Safe Streets for Seniors - Outreach
Astoria, Queens
CB1 Transportation Committee
Thursday, June 6, 2013
Senior Pedestrians

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

NYC Population

- 56% adults (25-65)
- 14% young adults (15-24)
- 18% children (0-14)
- 12% seniors (65+)

NYC Traffic Fatalities

- 50% adults (25-65)
- 8% young adults (15-24)
- 6% children (0-14)
- 36% seniors (65+)

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

- Pilot Senior Pedestrian Focus Areas
- Senior Pedestrian Focus Area I
- Astoria Focus Area

Astoria
**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
Hoyt Ave S & 29th St

- Outside new HANAC Senior Center
- New signal and crossing at off-ramp
- Truck route and pedestrian conflict
Hoyt Ave S & 31st St

- 1 block from senior center
- Recent NYCDOT projects
- Southbound left ban not well observed

Pedestrian conflict: southbound left from 31st St to eastbound Hoyt Ave S
Ditmars Blvd & 35th St

35th St, looking north

- Pedestrian retail along Ditmars Blvd
- Next to Acropolis Gardens Coop
- 2 senior pedestrians injured
• Under elevated railroad viaduct
• Near Greek American Retirement Club
• 1 senior pedestrian injured

Many vehicle turn north, through the most used pedestrian crosswalk
• 1 senior ped injured at 30th Av / 31st St
• Pedestrian retail along 30th Ave

Pillars under N train block pedestrian visibility for turning cars
21\textsuperscript{st} St bet 29\textsuperscript{th} and 30\textsuperscript{th} Aves

21\textsuperscript{st} St, looking south

- 60’ crossing distance across 21\textsuperscript{st} St
- 1 senior pedestrian injured crossing midblock near Q69/Q100 bus stop
Tell Us About Your Neighborhood

• 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?
Study Timeline

• January 11, 2013: Outreach: HANAC Senior Center

• June 6, 2013: Outreach: CB1 Transportation Committee

• Summer/Fall 2013: Study possibilities

• Est. Winter 2013/Spring 2014: Proposals: CB1 Transportation Committee
Questions?

Thank You

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