

34th Street Project Community Advisory Committee Meeting #4

March 14, 2011



Agenda

- I. Introduction
- II. Proposed design for 34th Street
- III. Breakout groups: block-by-block designs
- IV. Next steps
- V. Q&A

34th Street Project Need

- ***Slow Bus Speeds:*** avg. speed of 4.5 mph, over 33,000 daily bus riders
- ***Pedestrian Safety:*** some of the most congested sidewalks in NYC
- ***Curbside loading:*** key concern of residents and businesses
- ***Future growth:*** tens of thousands of new residents and jobs coming to 34th St.

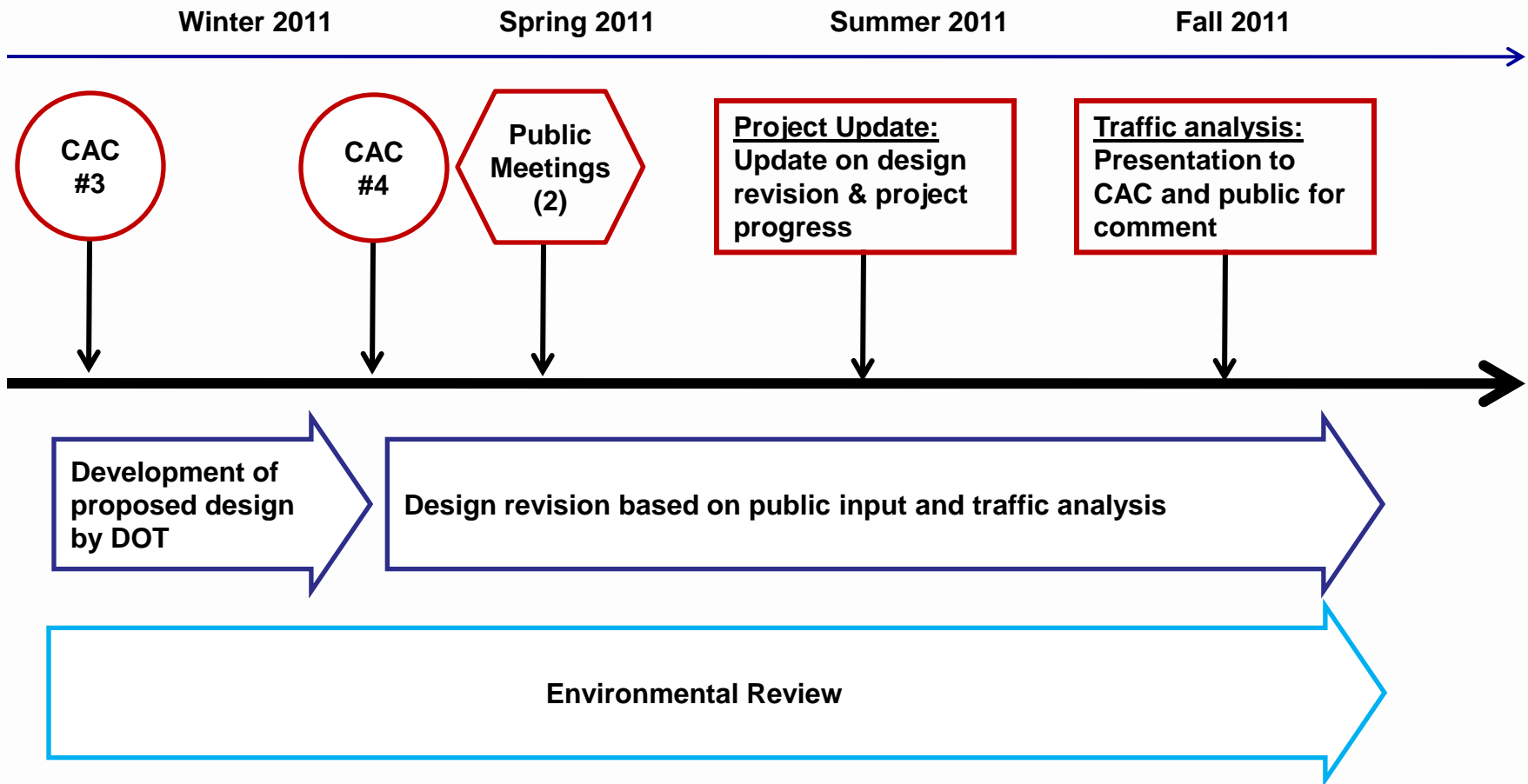
Community Feedback

- ***Loading/curb access is a key issue*** – improve curbside access wherever possible
- ***Traffic on side streets is already an issue*** – maintain 2-way traffic on 34th Street if possible
- ***Pedestrian improvements are very important*** – and should be focused where they are needed most
- ***Each improvement should be fully evaluated*** – and the community kept involved throughout the process

Community Process Summary

- **Community Advisory Committee**
 - Includes residents, business owners, CB members, and representatives of local elected officials
 - Meetings: 4 since June 2010
- **Curbside Access Needs Outreach**
 - Community forums: 4 in Fall of 2010
 - On-line survey
 - Block-by-block analysis
- **Stakeholder Outreach**
 - 50+ meetings since 2008
 - Meetings with CB4, CB5, & CB6
 - NYU, Empire State Building, Javits Center, 34th St Partnership, Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, and property owners

Project Schedule Update



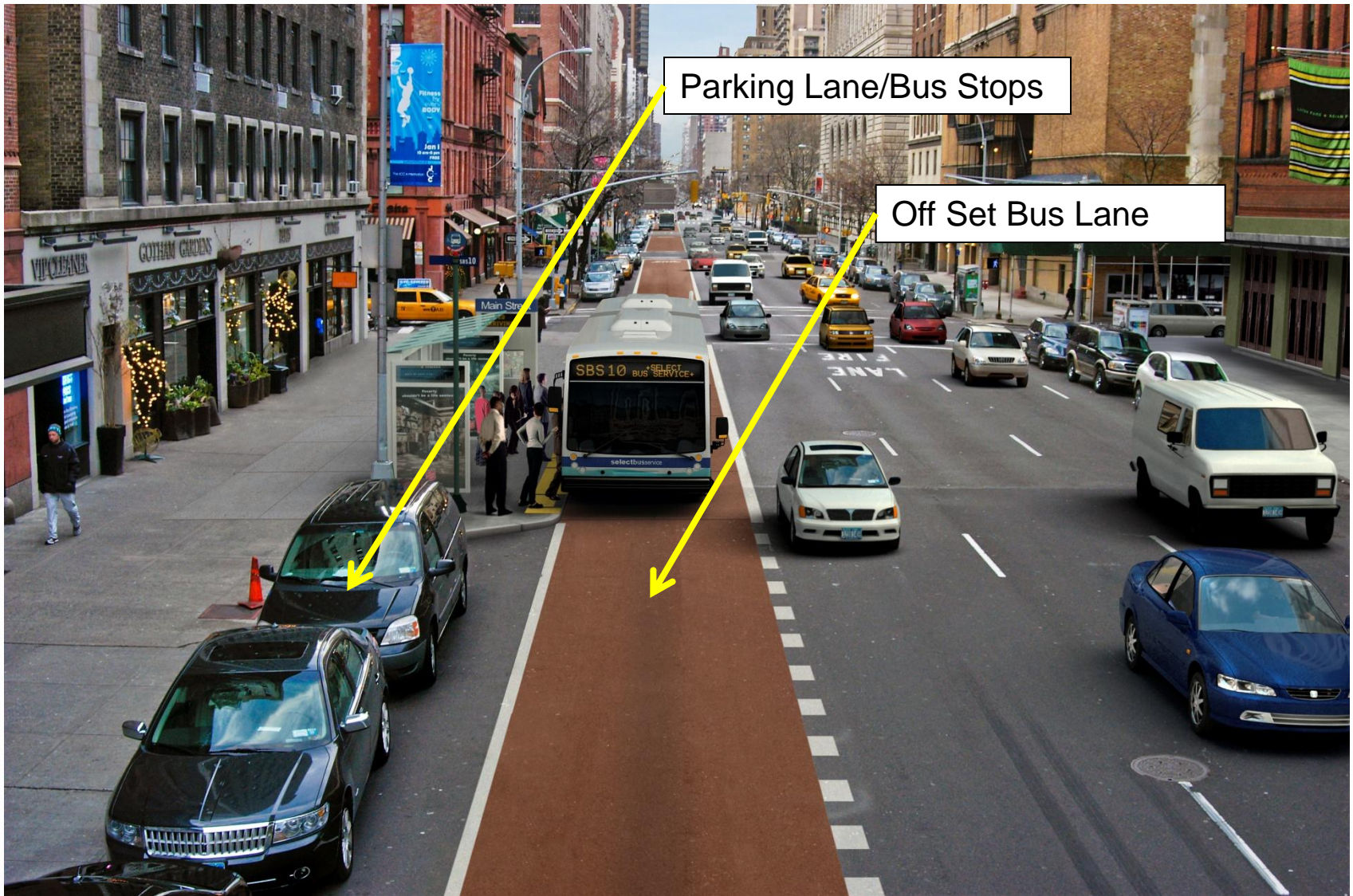
34th Street SBS design

- **2011 planned improvements**
 - Off-board fare collection on M34 and M16
 - Bus lane camera enforcement
- **2012 proposed design**
 - Offset bus lanes
 - Bus bulbs and sidewalk extensions
 - Expanded loading zones

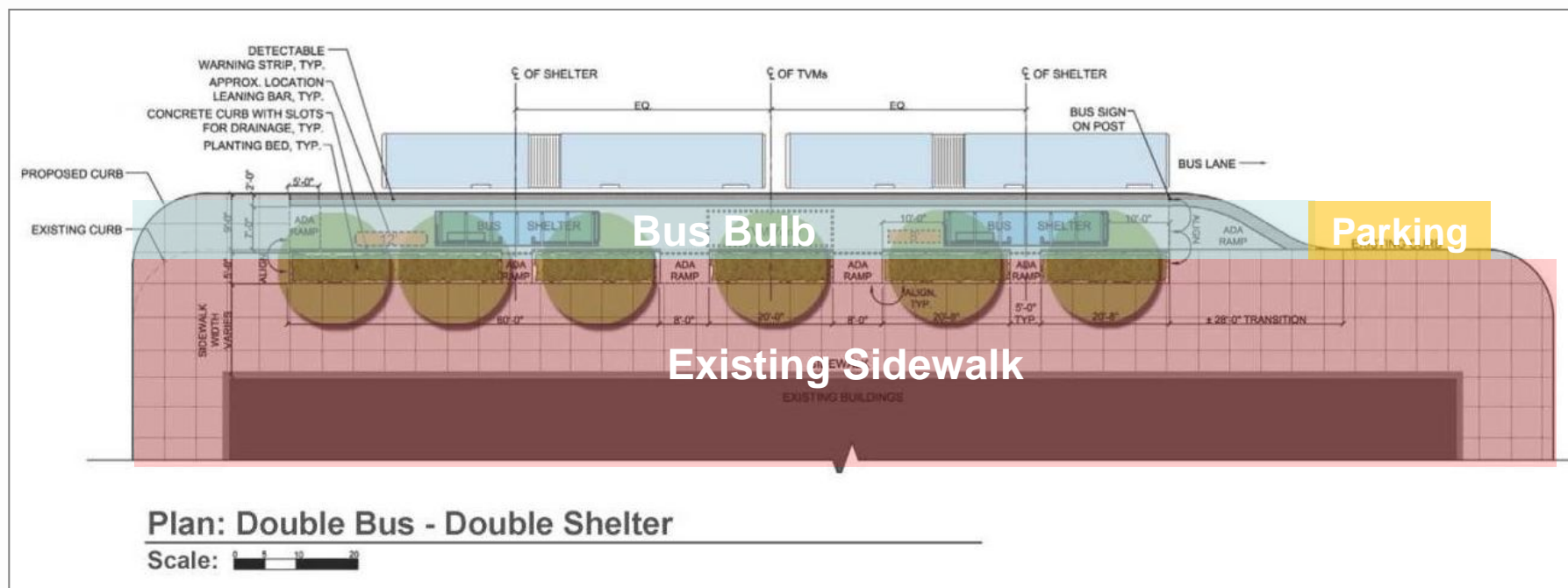
2011 Improvements: Off-Board Fare Collection on M34/M16



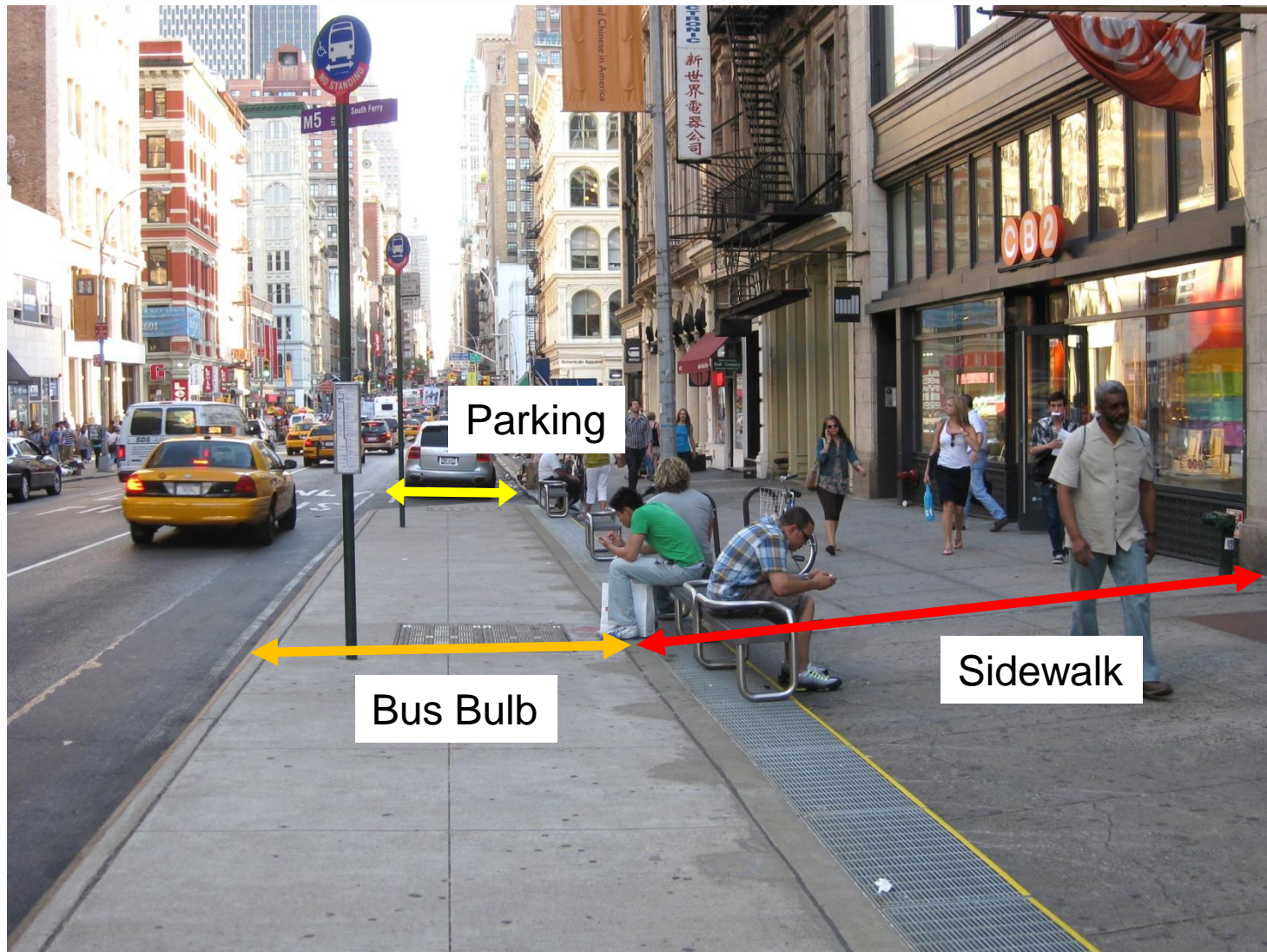
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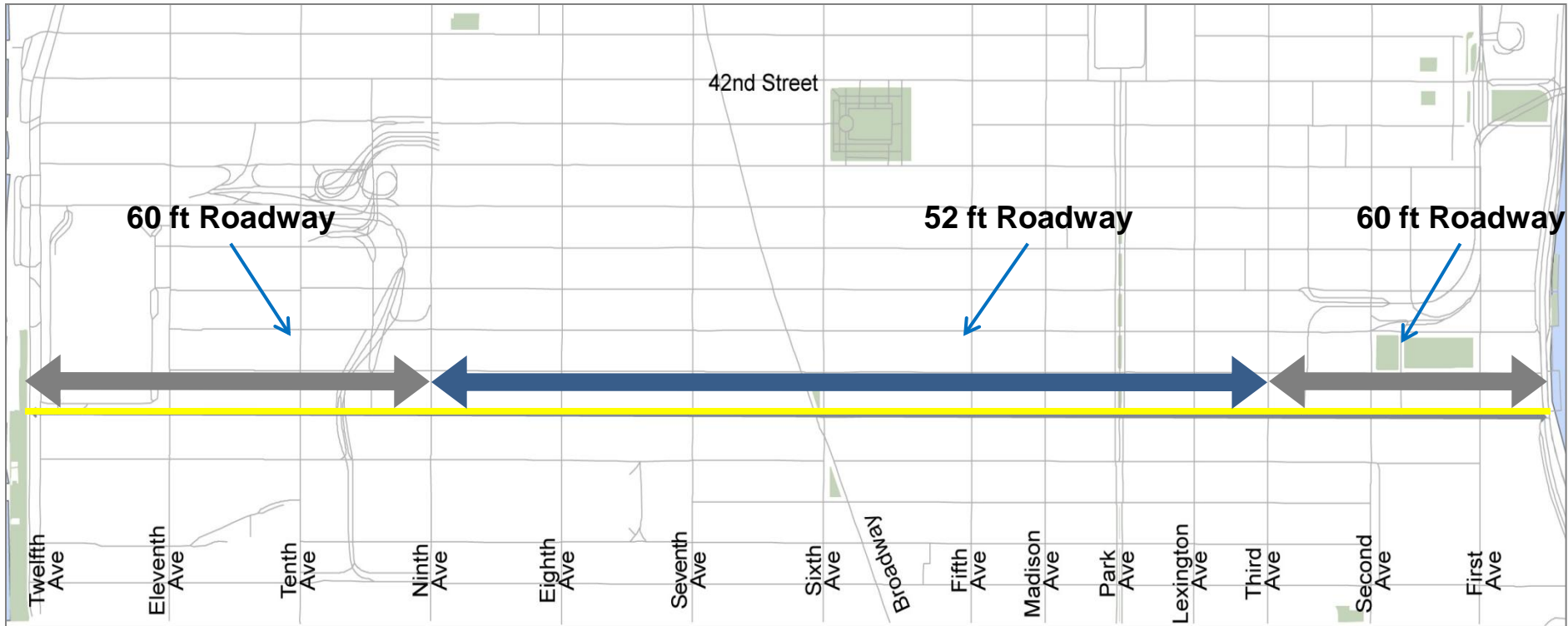
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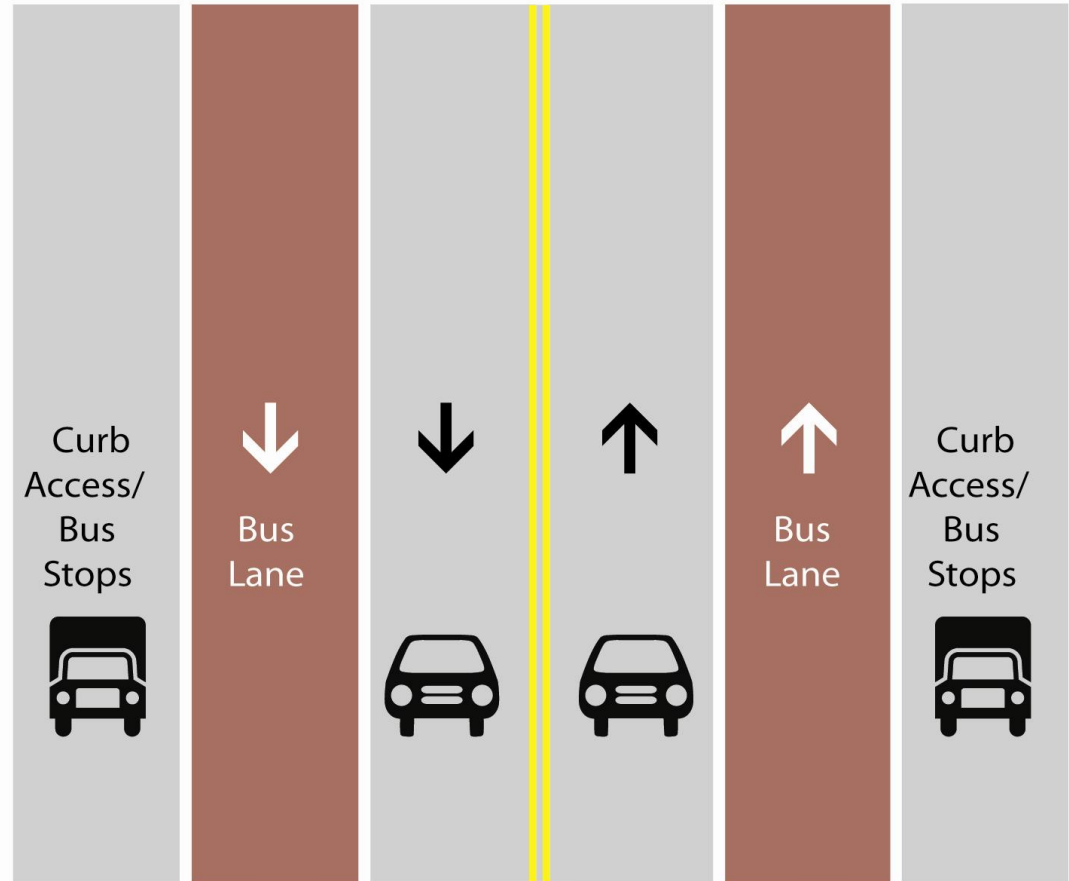


2012 Proposed Plan: Overview



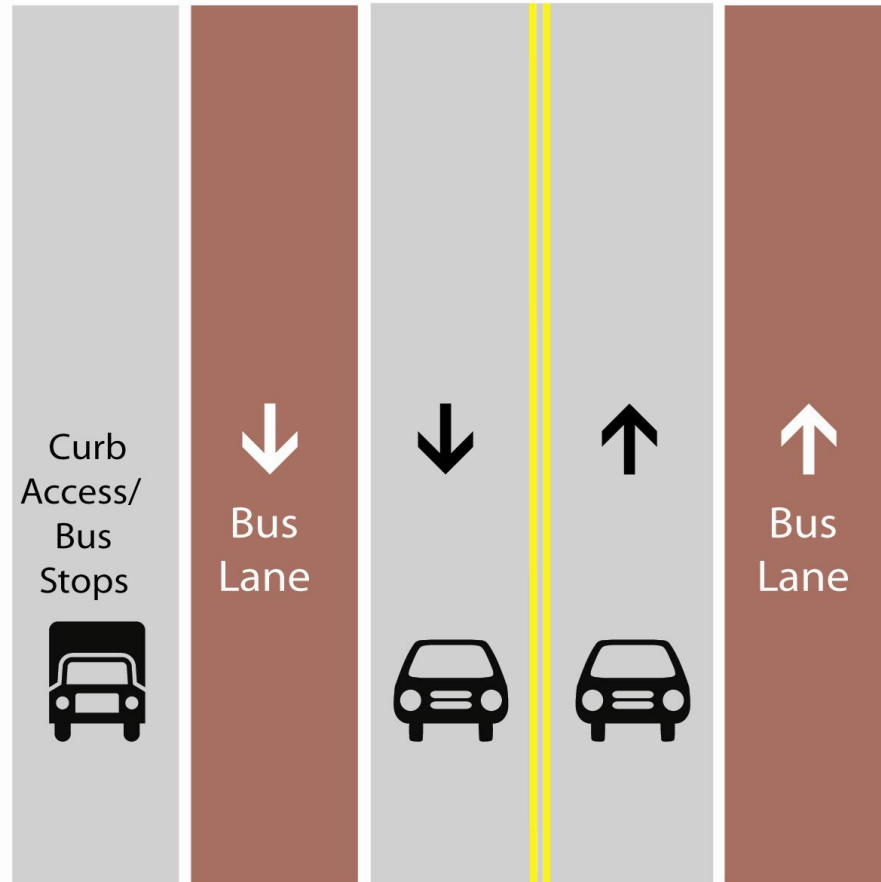
2012 Proposed Plan: Overview

**60 ft wide section:
East of Third Ave
West of Ninth Ave**

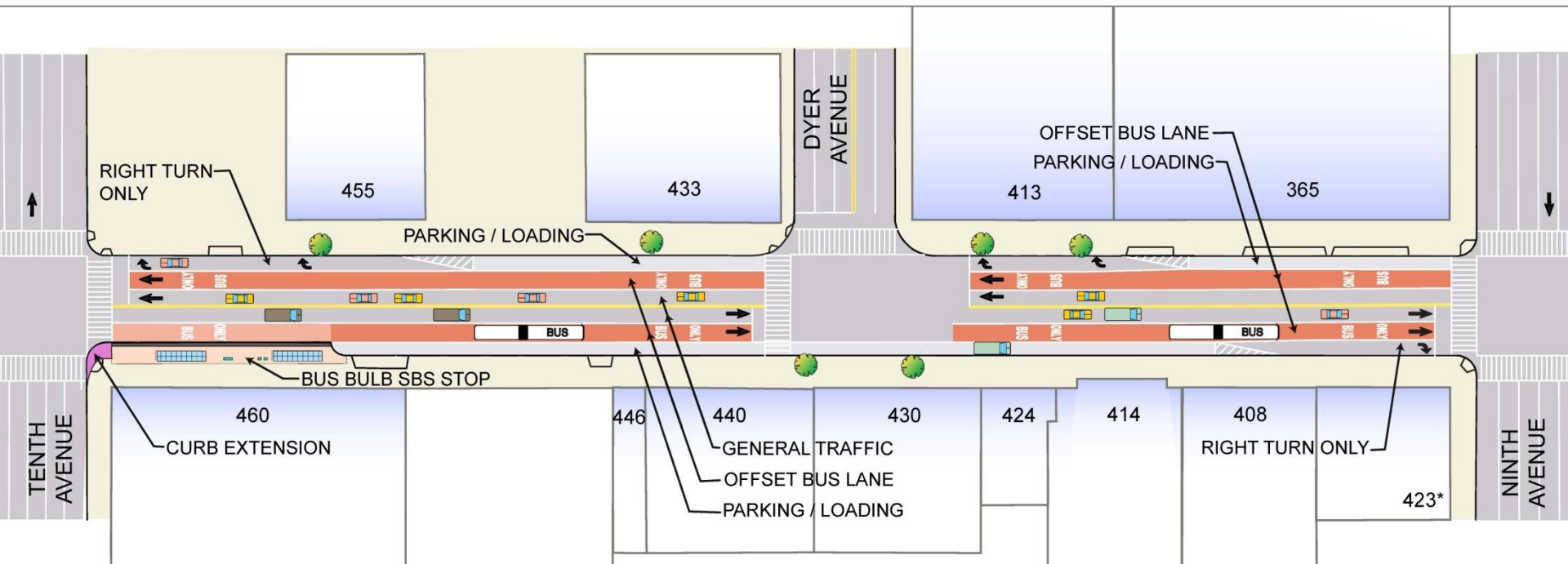


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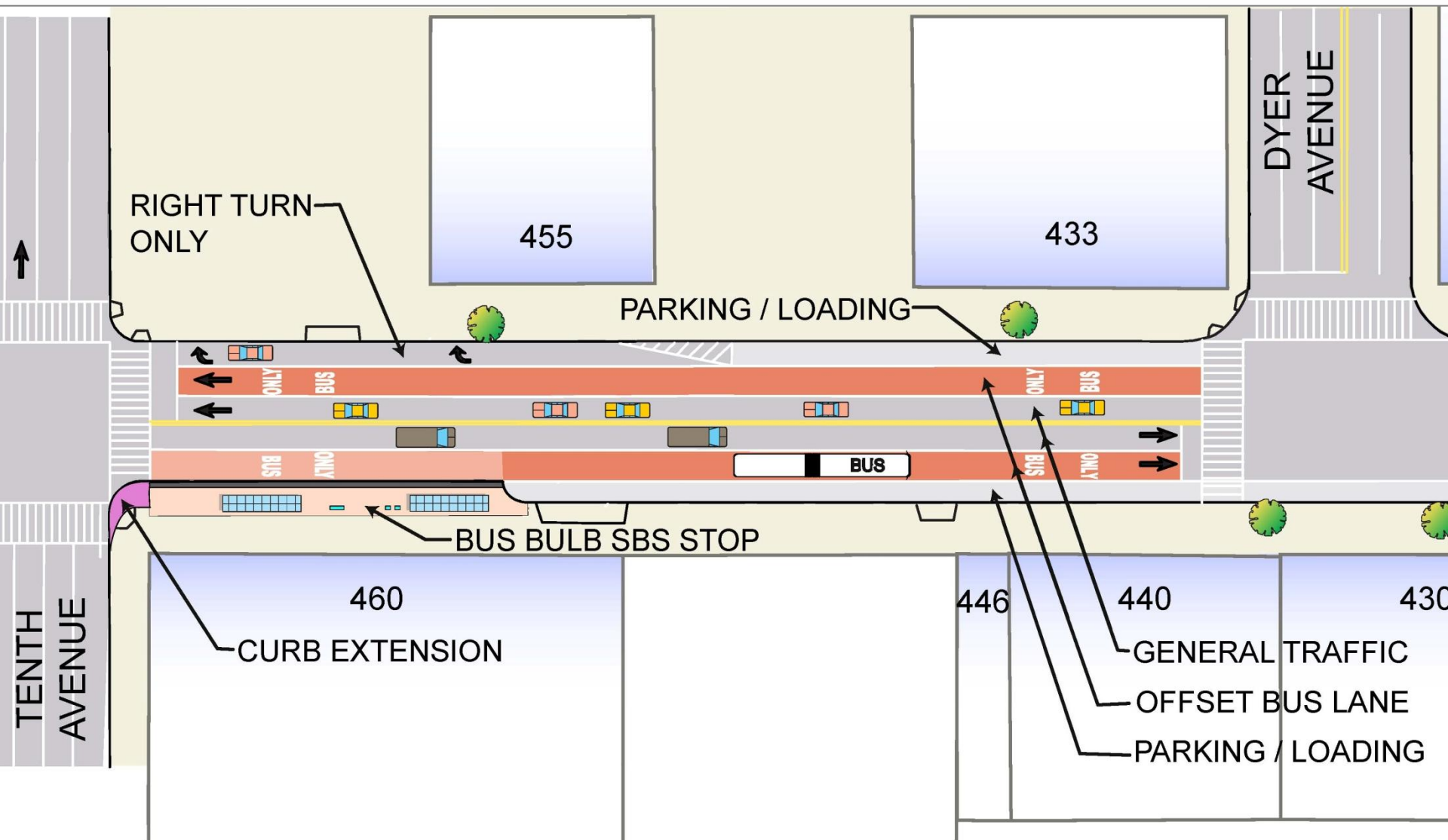
**52 ft wide section:
Third Ave to
Ninth Ave**



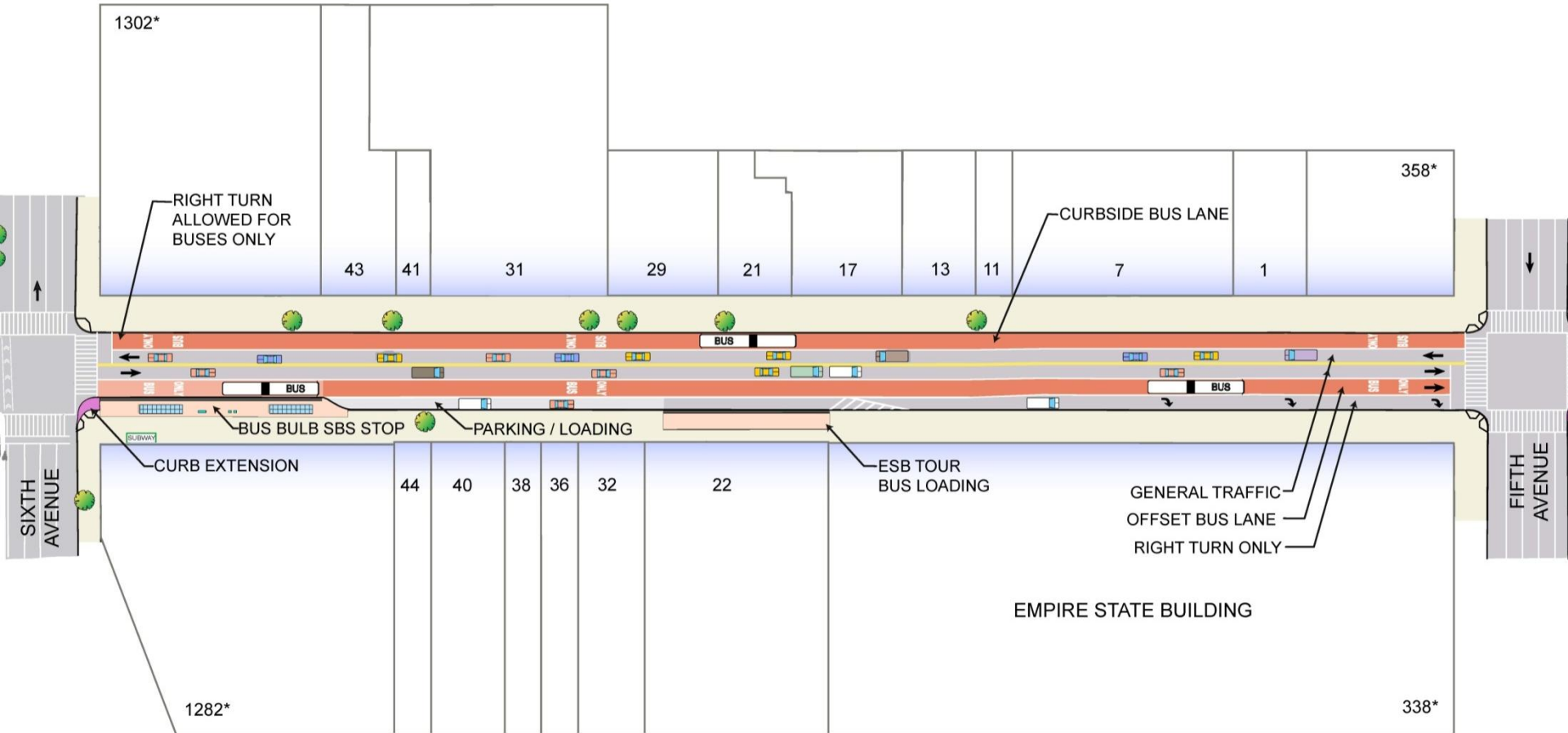
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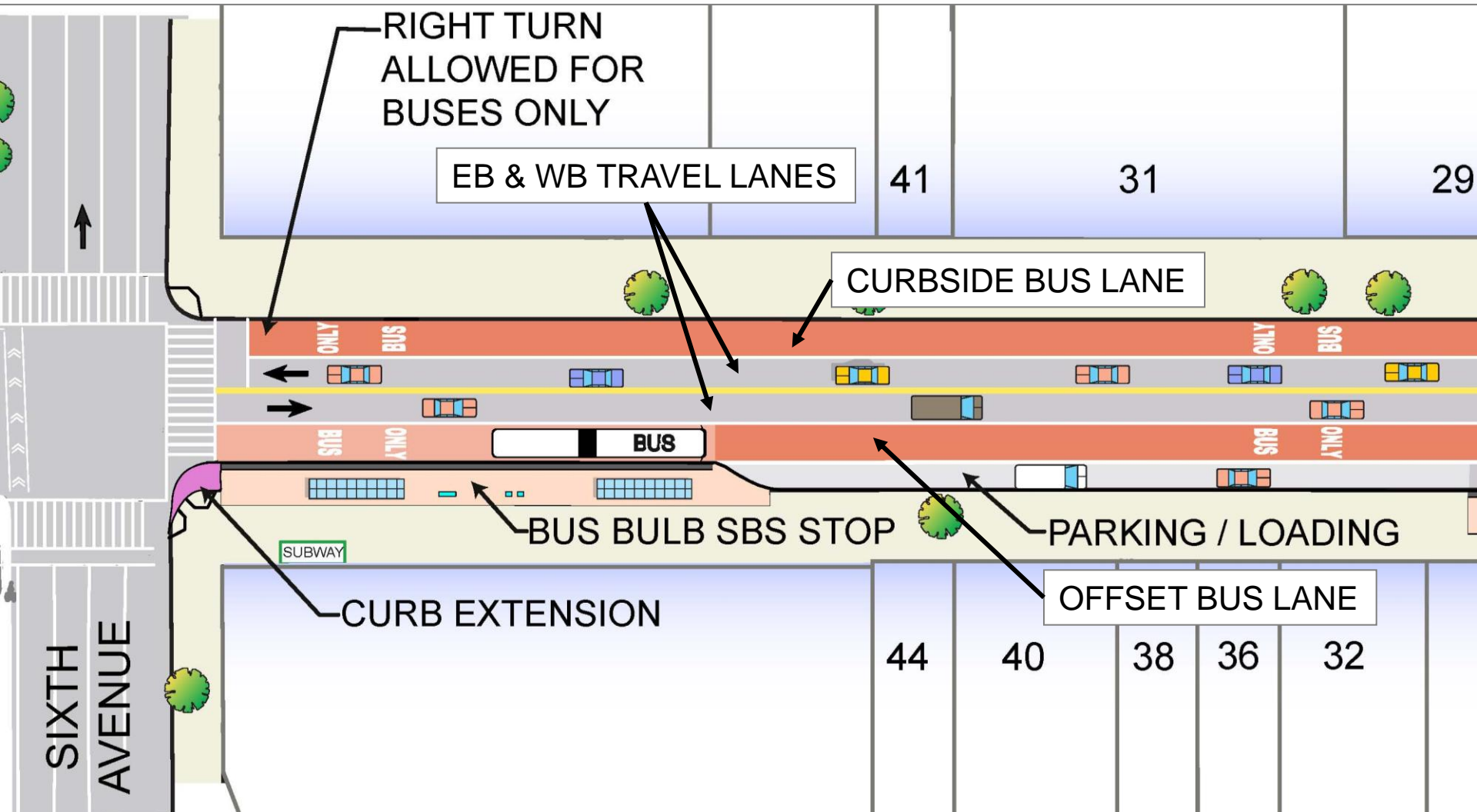
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Sample Block: Sixth Ave to Fifth Ave



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Project Benefits

- **Bus Service:** improves bus reliability and increase bus speeds for over 33,000 daily riders
- **Pedestrians:** adds 18,000 sq. ft. of new pedestrian space, reducing crowding and improving safety
- **Loading:** increases daytime loading from 55 to 355 spaces with a loading zone on every block
- **Design:** uses standard bus and pedestrian design elements; emergency vehicles could use the improved bus lanes
- **Traffic:** maintains 2-way traffic from river to river, avoids traffic spillover onto parallel side streets

Next Steps

- **Open houses - March 30 and 31**
 - Feedback on the design
- **Traffic analysis**
 - Results in Fall 2011
- **Environmental Assessment (EA)**
 - Draft for public review in late 2011/early 2012
- **Next project update**
 - Late Spring 2011

Question and Answer

Please Spread The Word:

- **Open House East**

- Date: Wednesday, March 30
- Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- Location: Norman Thomas HS, 6th floor Cafeteria
111 East 33rd Street
(at Park Avenue)

- **Open House West**

- Date: Thursday, March 31
- Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- Location: New Yorker Hotel, Sutton Place Suite, 3rd floor
481 8th Avenue (at 34th Street)