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

Development of proposed design by DOT

Design revision based on public input and traffic analysis

Environmental Review

Winter 2011
- CAC #3

Spring 2011
- CAC #4
- Public Meetings (2)

Summer 2011
- Project Update: Update on design revision & project progress

Fall 2011
- Traffic analysis: Presentation to CAC and public for comment
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
2012 Proposed Plan: Offset Bus Lane

- Parking Lane/Bus Stops
- Off Set Bus Lane
2012 Proposed Plan: Bus Bulbs

Plan: Double Bus - Double Shelter

Existing Sidewalk

Bus Bulb

Parking
2012 Proposed Plan: Overview

- 60 ft Roadway
- 52 ft Roadway
- 60 ft Roadway
2012 Proposed Plan: Overview

60 ft wide section:
East of Third Ave
West of Ninth Ave
2012 Proposed Plan: Overview

52 ft wide section: Third Ave to Ninth Ave
Sample Block: Tenth Ave to Ninth Ave
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- **Right Turn Only**
- **Parking / Loading**
- **Bus Bulb SBS Stop**
- **Curb Extension**
- **General Traffic**
- **Offset Bus Lane**
- **Parking / Loading**
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)