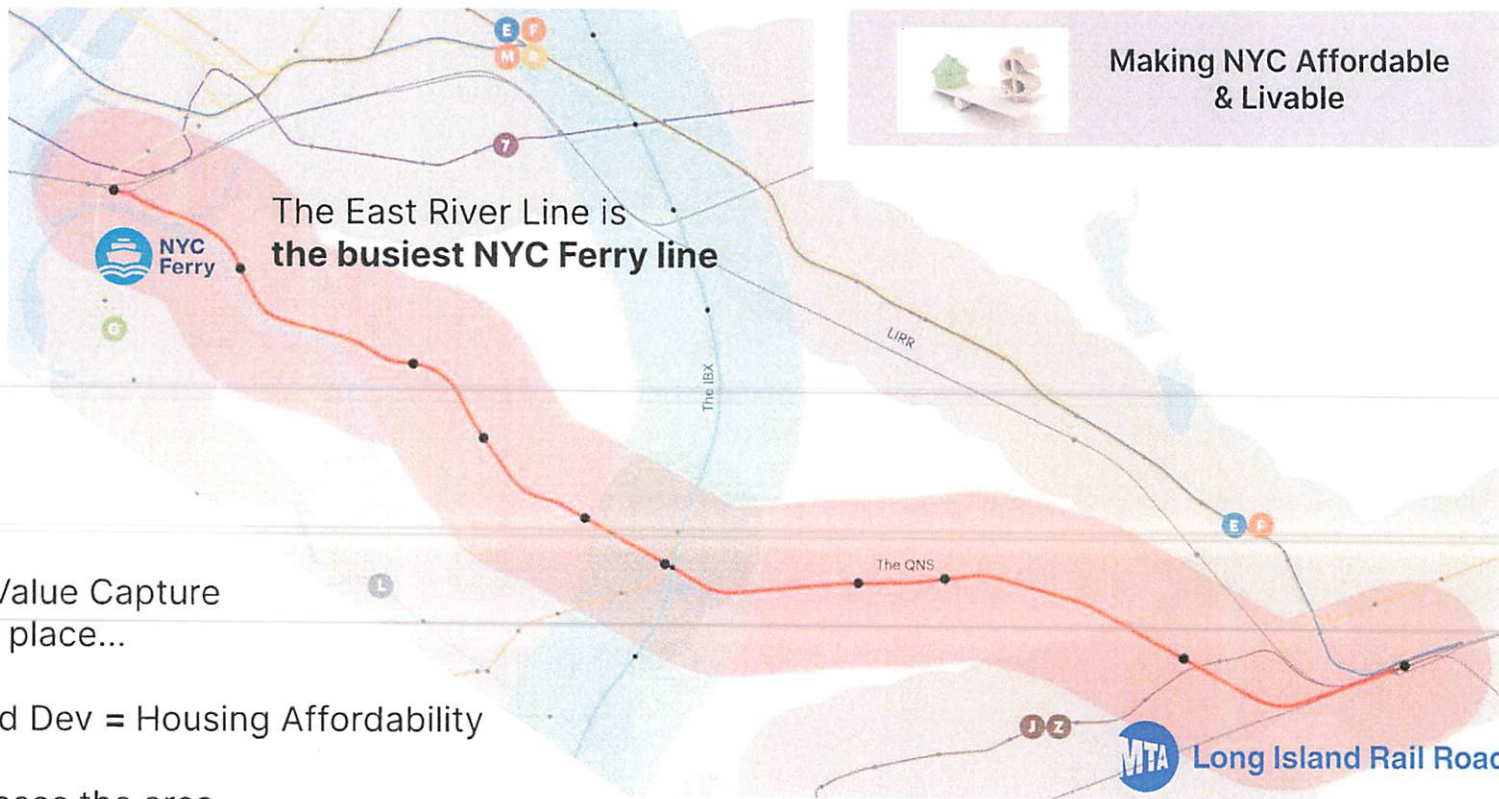
This coincides with a major push by the city to expand greenways across all five boroughs



The QNS cuts through Forest Park, a natural choice for a new greenway



The QNS unlocks affordable housing across 2 boroughs



With the right Value Capture mechanisms in place...

Transit-oriented Dev = Housing Affordability

The QNS increases the area of Queens with grade-separated transit access by more than **13%**!

More than **200,000 riders** pass through LIRR Jamaica Station daily



Queens' "transit deserts" pose a challenge for residents to commute to and from jobs



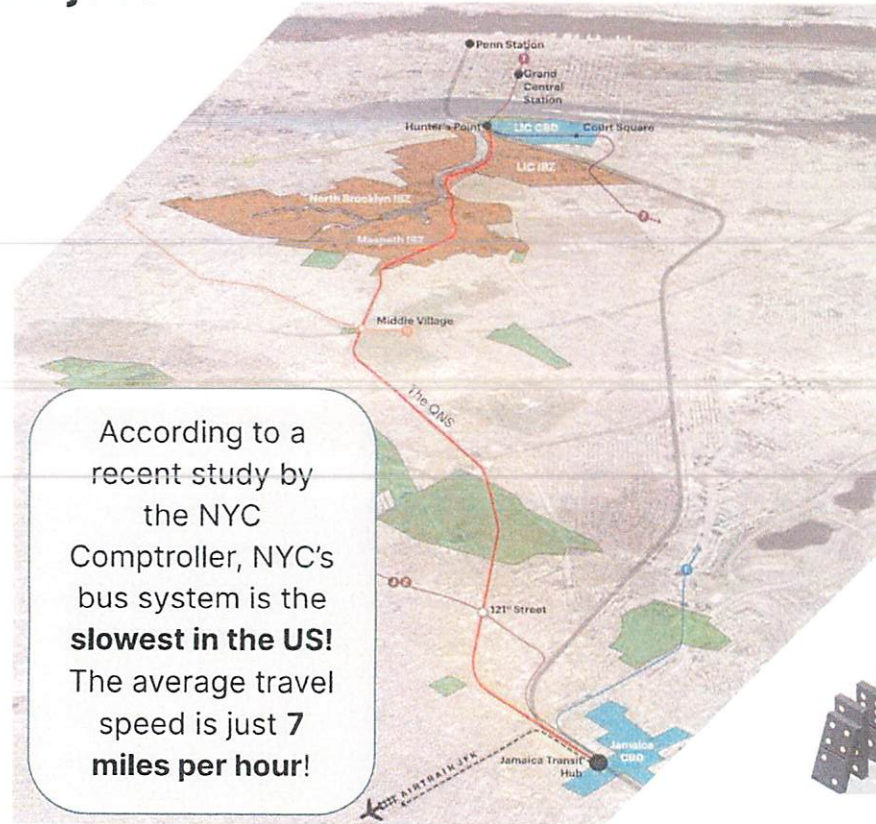
Making NYC Affordable & Livable

The data is clear: poor commuting experiences lead to *negative human impacts*:

- Increased absenteeism and frequent tardiness at work
- Higher turnover rates
- Increased error rates

23% of workers have quit a job because of a bad commute!

According to a recent study by the NYC Comptroller, NYC's bus system is the **slowest in the US!** The average travel speed is just **7 miles per hour!**



Strategy & Next Steps

We're seeking to **attach the QNS project to the IBX's momentum**; we need concrete actions from elected officials to do this effectively

Our ask to CB2 is to **petition CM Won to voice support for the QNS** with the Speaker, and **request funding** for an **Environmental Study** from the **FY24 City Council expense budget**

