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DOT BREAKS GROUND ON NEW BIKE PATH IN DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN

The New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) today announced that initial work began this week on a new two-way bicycle path on Tillary Street, between Cadman Plaza West and the Brooklyn Bridge Bike/Foot Path. The new bike path will be completed later this month.

“Bike usage continues to rise in this area and Tillary Street is a popular route to both the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges,” said DOT Commissioner Iris Weinshall. “The improvements to the existing bike lanes along with the new two-way path on Tillary Street will create a safer biking experience for all New Yorkers.”

The improvements were developed in collaboration with a number of local stakeholders. The bike path was made possible because of Mayor Bloomberg’s initiative to reduce street parking spaces devoted to government entities. The bike path required the elimination of approximately 20 parking spaces previously dedicated to various court operations.

The main elements of the project are shown in the attached map and described below:

- **Clinton Street Bike Lane Shift Across Traffic Eliminated.**
Currently bicyclists using the northbound bike lane must shift from the west side of the street to the east side across parallel traffic. The bike lane north of Joralemon Street will be moved from the east side of Clinton Street to the west side, eliminating this shift and putting cyclists in position to enter the Tillary Street Path.
- **Refurbished Bike Lane on Repaved Street.**
Clinton Street from Atlantic Avenue to Cadman Plaza West will be repaved. This will allow for the application of new bike lane markings to replace the faded bike lane and provide a smooth surface for cyclists.
- **Two-Way Separated Bike Path on Tillary Street.**
The path will be located along the north curb of Tillary Street from Clinton



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Street/Cadman Plaza West to Adams Street. The path will be 12 feet wide and protected from traffic with a Jersey barrier placed within an 8 foot channelization (striped) area. Dedicated signal facings will be provided for bicyclists and unique intersection markings will guide cyclists to the Brooklyn Bridge path halfway across Adams Street.

- **Traffic Signal Improvements at Intersection of Adams & Tillary Street.**

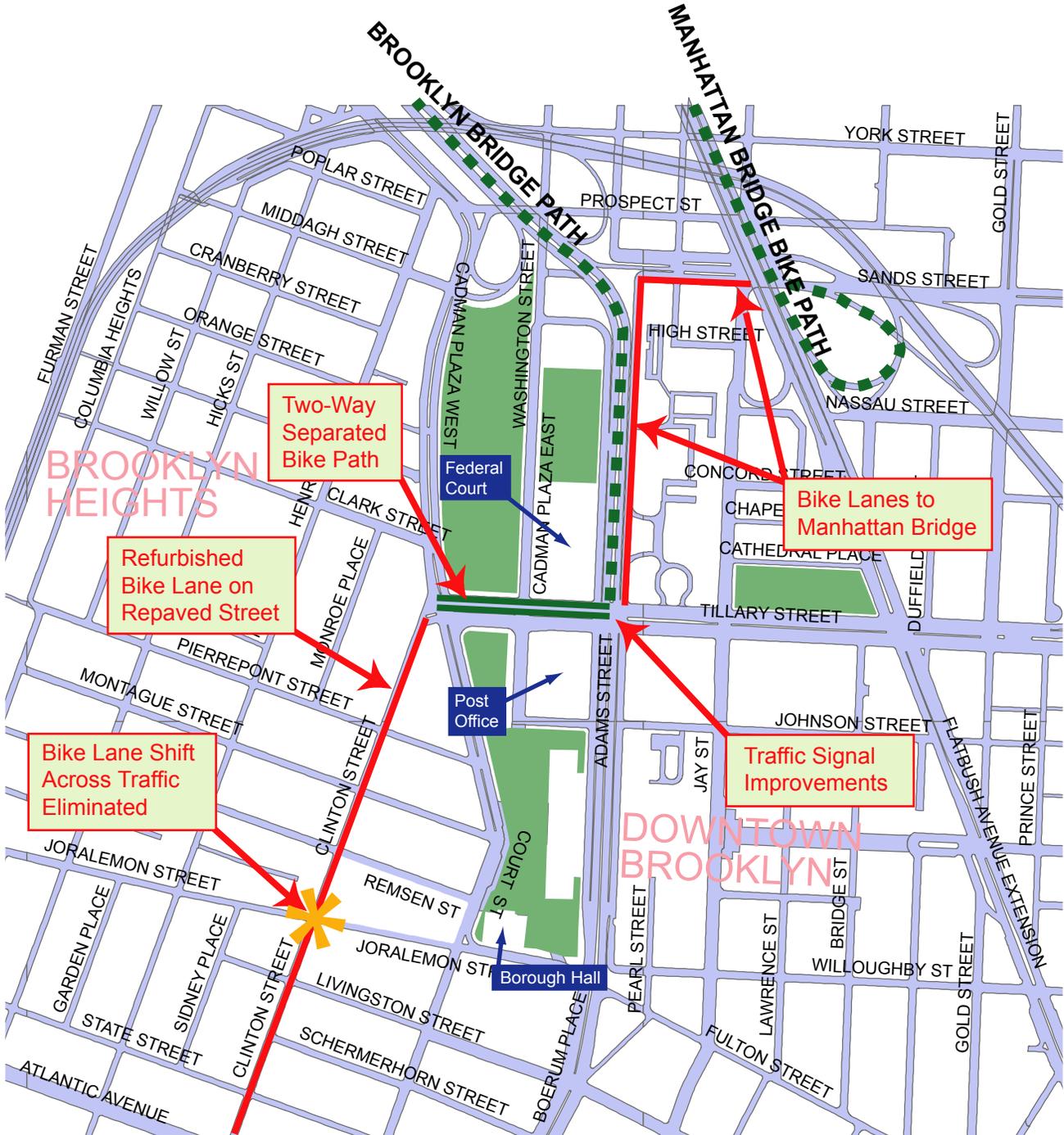
Signal times will be adjusted to provide pedestrians more time to cross Adams Street between the Brooklyn Bridge path and points west which include Fulton Ferry Landing and the Brooklyn Heights Promenade— a popular walking route for the many tourists who walk over the Bridge. In addition, more “Walk” time is being provided to cross Tillary Street.

- **Bike Lanes to the Manhattan Bridge on the East Adams Street Service Road and Sands Street.**

These new bike lanes provide an inbound route for cyclists using the new bike path on Tillary Street to directly reach the Manhattan Bridge bike path entrance on Sands Street. These marked bike lanes are on low volume streets and provide a direct alternative for many bicyclists who may currently use the higher volume combination of Tillary Street and Jay Street to reach the Manhattan Bridge from the Clinton Street lane.

Over the last 4 years DOT has made significant improvements to the cycling infrastructure in Brooklyn by creating 10 new miles of bike lanes and a bicycle only path on the north side of the Manhattan Bridge. Earlier this year, DOT announced plans for the Sands Street bike path to the Manhattan Bridge, which is scheduled for construction next year. Despite the significant growth in the number of cyclists in this area, injuries are occurring less frequently than they were four years ago. In 2004, 28% fewer cyclists were injured in the greater Downtown Brooklyn area than in 2001.

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