#### Neighborhood Slow Zone New Brighton/St. George, Staten Island

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#### What is a Neighborhood Slow Zone?

- Speed limit set at 20mph
- Small, self-contained area (~5x5 blocks or ¼ mile diameter)
- Announced with signage and gateways
- Self-enforcing via speed bumps
- 20mph markings remind drivers to slow down







#### Safety Impacts

- London, UK:
  - 46% reduction in fatal and severe injury crashes, as compared to untreated areas
  - Average speeds reduced 9mph
  - No collision migration (crashes did not increase in adjacent areas)
- The Netherlands
  - Average decrease of injuries of ~25% in 30 km (18 mph) zones
- Barcelona
  - Crash rates dropped up to 27%
- Similar programs have also been adopted in Berlin, Zurich, Dublin, Stockholm & Helsinki





#### Quality-of-Life Improvements

- Reduced traffic noise
- Reduced cut-through traffic

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More social streets



# Slow Zone Components: Gateways

- Roadway is narrowed by sign base, signs and markings to bring down vehicle speeds
- Drivers are clearly alerted that they are entering a traffic calmed zone
- 1-2 parking spaces removed at each gateway ("daylighting")



# Slow Zone Components: Speed Bumps

- Keep vehicle speeds around 20mph; 15 mph near schools
- ~30% reduction in mid-block crashes
- ~20% reduction in speeds
- Speed bumps distributed evenly throughout the Slow Zone
- Key element in making the Slow Zone "self-enforcing"
- Follow standard speed bump criteria when choosing streets for installation



# Speed Humps vs Speed Bumps

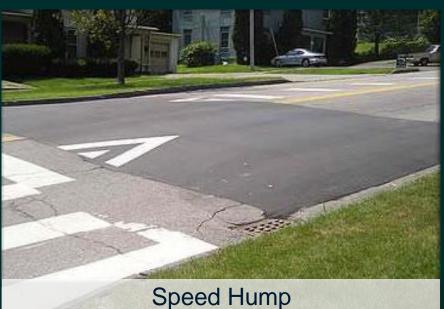
• NYC DOT uses the term Bump for what technically is a speed Hump

•Speed Hump

- •Gradual rise designed to be taken at 15-20mph
- 3 to 4 inches in height

Speed Bump

- Abrupt rise designed to be taken at 5mph or less
- •3 to 6 inches in height



NYC Standard



#### Speed Bump Not Used in NYC

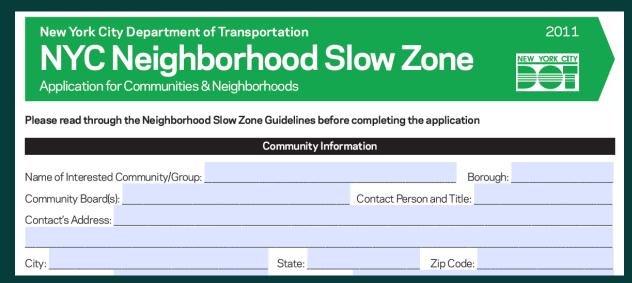
# Slow Zone Components: 20 MPH Markings

- Install on streets in between or infeasible for speed bumps
- Exclude on:
  - Streets leaving the Slow Zone
  - Very short blocks



### New Brighton/St. George Slow Zone Application

- Slow Zone is a combination of 2 applications
  - Applications submitted by Michael Reilly, NYC Community Education Council 31 (1/27/12) & Bobby Moore, New Brighton Coalition of Concerned Citizens (2/3/12)
- Staten Island received the most applications citywide (43 out 97)
- DOT will install 13 Slow Zones citywide in 2012-2013 (3 in Staten Island)



# **Slow Zone Selection Criteria**

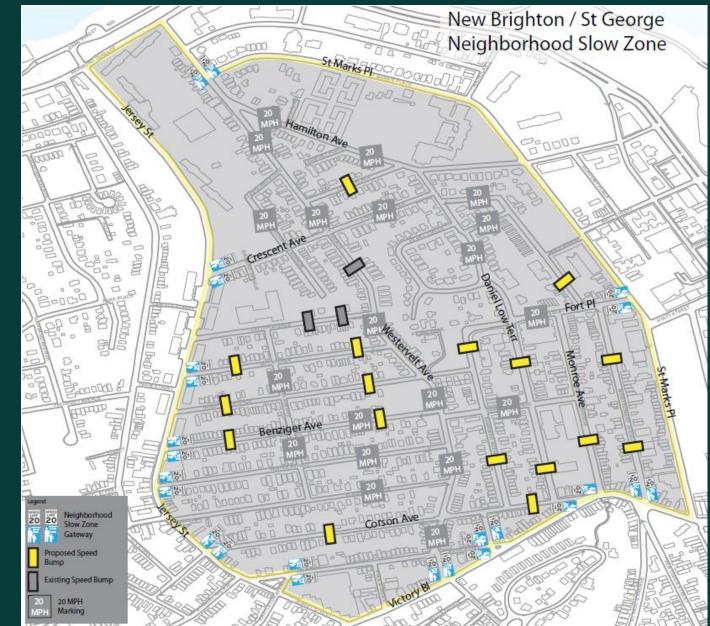
- Strong boundaries (busy, commercial streets)
- 5 schools and several senior and daycare centers
- Highly residential
- Average Injuries per year 8.2
- Per Mile, more dangerous than **76%** of Staten Island Streets
- Several community letters of support including Council Member Debi Rose

Positive Criteria	Crashes	Letters of Support	Schools	Senior Centers	Daycare	Strong Boundaries	Subway Stations	Bus Routes (on Boundary)	Truck Routes (on boundary)
Negative Criteria	Fire Stations	Hospitals						Bus Routes (in zone)	Truck Routes (in zone)

- 17 proposed speed bumps
- 3 existing speed bumps

- 13 proposed gateways
- 19 20mph markings

\*Zone combines 2 requested areas and adds additional area



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