12% of the population in NYC are seniors

36% of pedestrian traffic fatalities are seniors

NYC Population

- 12% Seniors (65+)
- 18% Adults (25-65)
- 14% Young Adults (15-24)
- 56% Children (0-14)

NYC Traffic Fatalities

- 36% Seniors (65+)
- 8% Adults (25-65)
- 6% Young Adults (15-24)
- 50% Children (0-14)
NYC’s Safe Streets for Seniors

East Harlem
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
110th Street

- Street transitions from 30 feet to 50 feet wide between blocks
- Five seniors injured along 110th St (two injured at 110th and Madison Ave)
106th Street

- 106th Street: one lane 5th Ave - Madison; expands to two lanes east towards 1st Ave
- 8 senior injuries along 106th St between 5th Ave and 1st Ave

Aerial of E 106th Street and Madison Ave

Example safety improvements on W 106th Street and Columbus Ave (one lane each way with center median)
3rd Avenue

- 70 feet wide and seven lanes across (five travel lanes & two parking lanes)
- 14 senior injuries along avenue

Example curb extension safety treatment from Fordham Senior Area (Bronx)
East Harlem 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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