

Safe Streets for Seniors - Outreach

Flatbush, Brooklyn

Dorchester Senior Center
September 14, 2012

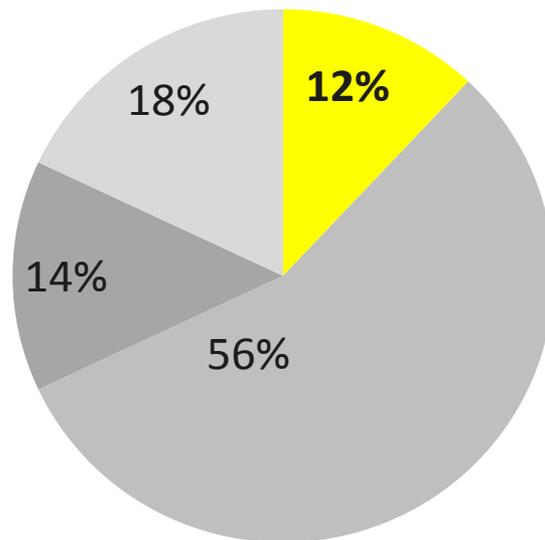
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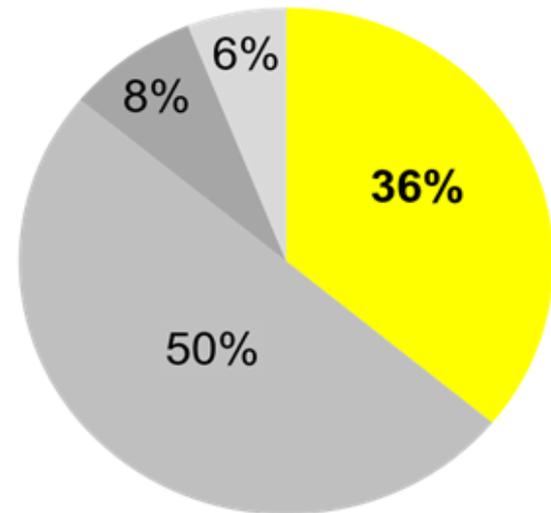
Senior Pedestrians

- 12% of the population in NYC are seniors
- 36% of pedestrian traffic fatalities are seniors

NYC Population



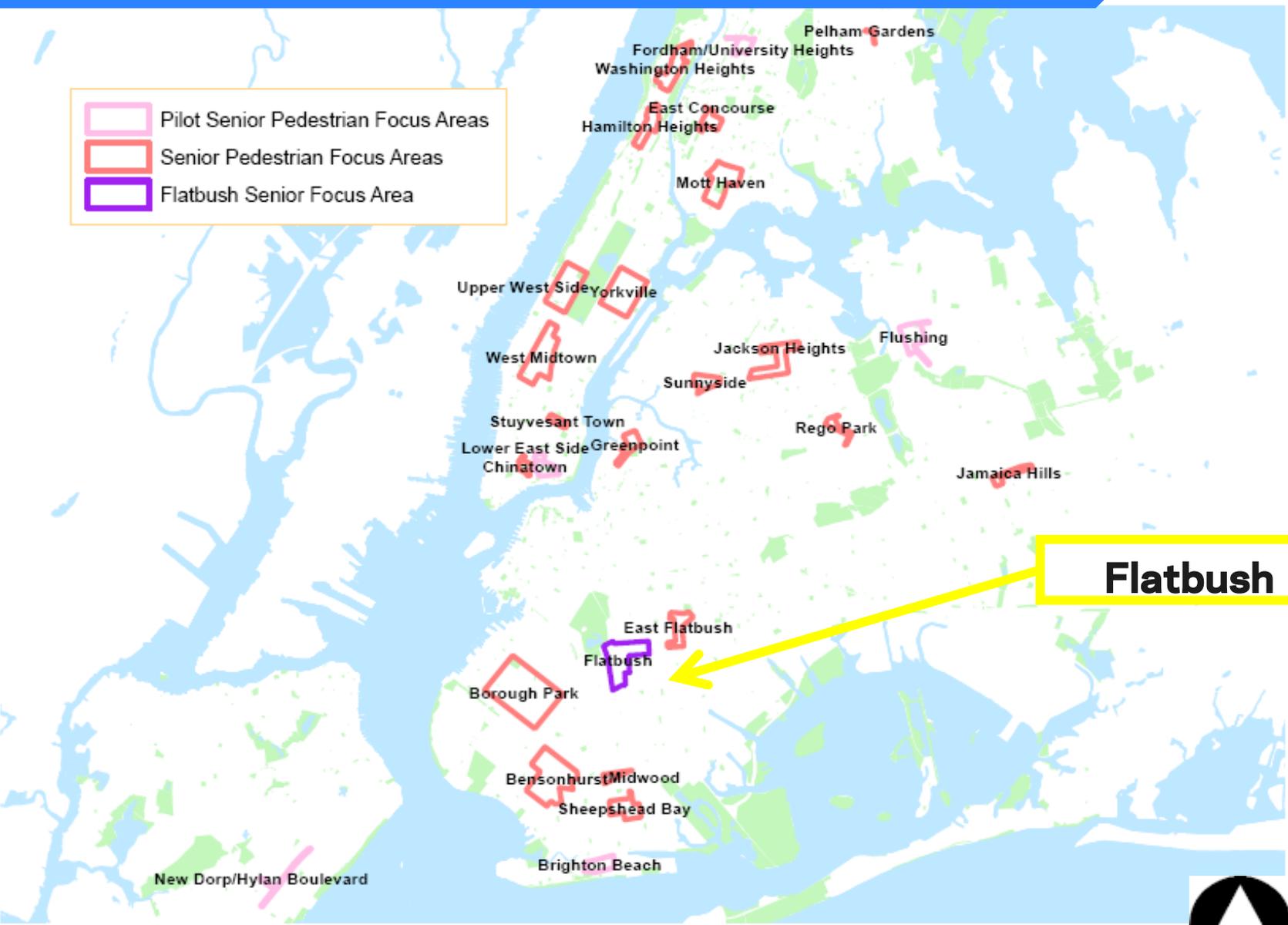
NYC Traffic Fatalities



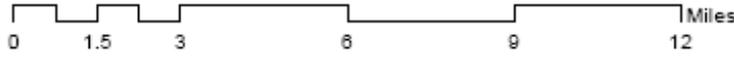
- Seniors (65+)
- Adults (25-65)
- Young Adults (15-24)
- Children (0-14)

NYC's Safe Streets for Seniors

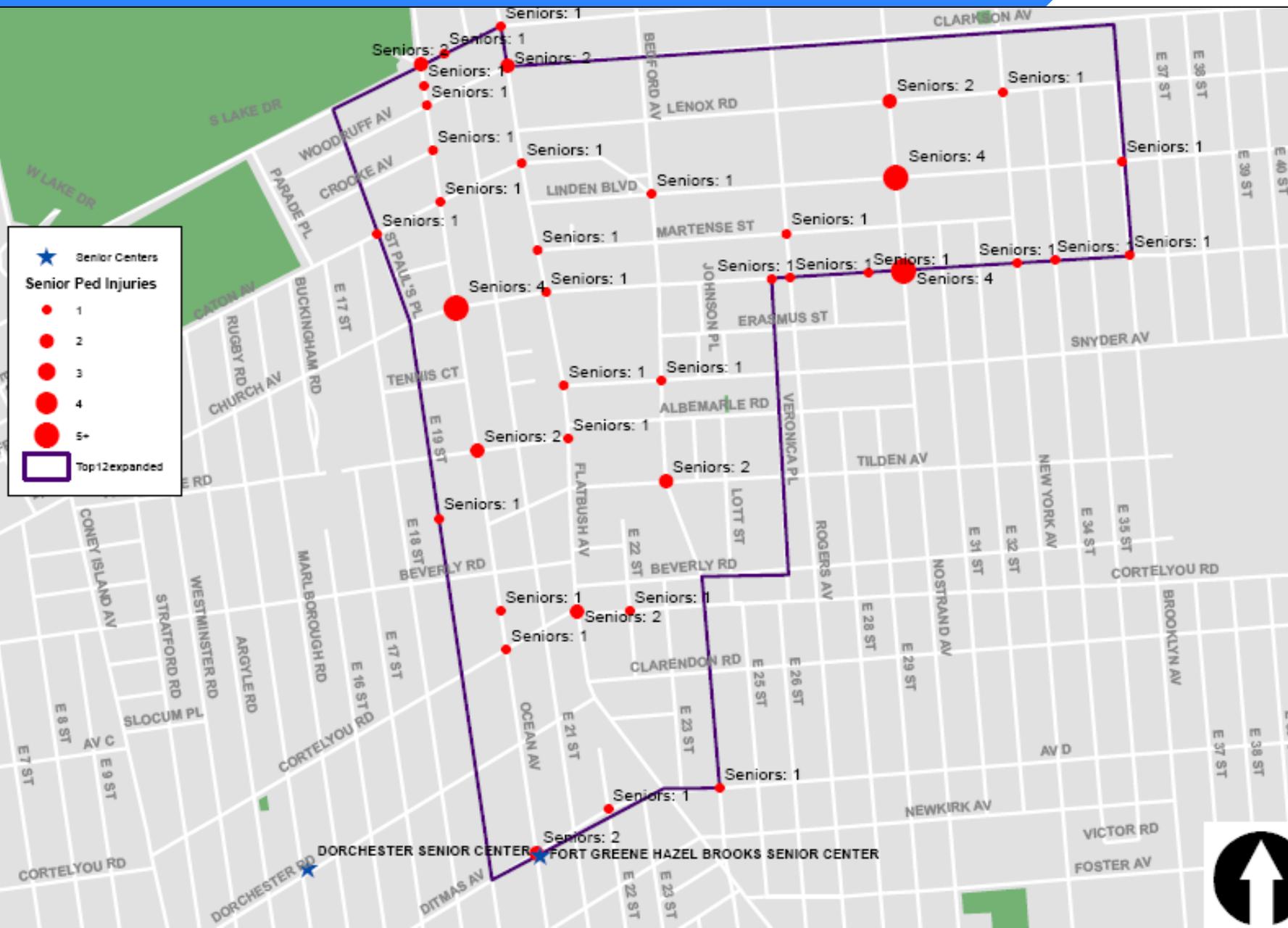
- Pilot Senior Pedestrian Focus Areas
- Senior Pedestrian Focus Areas
- Flatbush Senior Focus Area



Flatbush



Flatbush Senior Focus Area



DOT Toolbox



Daylighting: Better driver-pedestrian visibility



Countdown Signals: Tell pedestrians how much more time they have to cross



Signal Timing: Can add more time to cross where possible



Pedestrian Refuge Islands: Shortens crossings on wide streets, provides safer crossing



Road Diet: Organizes traffic, less speeding



Sidewalk Extension: Shortens crossing distance, slows turning cars

Ocean & Parkside

- Example safety project from 2012
- Intersection has 18 pedestrian injuries (including 2 seniors) between 2006-10
- Community requested safety improvements



Before



After

Flatbush Ave



Flatbush and Snyder



Flatbush and Clarkson

- Flatbush one of the most dangerous corridors in Brooklyn (top 10%)
 - 144 pedestrian injuries (2006-10)
 - 9 senior injuries along Flatbush between Parkside and Avenue D
- High Pedestrian Crash Location at Flatbush and Ave D (2009) with 13 pedestrian injuries



Example safety improvements

Ocean Ave



50-foot-wide crossing at Albermarle Rd



50-foot-wide crossing south side Ocean and Church

- Ocean Ave is very wide (50 feet)
- 14 seniors injured along Ocean Ave (Parkside to Avenue D)
- Island built at Church Ave in 2009



Pedestrian Island example from Ocean Ave and Church Ave (north side)

Linden Blvd



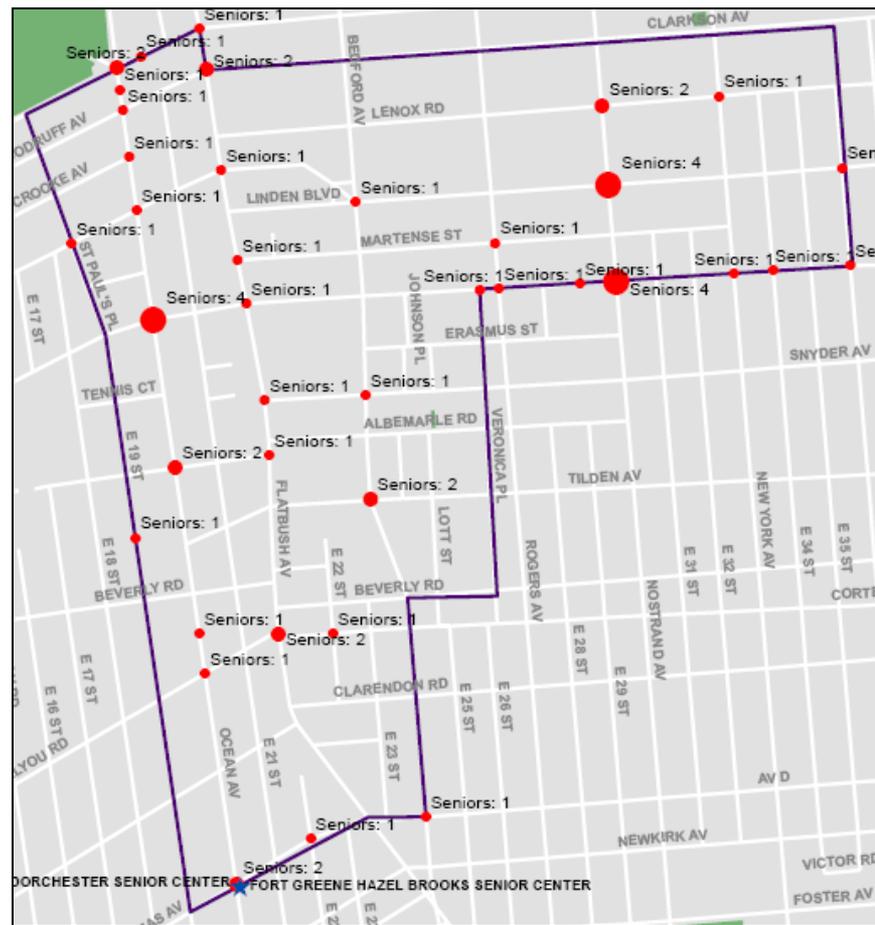
- 55 feet wide with center painted median
- Several senior injuries along the avenue, especially at Bedford Ave, Nostrand Ave, and Brooklyn Ave



Example safety treatment : pedestrian island

Flatbush Senior Focus Area

- How do you usually travel around your neighborhood?
- Do seniors get around the same way?
- Which crosswalks in the study area feel least safe to cross?
- Does the senior crash data cover the most important locations?
- What other locations need safety improvements for seniors/disabled?
- Are there treatments from the DOT toolbox that would help your neighborhood?
- What other street treatments would you suggest in the study area?



Questions?

Thank
You

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