



Curbside & Offset Lanes

ex: *Utica Ave, Brooklyn*

Bus lanes located curbside or offset by a parking lane are the most common variety in New York. NYC DOT has identified offset lanes as preferable due to the preservation of the curb for parking or other uses. However, blockages from turning vehicles and double parking remain an issue on the offset variety.

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Center-aligned Lanes

ex: *E. L. Grant Hwy, the Bronx*

Center-aligned bus lanes avoid the illegal parking and other blockages which plague the curbside and offset varieties. Riders board from stops built into the middle of roadways, which also shorten crossing distances for pedestrians. Center-aligned bus lanes are exceedingly rare in New York, sections of 161 St and E. L. Grant Hwy in the Bronx being the only notable installations.

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Median Lanes on Arterials

ex: *Woodhaven Blvd, Queens*

Arterials with “main” and “service” roads cut through many neighborhoods outside of Manhattan, creating highway-like environments in what are usually areas inadequately served by the subway. A handful incorporate bus lanes which run alongside and make stops on the medians of these excessively wide roadways.

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Busways

ex: *Main St, Queens*

Busways occupy the entirety of the roadway and only permit cars to enter for local access needs. Generally, drivers must make the next possible turn to keep the right of way clear. Most are located in dense commercial areas where many bus routes converge and terminate.

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Existing Bus Lanes & SBS

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bus lane type

- Curbside/Offset
- Median-aligned
- Center-aligned
- Busway
- Other/Hybrid

- Future IBX
- Subway Lines
- Select Bus Service

