

# Maspeth Bypass and Intersection Normalization, Queens

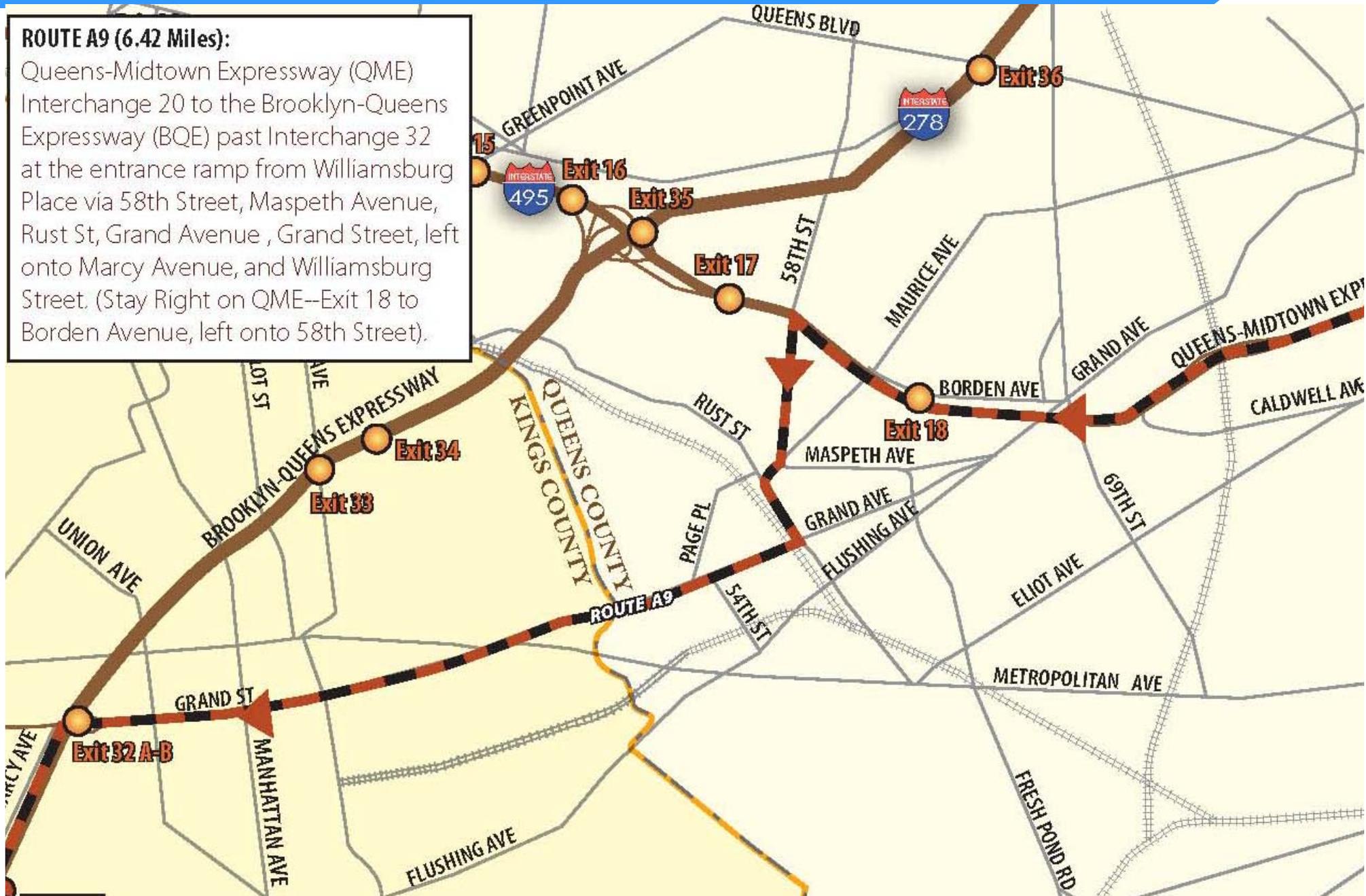


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# Proposed Maspeth Bypass

## ROUTE A9 (6.42 Miles):

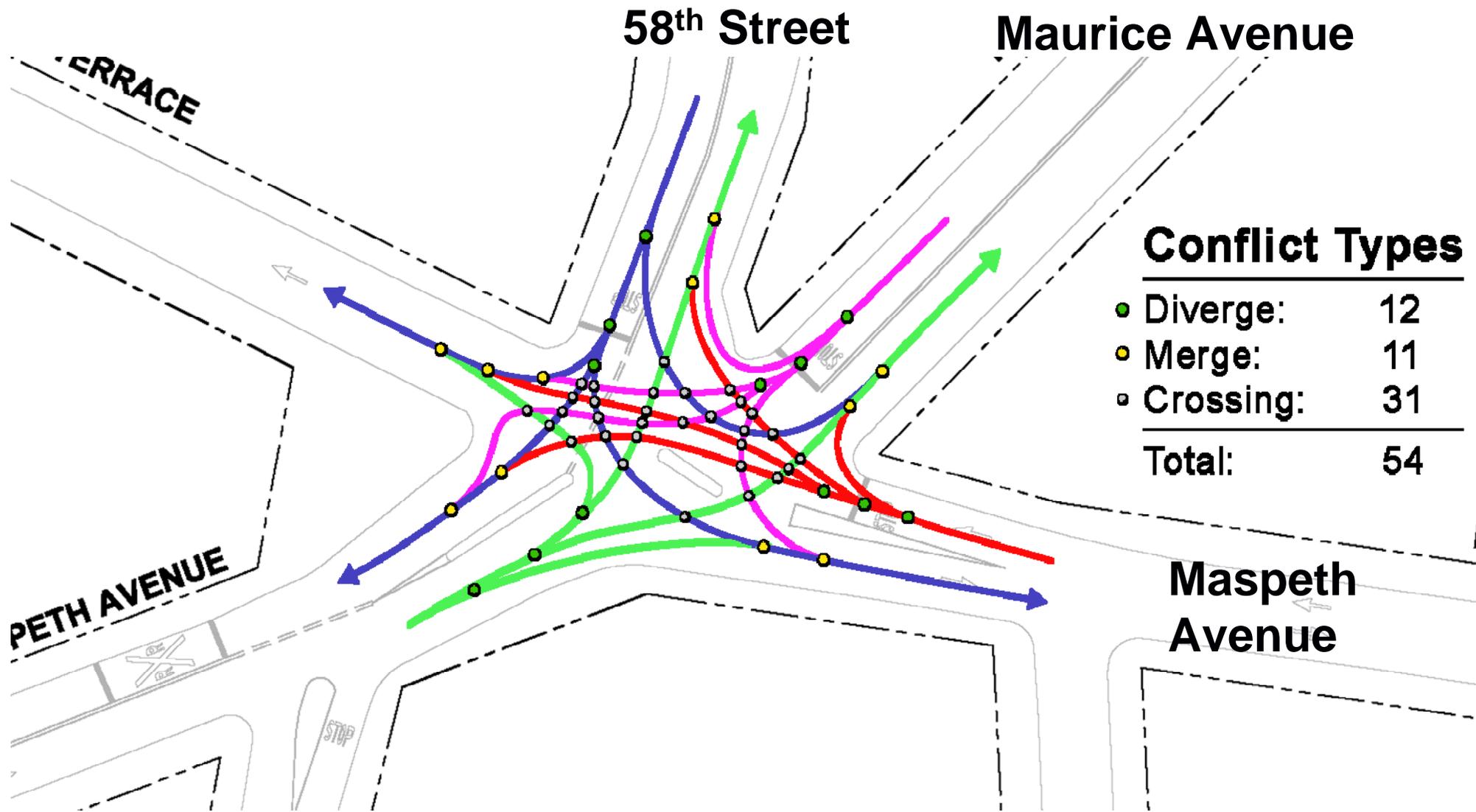
Queens-Midtown Expressway (QME)  
Interchange 20 to the Brooklyn-Queens  
Expressway (BQE) past Interchange 32  
at the entrance ramp from Williamsburg  
Place via 58th Street, Maspeth Avenue,  
Rust St, Grand Avenue, Grand Street, left  
onto Marcy Avenue, and Williamsburg  
Street. (Stay Right on QME--Exit 18 to  
Borden Avenue, left onto 58th Street).



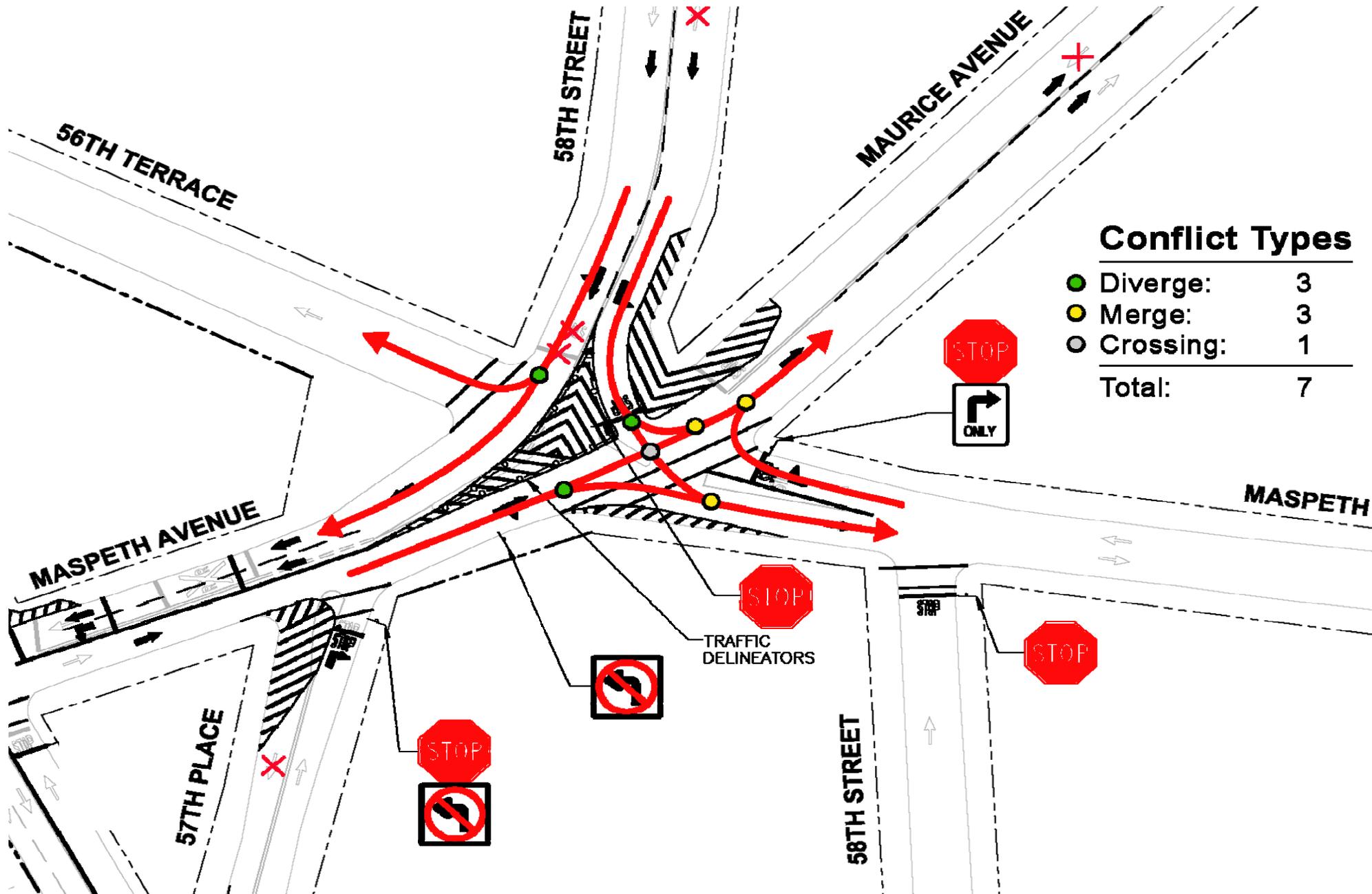
# Five-Leg Intersection: Current condition



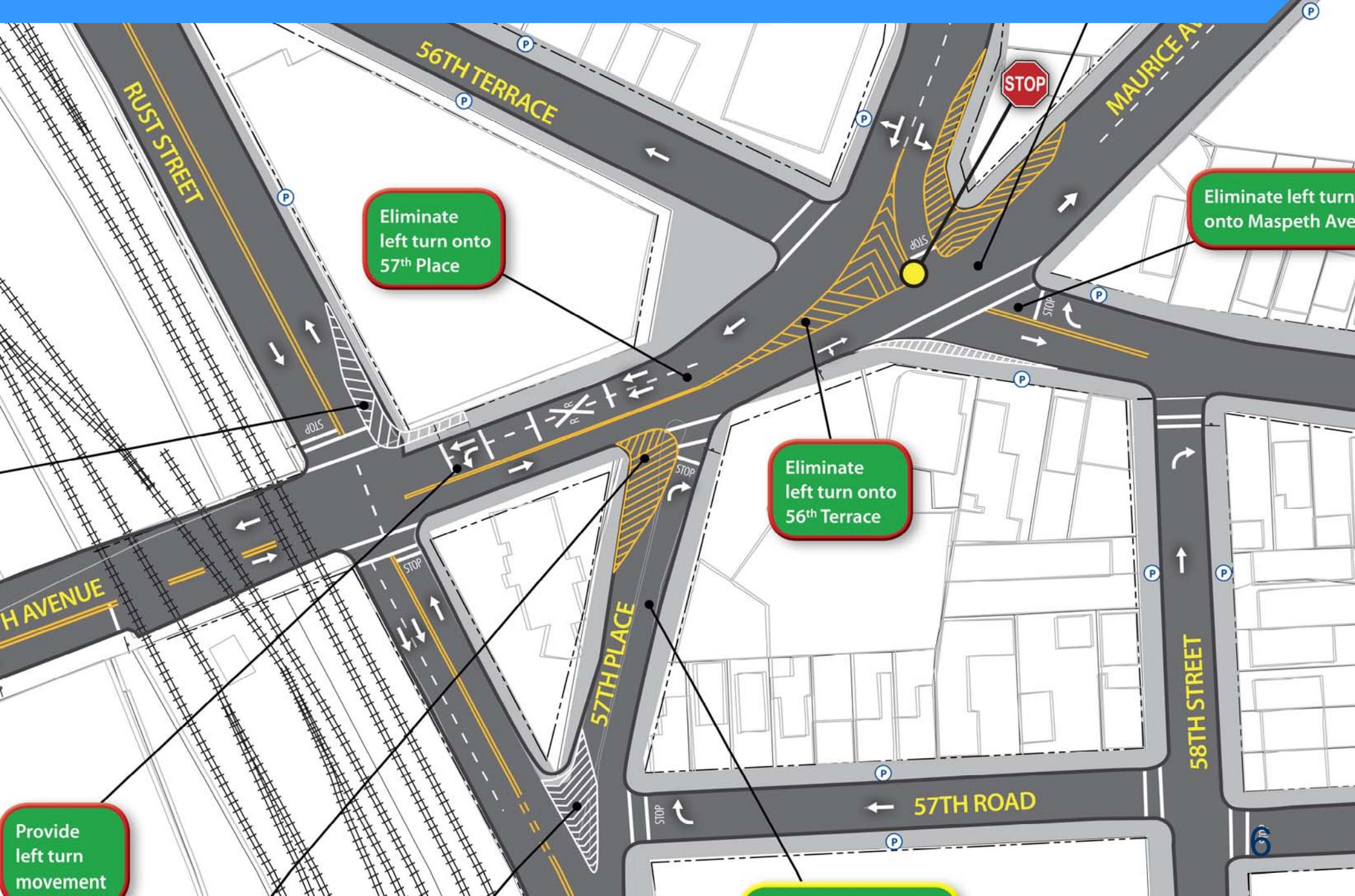
# Five-Legged Intersection: Existing 54 Vehicle Conflicts



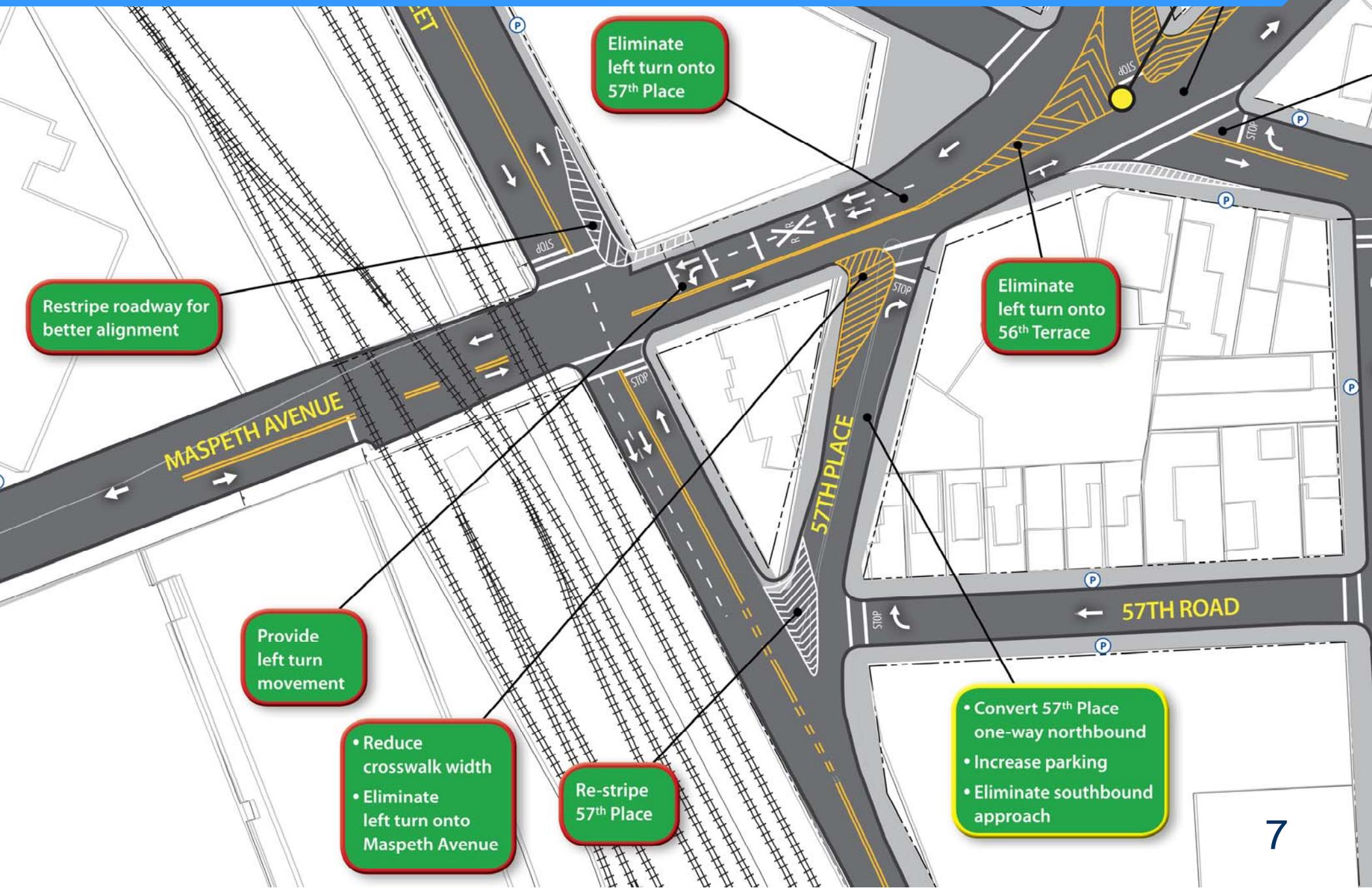
# Five-Legged Intersection: Proposed Normalization Conflict Diagram



# Five-Legged Intersection: Normalization



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# February Open House: What we heard

- Maspeth Ave to remain two-way east of Maurice Ave
- Add more signage for EB trucks on Grand Avenue between the BQE and Rust Street
- The bypass should use Page Place not Rust Street

# February Open House: What we heard

- Reduce cut through truck traffic on residential streets
- 55<sup>th</sup> Drive has double parking and is difficult to use for trucks turning from Maurice
- Remove Grand and Flushing Avenues from the truck route network between the LIE and Rust Street

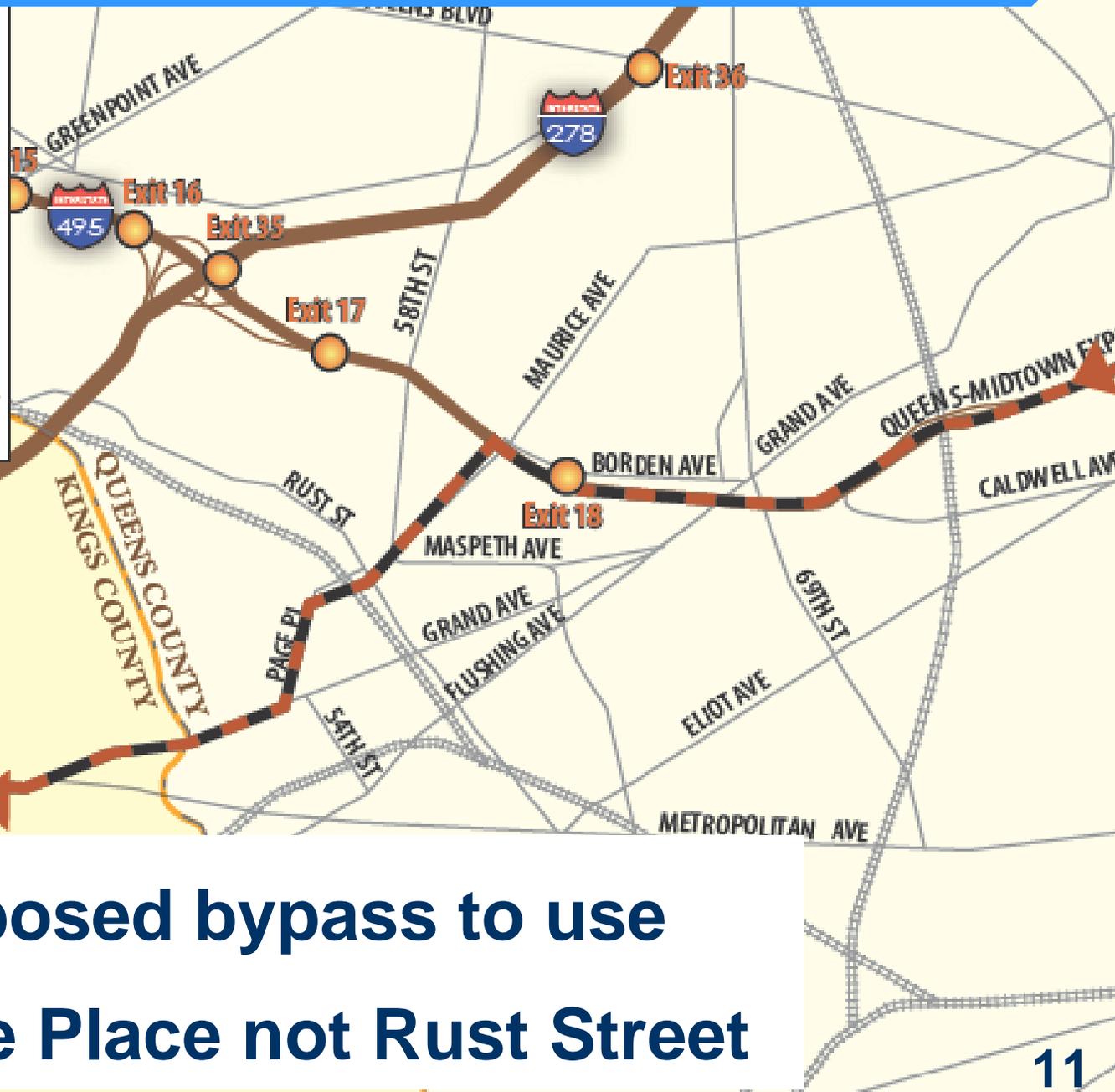
## Project Status: (Additional one-way conversions)

- Proposing 59th Street from Maurice to 56th Drive one-way southbound, northbound from Flushing Avenue to 56<sup>th</sup> Drive (existing northbound)
- Proposing 56th Drive as one-way eastbound from 60th Street to 64th Street and one-way westbound between 60th Street to 58th Place
- Under review, 56th Avenue one-way eastbound from 60th Street to 64th Street and one-way westbound from 60th Street to 59th Street

# Project Status: Bypass Route

## ROUTE A5 (5.95 Miles):

Queens-Midtown Expressway (QME) Interchange 20 to the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (BQE) past Interchange 32 at the entrance ramp from Williamsburg Place via Maurice Avenue, Maspeth Avenue, Page Place, Grand Avenue, Metropolitan Avenue, left onto Marcy Avenue, and Williamsburg Street. (Stay Right on QME—Exit 18 to Borden Avenue, left onto Maurice Avenue).



**Proposed bypass to use  
Page Place not Rust Street**

# Project Status

- Grand and Flushing Avenues designated as local truck routes March 25, 2011
- MTA Bus: Q39 bus reroute approved
- Monitoring the compliance of the Grand and Flushing Avenues truck route changes
- Evaluating pavement condition of roadways along bypass route

# Project Status: Outreach Briefings

- March 15 Maspeth Industrial Business Zone
- March 22 COMET Civic Group briefing
- March 22 Queens Community Board 5 Transportation Committee
- March 23 Queens Community Board 2 Transportation Committee
- March 24 Petro, FDNY, Midtown Express
- March 25, 2011 Juniper Valley Civic Association
- April 5 Maspeth Industrial Business Zone members

# Next Steps

- Further review of area improvements proposed by the community to supplement the bypass plan
- Meeting with full Queens Community Boards 2 and 5
- Intersection normalization can begin Summer 2011
- Implement one-way conversions and install truck route signage (highway and local)
- Monitor the impact of all improvements
- Pursue de-designation of Flushing and Grand Avenues if warranted