Astoria Park Study Area

Existing Conditions/Perceptions

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Existing Conditions

AGENDA

- **Brief Project Introduction**
- **Participation:**
  - **Neighborhood Map Activity (15 min)**
  - **Discuss Potential Routes Activity (20 min)**
  - **Groups Report Back (5 – 10 min)**

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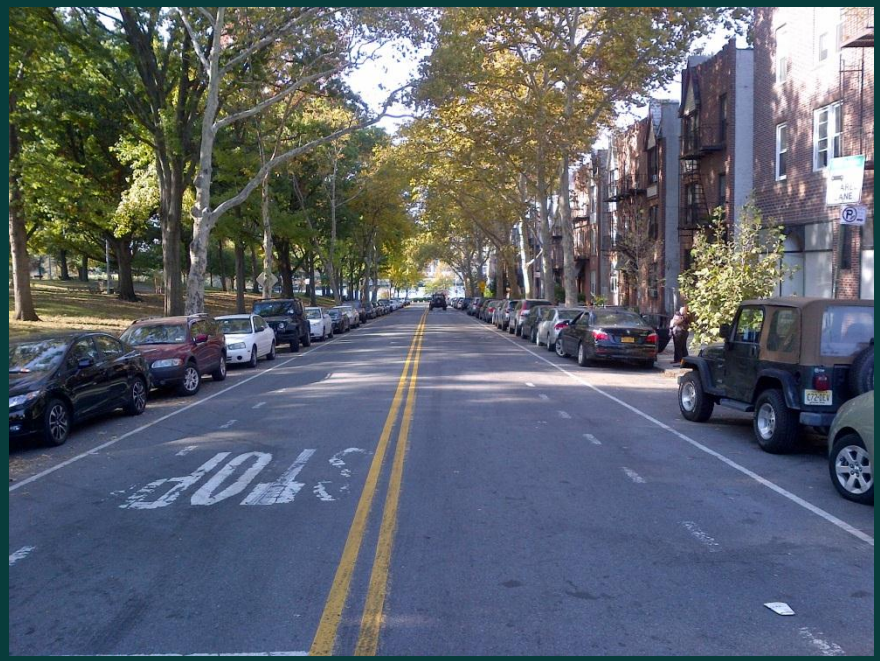
Project Goals and Outcomes

Gathering Community Input

- Enhance safety for all road users
- Improve the pedestrian, vehicular and bicycle network around Astoria Park
- Facilitate access to recreation and commuter options by increasing connectivity

<u>Outcomes</u>

- Explore realistic changes to the street network that DOT can efficiently implement.



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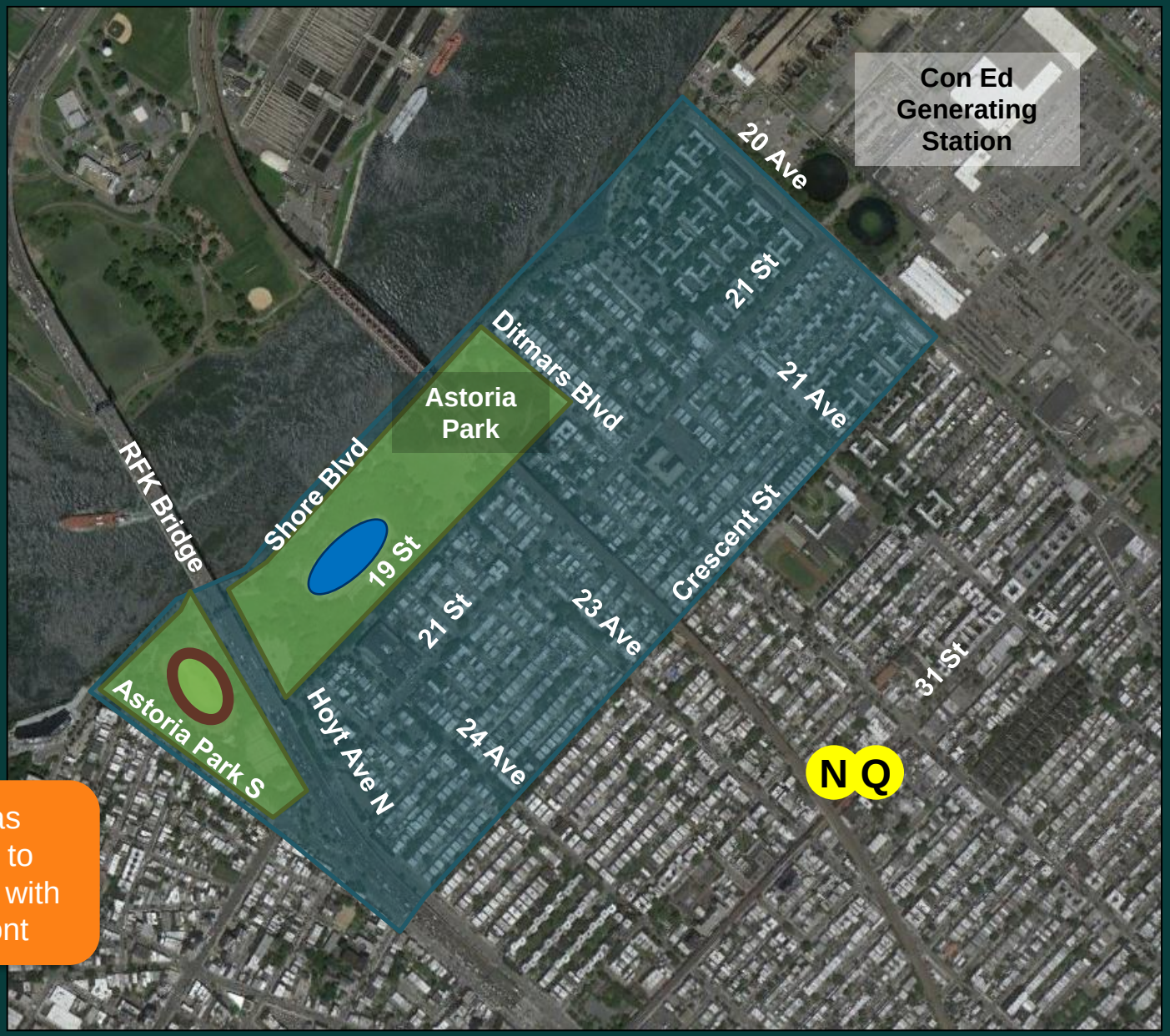
Study Area

Bounded by:

- **Waterfront**
- **20th Ave**
- **Crescent St**
- **Astoria Park South/Hoyt Ave**



The community has expressed a desire to connect Astoria Park with the scenic waterfront

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Shore Blvd – Existing Conditions

- **Between Astoria Park and waterfront**
- **30' Wide**
  - 2-way street
  - parking on west side
- **Volume:**
  - NB 142
  - SB 145
- **Adjacent 2-way bike & pedestrian path in park**

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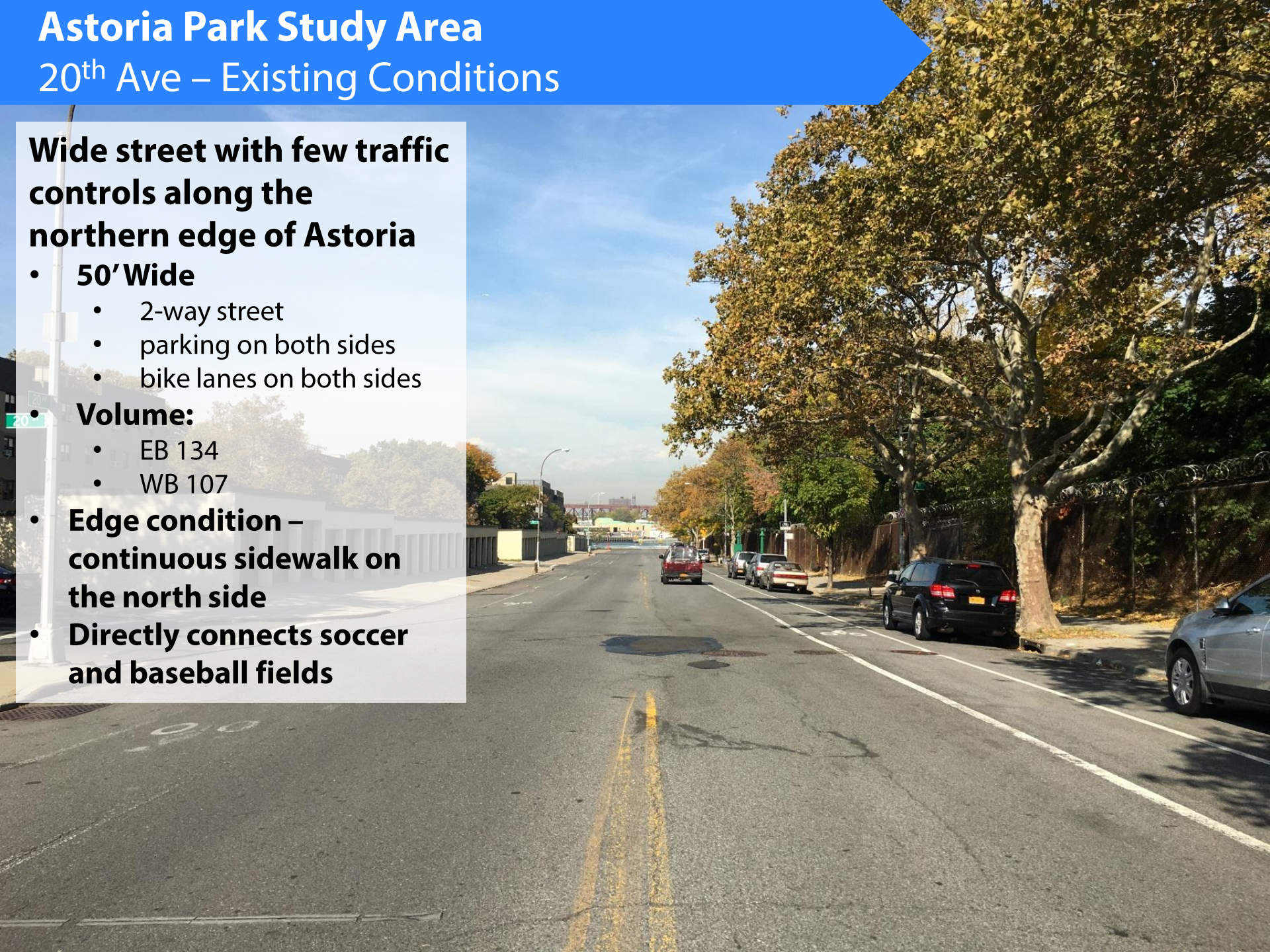
20th Ave – Existing Conditions



Wide street with few traffic controls along the northern edge of Astoria

- **50' Wide**
  - 2-way street
  - parking on both sides
  - bike lanes on both sides
- **Volume:**
  - EB 134
  - WB 107
- **Edge condition – continuous sidewalk on the north side**
- **Directly connects soccer and baseball fields**

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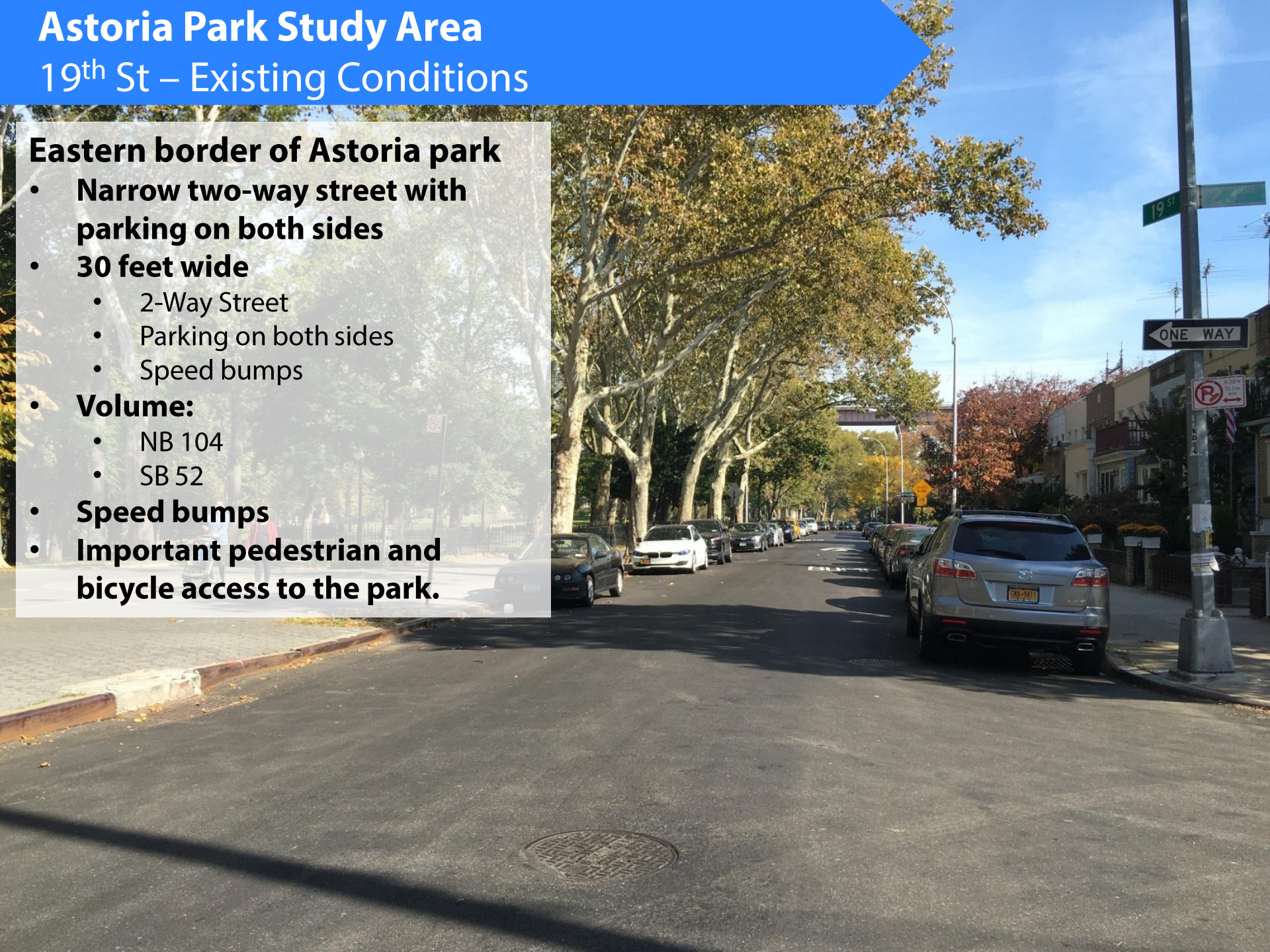
19th St – Existing Conditions



Eastern border of Astoria park

- **Narrow two-way street with parking on both sides**
- **30 feet wide**
  - 2-Way Street
  - Parking on both sides
  - Speed bumps
- **Volume:**
  - NB 104
  - SB 52
- **Speed bumps**
- **Important pedestrian and bicycle access to the park.**

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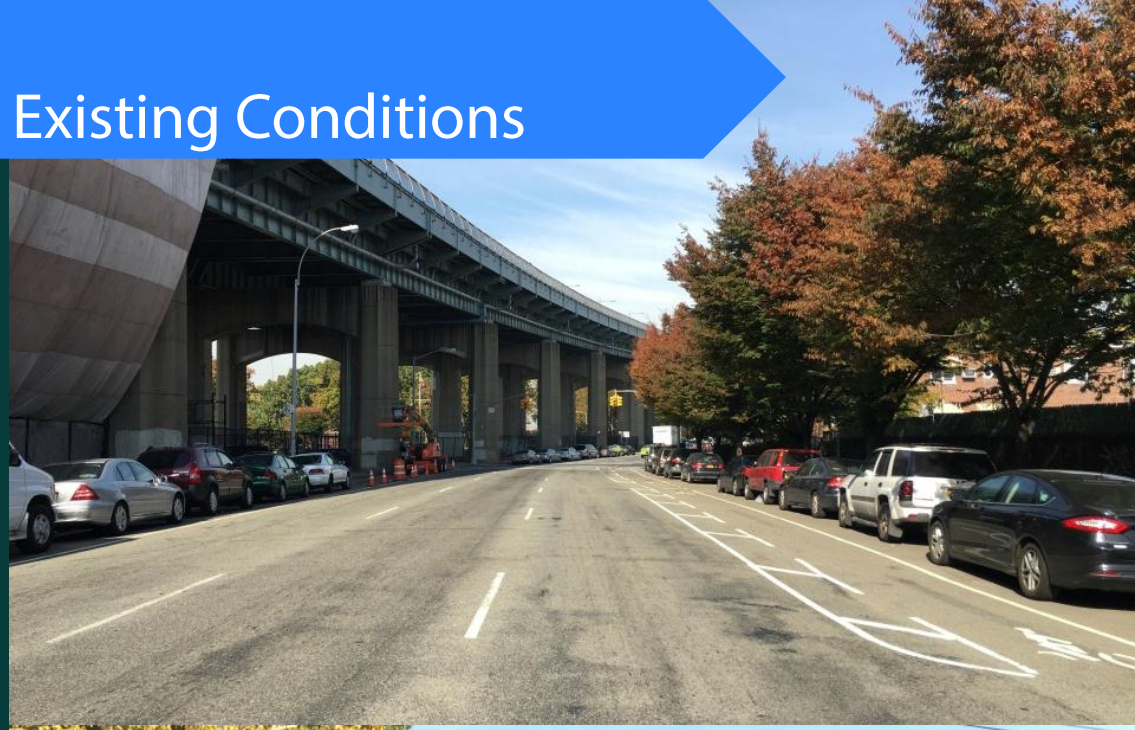
Hoyt Ave N/Astoria Park S – Existing Conditions

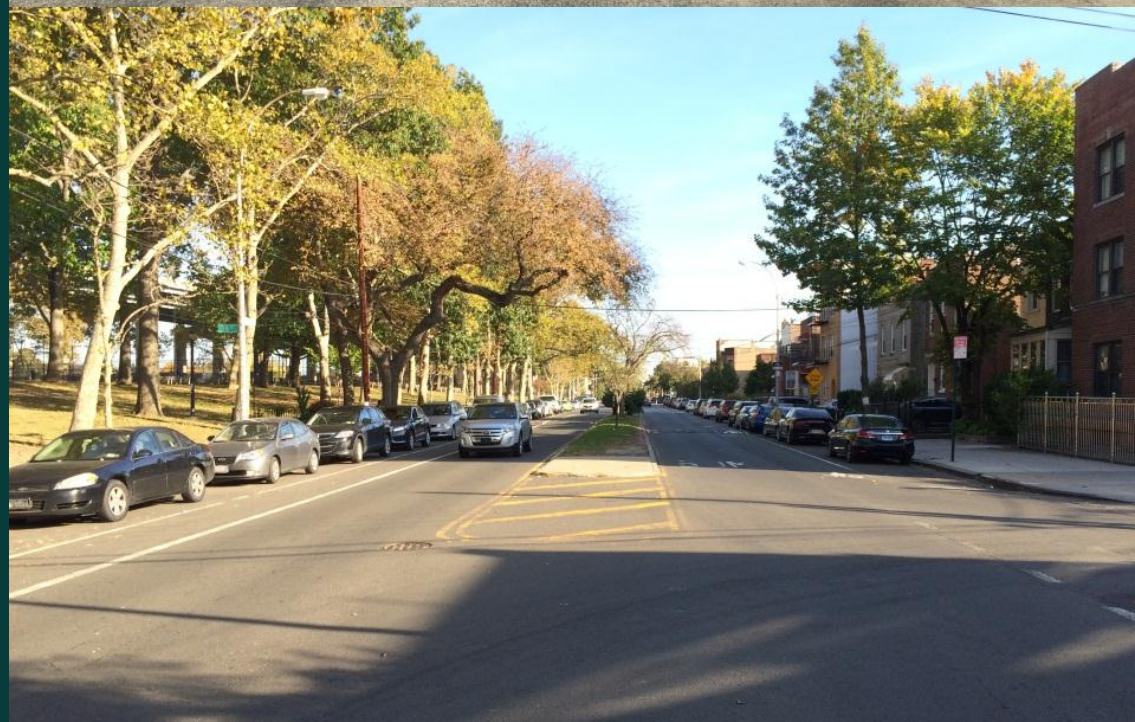
Hoyt Ave – 64' Wide

- One-way
- 3 lane street
- parking on both sides
- Bike lane
- Volume:
  - WB 1210
- **Ped/Bike access to RFK**
- **Heavy volume coming from BQE**



Astoria Park South – 58' Wide

- Two-way street
- median
- parking on both sides
- Bike lanes
- Volume
  - EB 275
  - WB 79
- **Quiet residential street on south side of park**



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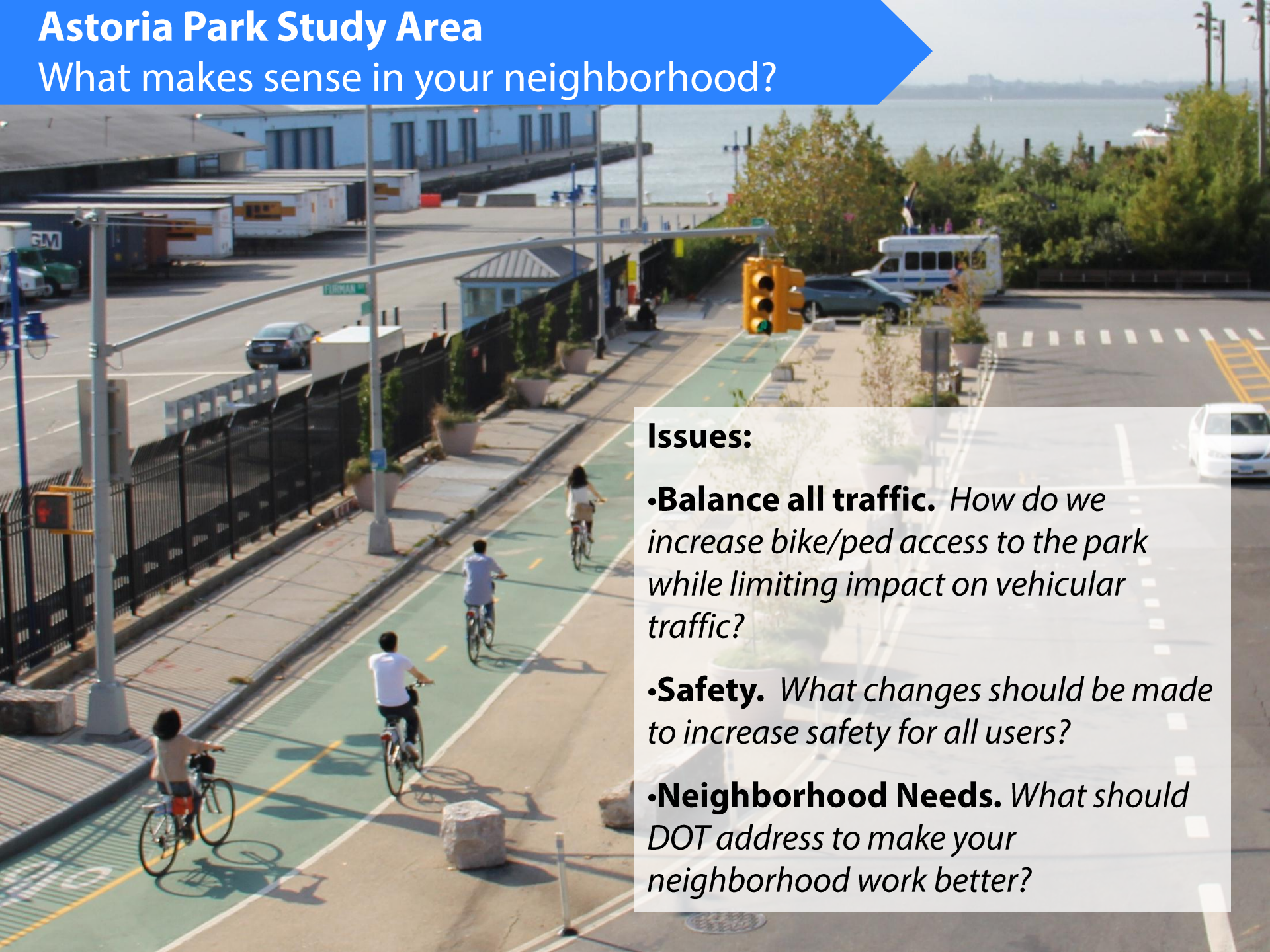
What makes sense in your neighborhood?



Issues:

- **Balance all traffic.** *How do we increase bike/ped access to the park while limiting impact on vehicular traffic?*
- **Safety.** *What changes should be made to increase safety for all users?*
- **Neighborhood Needs.** *What should DOT address to make your neighborhood work better?*

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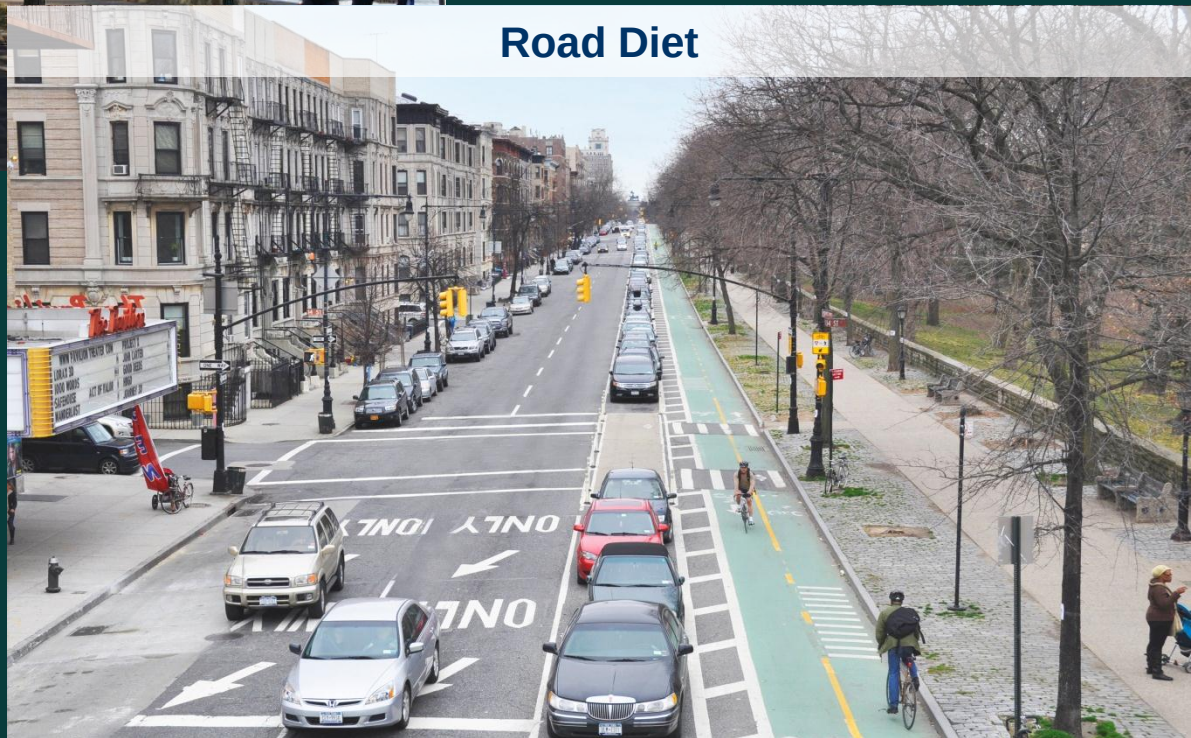
Traffic Calming Tools

Speed Humps

Road Diet



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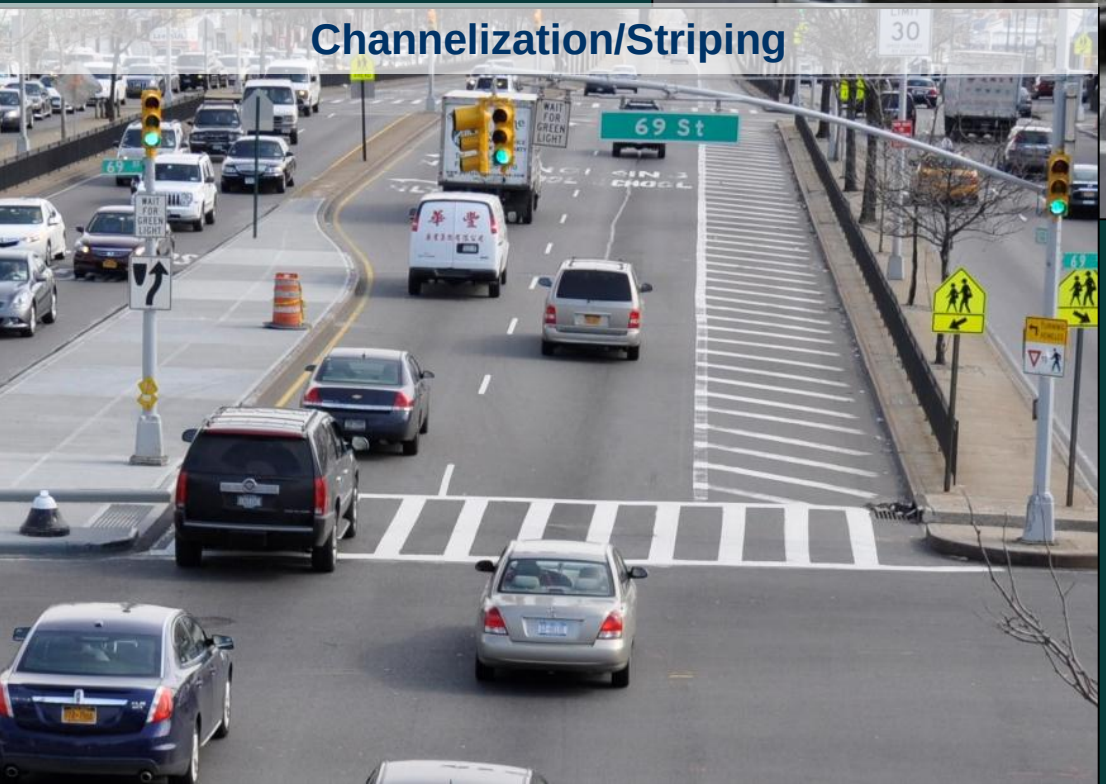

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Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Pedestrian Refuge Islands

Neck Downs

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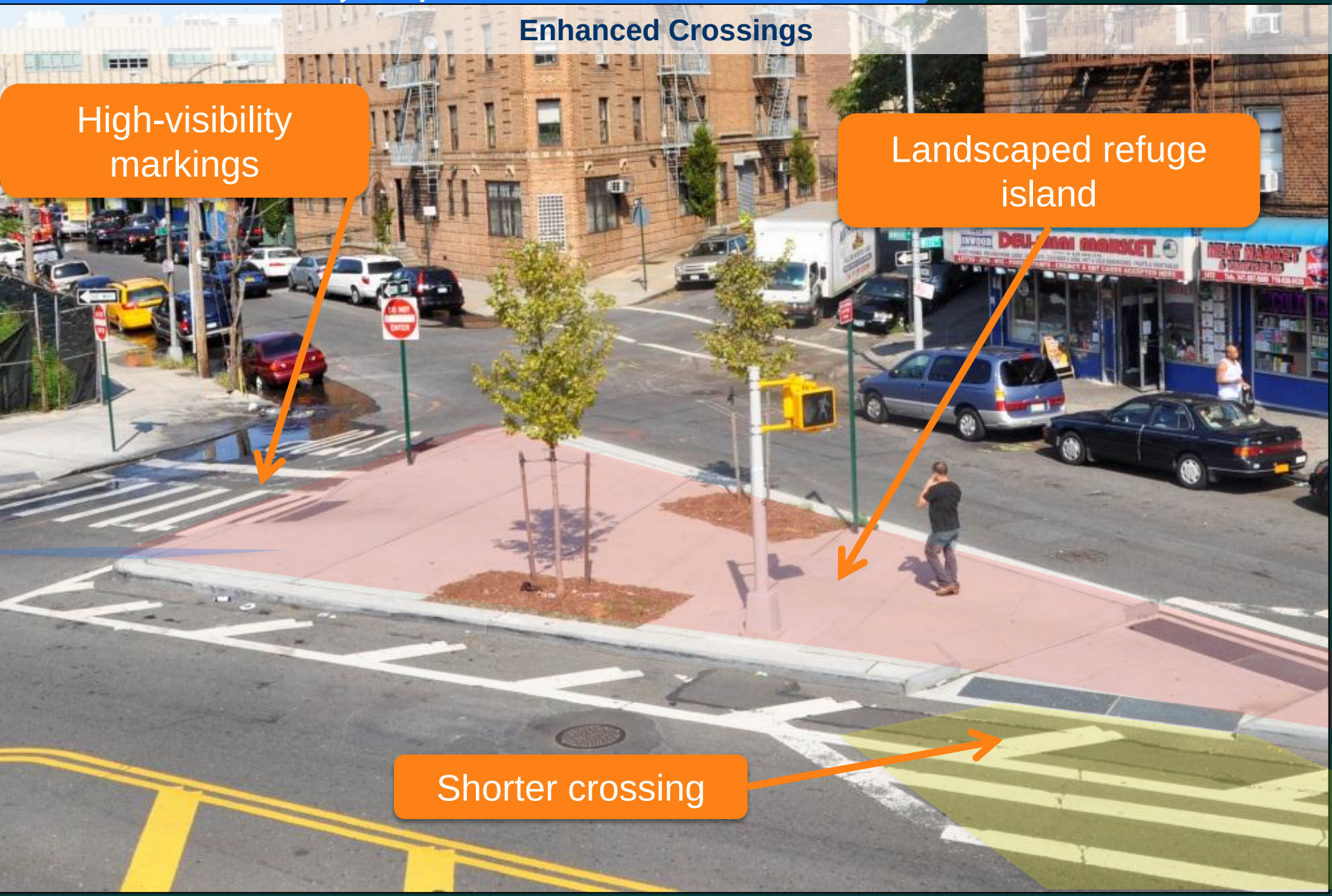
Enhanced Crossings



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Bicycle Facilities

Bike Lanes

Shared Lanes

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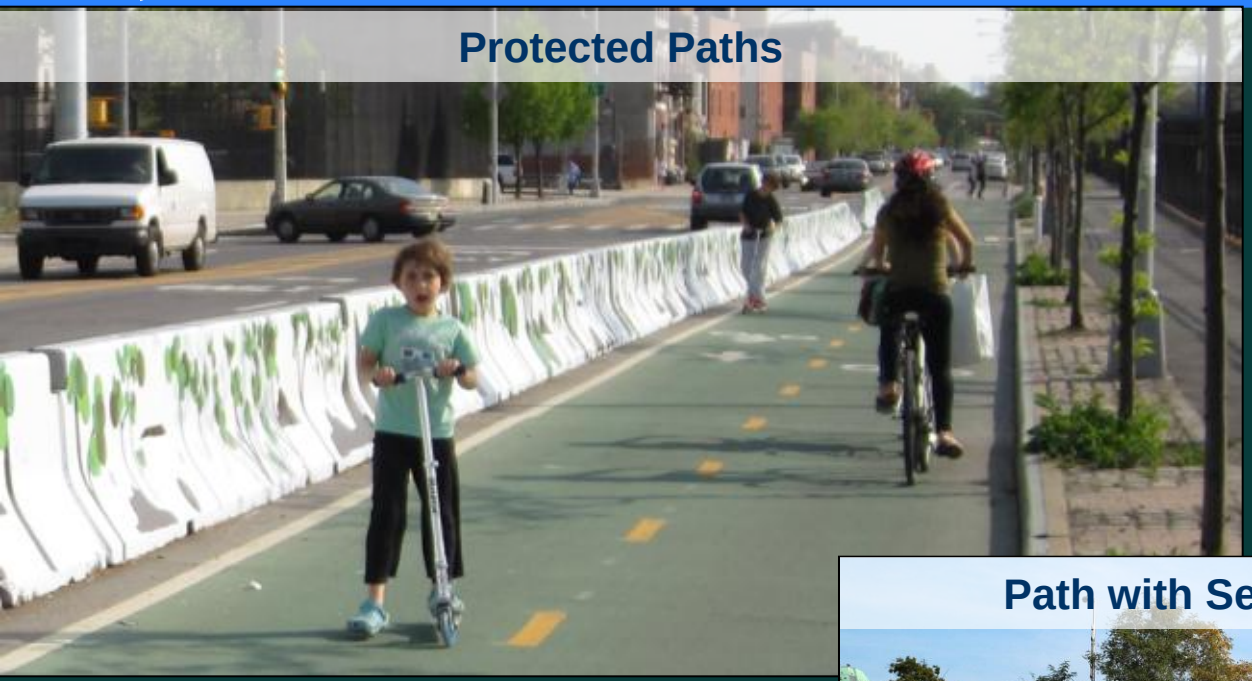
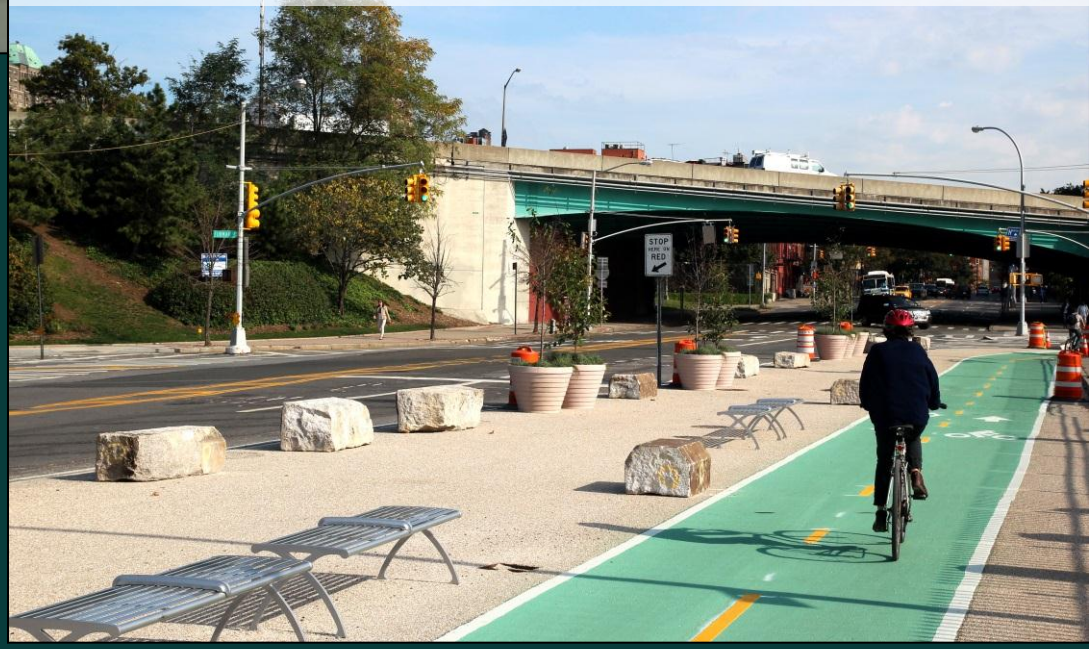
Protected Paths



Path with Seating Area and Plantings



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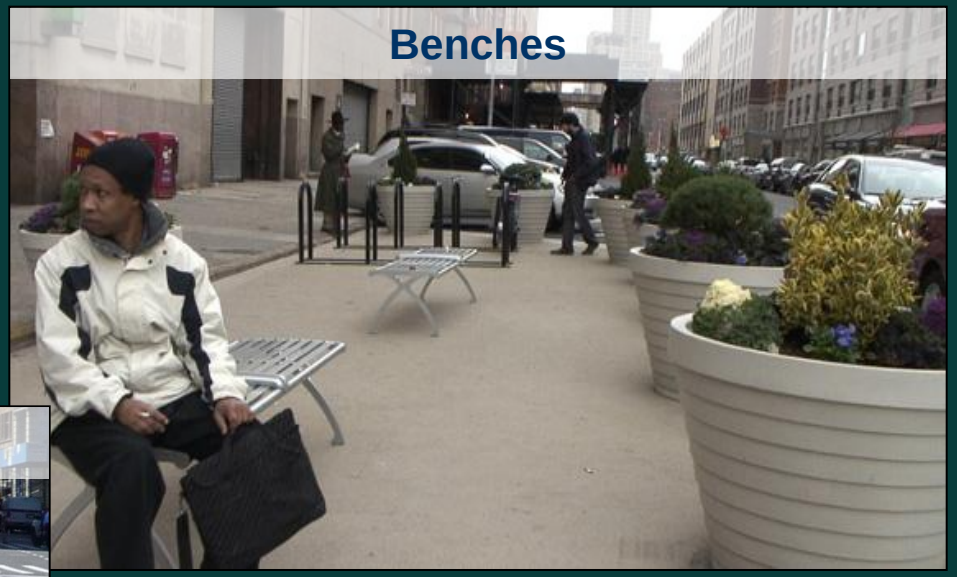
Street Furniture

Benches



Granite Blocks

Planters

Break Out Session – Step 1
Neighborhood Activity

15 min

- **GREEN DOTS: Destinations**
  - Recreational destinations
  - Employment hubs
  - Neighborhood Locations (stores, churches, hospitals, transit, etc)
  - Opportunities – should we be considering new places?
- **RED DOTS: Issues**
  - Unsafe crossings (for biking and walking)
  - Missing connections
  - Places you feel uncomfortable

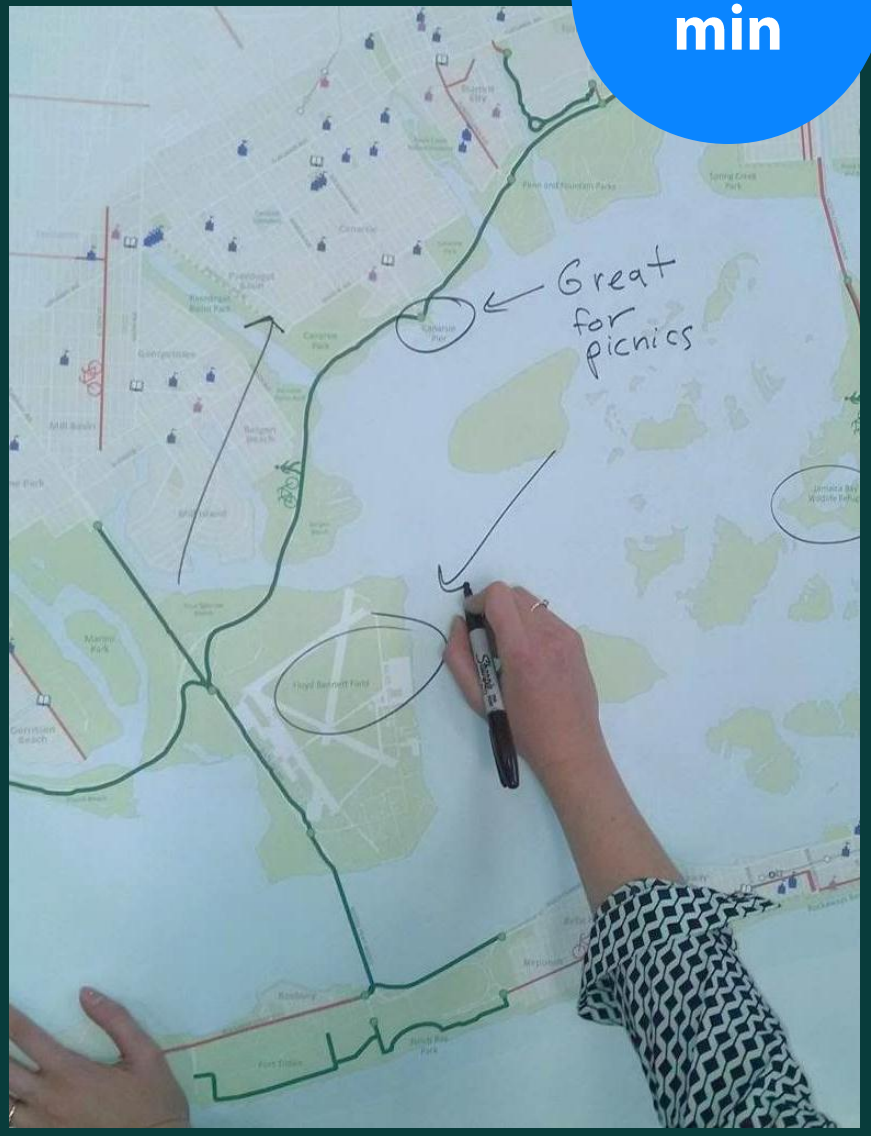
Feel free to write on the map!

Break Out Session – Step 2
Identifying Potential Routes Activity

20 min

- **Connections:**
  - Use the dots already placed on the maps and consider biking, walking, or driving routes that can be improved.

- **Prioritize needs for improvements**
  - Discuss plusses and minuses of each route with the group.



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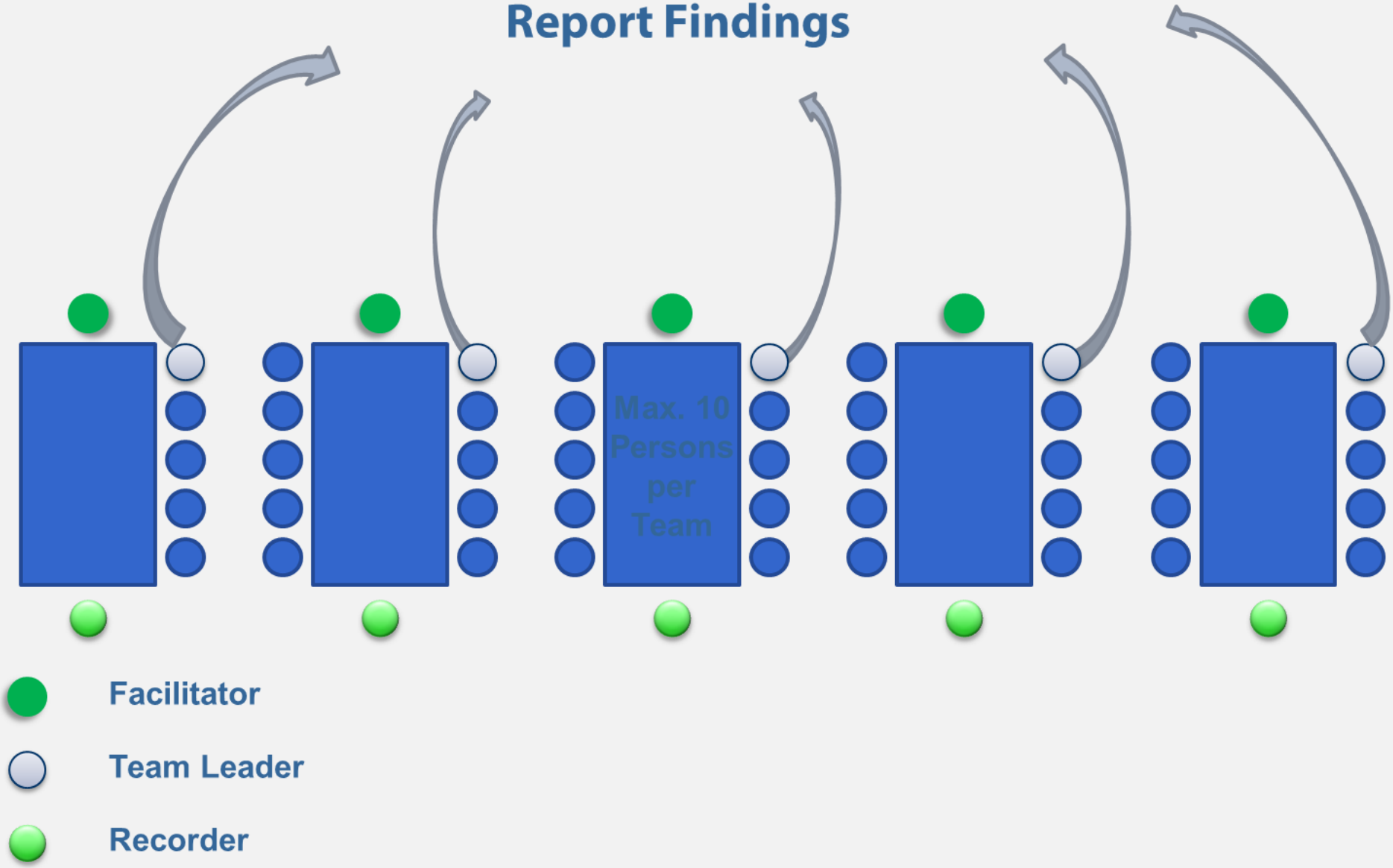
Break Out Groups

30 Minutes Discussion, 10 Minutes Share Out



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Questions?

Thank You!