

New York City Department of Transportation

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65 St Existing Conditions

Background

Existing configuration

- 60 ft. wide street with two travels lanes in each direction
 - 1. 6 Ave to Ft. Hamilton Pkwy
 - i. Commercial/Light Industrial
 - ii. With "rush hour regulations"
 - 2. Ft. Hamilton Pkwy to 12 Ave
 - i. Residential
 - ii. 24 hour parking lanes

Existing Use

- Major east/west corridor in neighborhood
- Pedestrian generators: transit, schools, and commercial
- 65 St is a local truck route









Why 65th St? Vision Zero Priority Corridor

Vision Zero

- Multi-agency effort to reduce traffic fatalities in NYC
- Borough Action Plans released in 2015
- Priority Intersections, Corridors, and Areas identified for each borough
 - 65 St identified as a Priority
 Corridor for Brooklyn



For the complete plan:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/ped-safety-action-plan-brooklyn.pdf

Need: Why 65 St?

Vision Zero Priority

- 65 St is a Priority Corridor with 22.5 Killed or Severely Injured (KSI) crashes per mile
 - Top 10% of corridors in Brooklyn
- 10 Ave and 65 St is a Priority Intersection
- 2014 pedestrian fatality at 65 St & 7 Ave

History of Community Requests for traffic calming

 April 2013—CB10 asked DOT to study safety improvements on 65 St from 8 Ave to 12 Ave



65 St - 6 Ave to 12 Ave, BK

Injury Summary, 2009-2013 (5 Years)

| | Total Injuries | Severe Injuries | Fatalities | KSI |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|-----|
| Pedestrian | 55 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Bicyclist | 12 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle Occupant | 208 | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| Total | 275 | 19 | 1 | 20 |

Fatalities, 01/01/2009-1/5/2015: 2

Source: Fatalities: NYCDOT
Injuries: NYSDOT
KSI: Persons Killed or

| Pedestrian: | 1 |
|-------------------------|---|
| Bicyclist: | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle Occupant: | 0 |

Need: Why 65 St?

Failure to Yield Crashes

- Of the total pedestrian crashes from 2009-2013, <u>74.4%</u> were failure to yield crashes
 - This is nearly double the borough average



Speeding vehicles

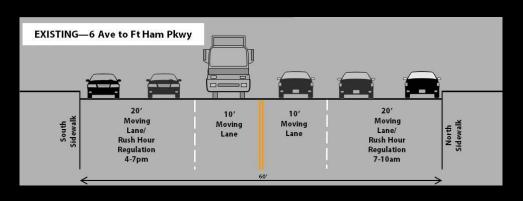
 Speeding has been identified as an issue on 65 St



Proposal: Removal of Rush Hour Regulations

Remove "Rush Hour Regulations" from 6 Ave to Ft Hamilton Pkwy Existing:

- AM (7am-10am)
 - Westbound curbside lane parking is not allowed
- PM (4pm-7pm)
 - Eastbound curbside lane parking is not allowed
- Proposed:
 - Create 24 hour curbside parking between Ft Hamilton Pkwy and 6 Ave*
 - Make it consistent with the rest of the neighborhood parking



Existing—7 Ave to Ave to Ft Hamilton

| Direction and Lane | Regulation | Time |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------|
| WB curbside | No Standing | 7am-10am |
| EB curbside | No Standing | 4pm-7pm |

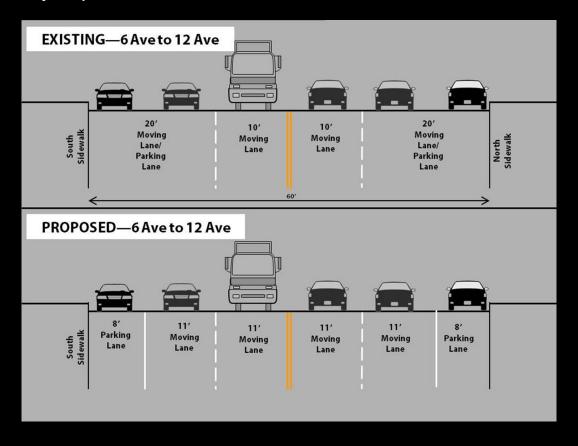
Proposed—7 Ave to Ave to Ft Hamilton

| Direction and Lane | Regulation | Time | |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|--|
| WB curbside | Parking | 24 hour* | |
| EB curbside | Parking | 24 hour* | |

^{*}Excluding street sweeping regulations, which are TBD

Proposal: Corridor Markings Upgrade

- Install parking lane stripe on 65 St from 6 Ave to 12 Ave
 - Tighten lane geometry, constraining lanes visually for drivers, which will help reduce vehicle speeds
- Install High Visibility crosswalks at each intersection
 - Increase visibility of pedestrians in crosswalks



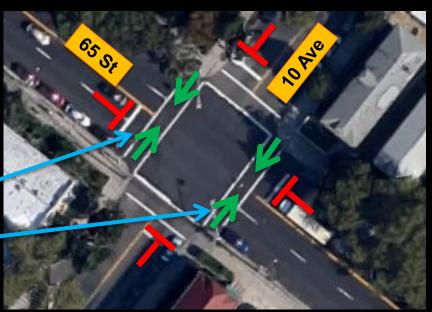
Proposal: Leading Pedestrian Interval

- Install 6 Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI)
 - Provides pedestrians a "head start" crossing 65 St
 - Help increase pedestrian visibility and establish right of way to reduce failure to yield pedestrian crashes

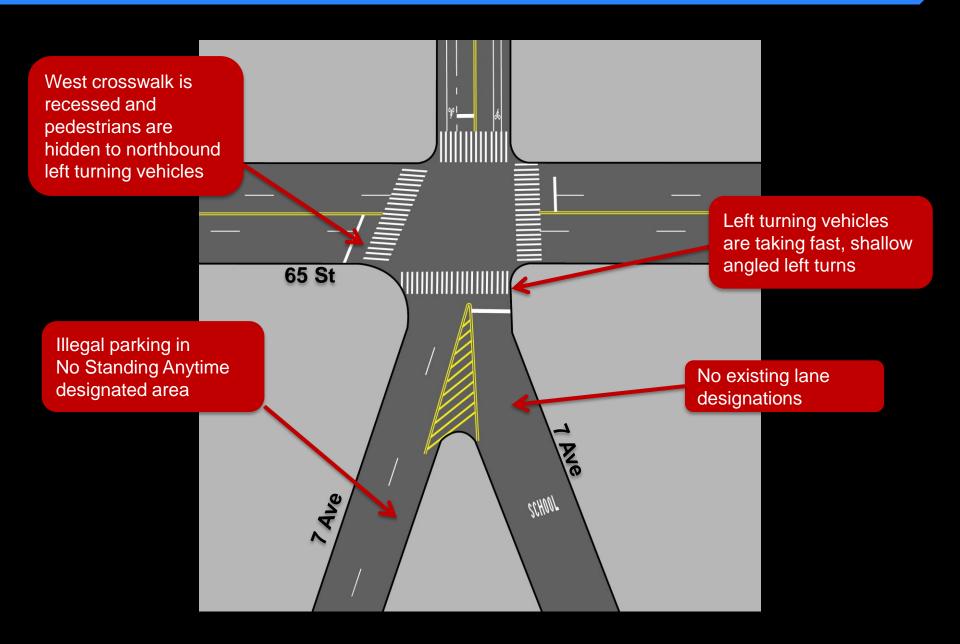
LPIs to be installed at 8 Ave, 9 Ave, Ft. Hamilton Pkwy, 10 Ave, 11 Ave, and 12 Ave

Pedestrians will have a <u>7 second</u> "head start" crossing 65 St before the cross street will get the green light

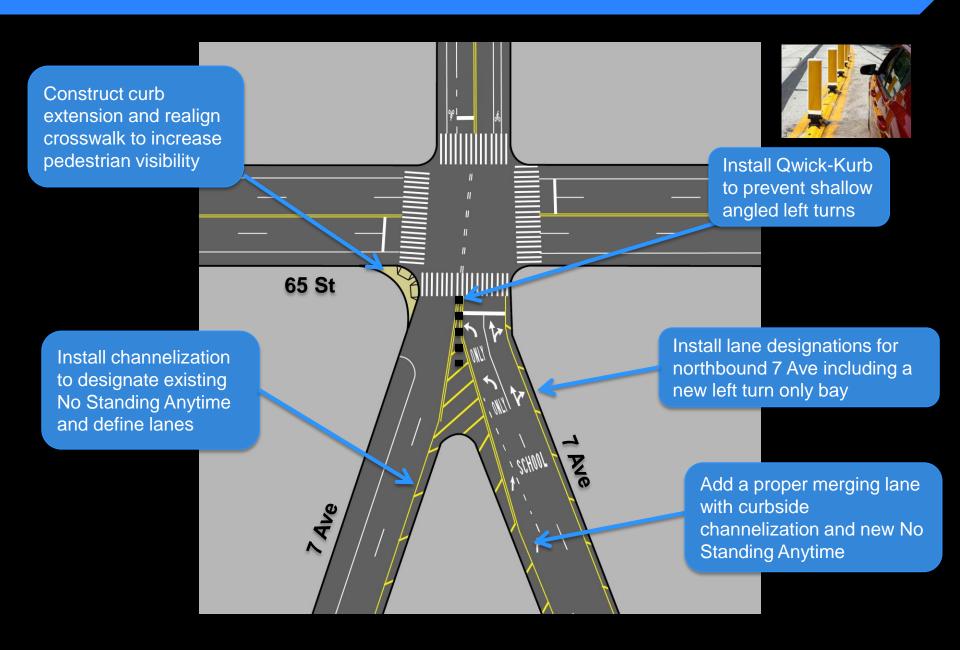




Existing: 7 Ave and 65 St



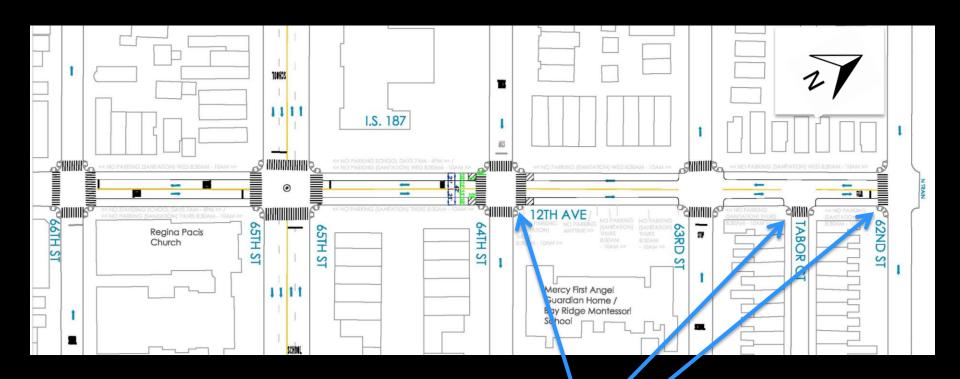
Proposal: 7 Ave and 65 St



Additional Traffic Safety Treatments for CB10

Markings upgrade on 12 Ave

- Community Request for traffic calming for I.S. 187
- Parking lane stripe from 66 St to 62 St with new crosswalks at 64 St, Tabor Ct, and 62 St



Benefits of Proposal

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Reduce speeds

 A parking lane stripe on 65 St will tighten lane geometry, constraining lanes visually for drivers, which will help reduce vehicle speeds

Reduce Crashes

- Lower speeds reduce the likelihood of injury crashes and fatality crashes
- 7 Ave and 65 St redesign realigns west crosswalk for better pedestrian visibility and adds proper lane designation to lessen confusion for northbound traffic
- LPIs at 6 intersections will increase pedestrian visibility and lower crashes

Respond to community's request

- New design will fulfill the community's desire for traffic calming on 65th St
- Additional crosswalks on 12 Ave create safer crossings for students and residents

Questions?



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