Senior Pedestrians

- 12% of the population in NYC are seniors
- 36% of pedestrian traffic fatalities are seniors

NYC Population

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

NYC Traffic Fatalities

- Seniors (65+): 36%
- Adults (25-65): 50%
- Young Adults (15-24): 6%
- Children (0-14): 8%

Source: 2006-2010 NYCDOT - NYPD Fatality Database; 2010 U.S. Census
NYC’s Safe Streets for Seniors

Forest Hills
Forest Hills Senior Focus Area

All Pedestrian Injuries
- 1-2
- 2-5
- 5-9
- 9-15
- 15-24

Senior Pedestrian Injuries
- 1-4
- 5-7
- 8-9
- 10-12
- Senior Centers
**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 Extensions**: Shortens crossing distance, slows turning cars
Queens Blvd & Yellowstone Blvd

- Long crossing distances for all crosswalks
- Illegal and unsafe turns
Many seniors need more time to safely cross the wide street.
Forest Hills 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?
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