



# Harlem River Bridges Access Plan

Workshop Round 1  
June 15, 16, 22 & 23, 2015

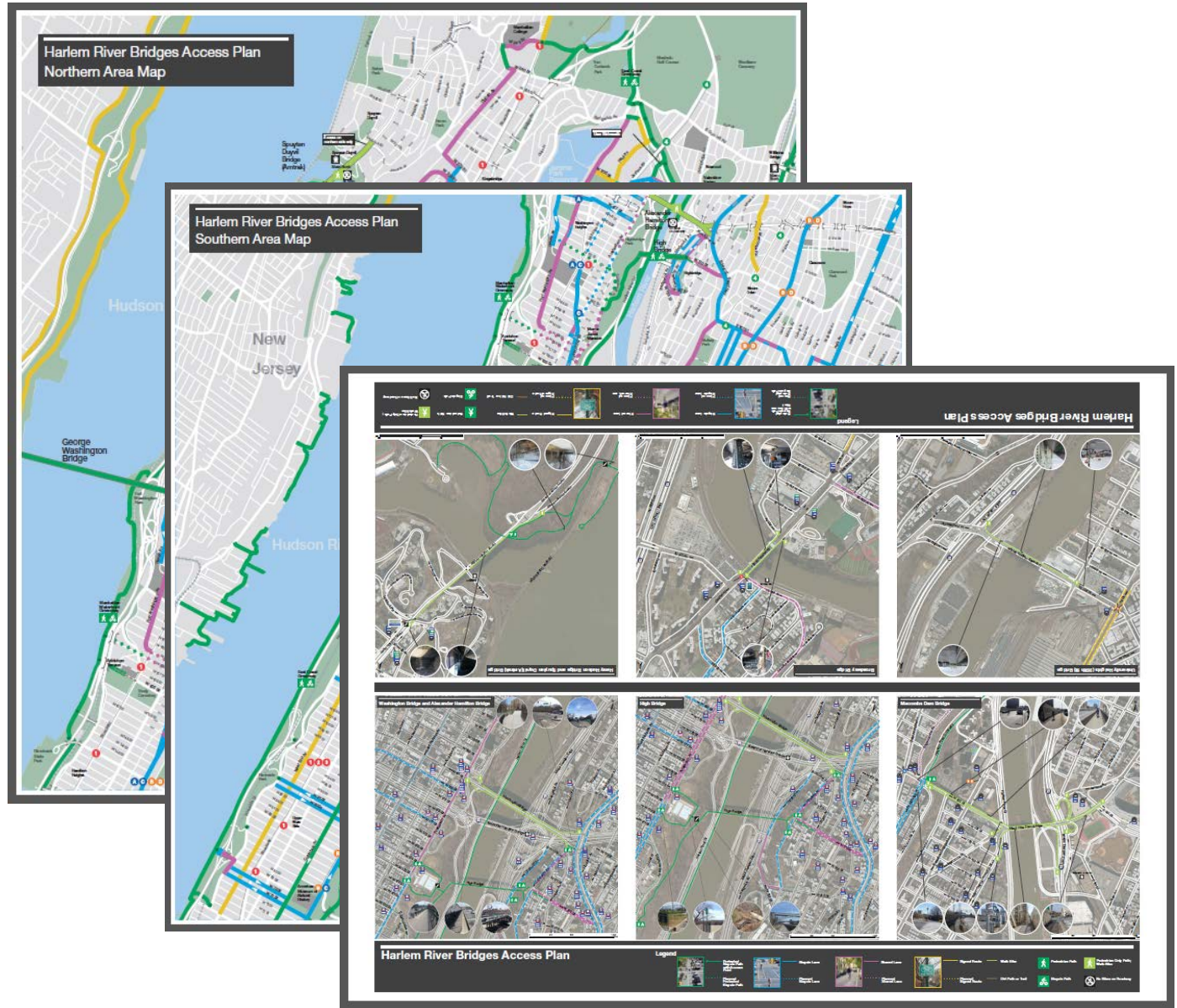


# Agenda

Presentation:  
Background +  
overview of  
project and  
planning  
process  
(15 min)

Participation:  
Your comments  
and questions  
(30 min)

Wrap Up:  
Share your  
group's main  
comments and  
preferred  
designs  
(15 min)



## Background

- 16 Harlem River bridges
  - Pedestrian facilities on 13
  - Bicycle facilities on 5
    - Including planned Randalls Island Connector
- Agency priority to increase mobility and safety across Harlem River
- Significant recent investment around Harlem River
  - Improvements to Third Ave/Willis Ave Bridges (2010)
  - High Bridge reopening (2015)
  - Randall's Island Connector (Planned: 2015)





## Project Goals

- Connect vibrant neighborhoods and major destinations on both sides of river
- Improve street safety and traffic flow
- Investigate feasibility of adding or enhancing pedestrian and bicycle bridge access as part of capital program



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## Project Scope

### Geographic Scope

Two study areas:

- North and south of Macombs Dam

### 16 Harlem River Bridges

- Bridge structures and approaches
- Safety and access improvements on city streets, corridors within ~1 mile

### Outcome

Short-term: Project development

- Initiate select projects for Community Board review in 2016

Long-term: Planning document

- Focus on DOT facilities
- Guide future investment in bridges and bridge approaches
- Enhance pedestrian ramps, adding bicycle access where desired/feasible





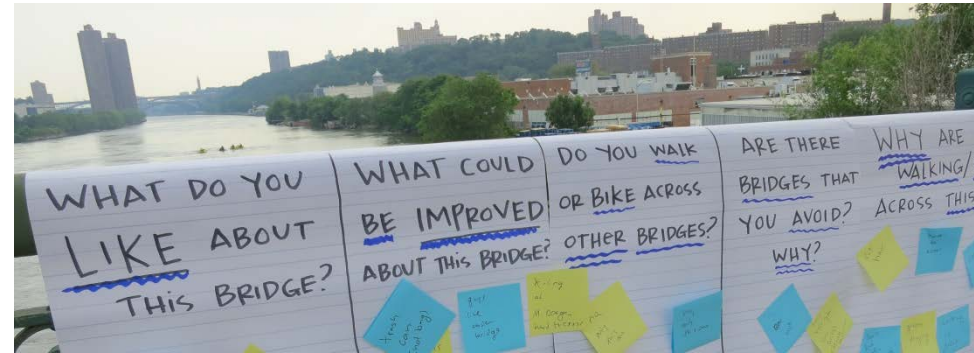
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## Planning Process



### Twelve community workshops

- Round 1, June 2015 :
  - Existing Conditions
- Round 2, Fall 2015:
  - Conceptual Options
- Round 3, Winter 2015:
  - Draft Plan



### Surveys and field work

- Summer & Fall 2015



Planning Document Release: Spring 2016



# Harlem River Bridges Access Plan: Example Improvements

## Enhanced Crossings

*Macombs Rd, Bronx (Before)*



*Macombs Rd, Bronx (After)*



High-visibility markings

Landscaped refuge island

Shorter crossing



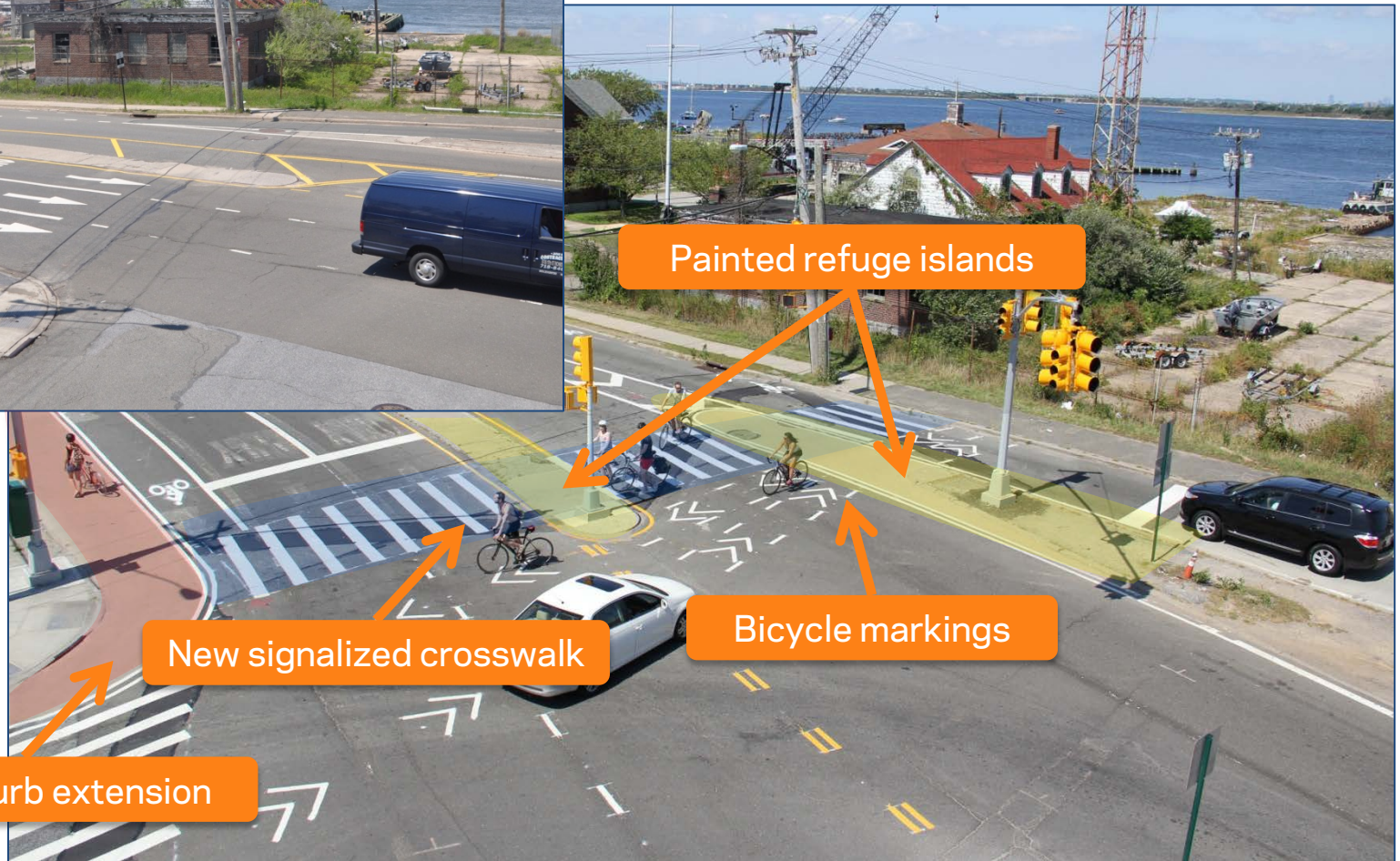
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## Enhanced Crossings

*Rockaway Point Blvd, Queens (Before)*



*Rockaway Point Blvd, Queens (After)*

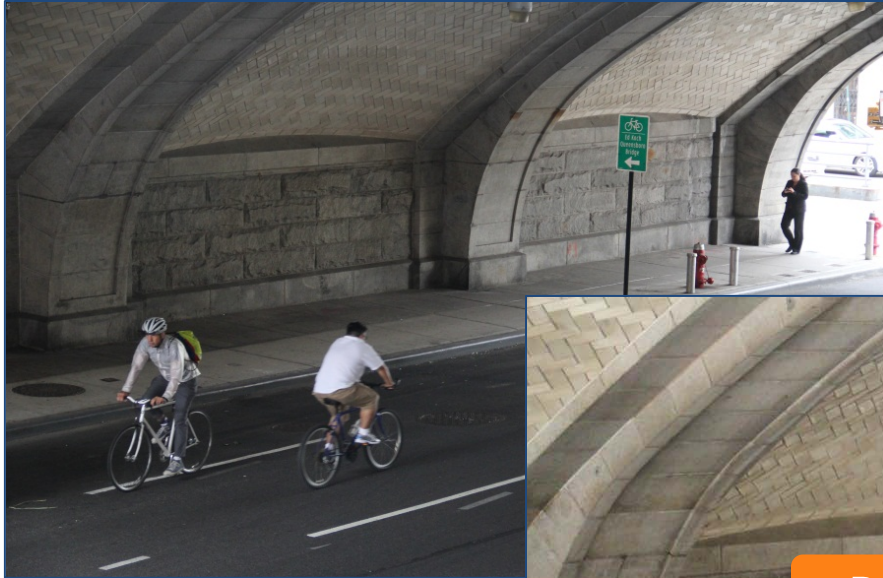




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## Bicycle Connections

*Queensborough Bridge Approach, Manhattan, Before*



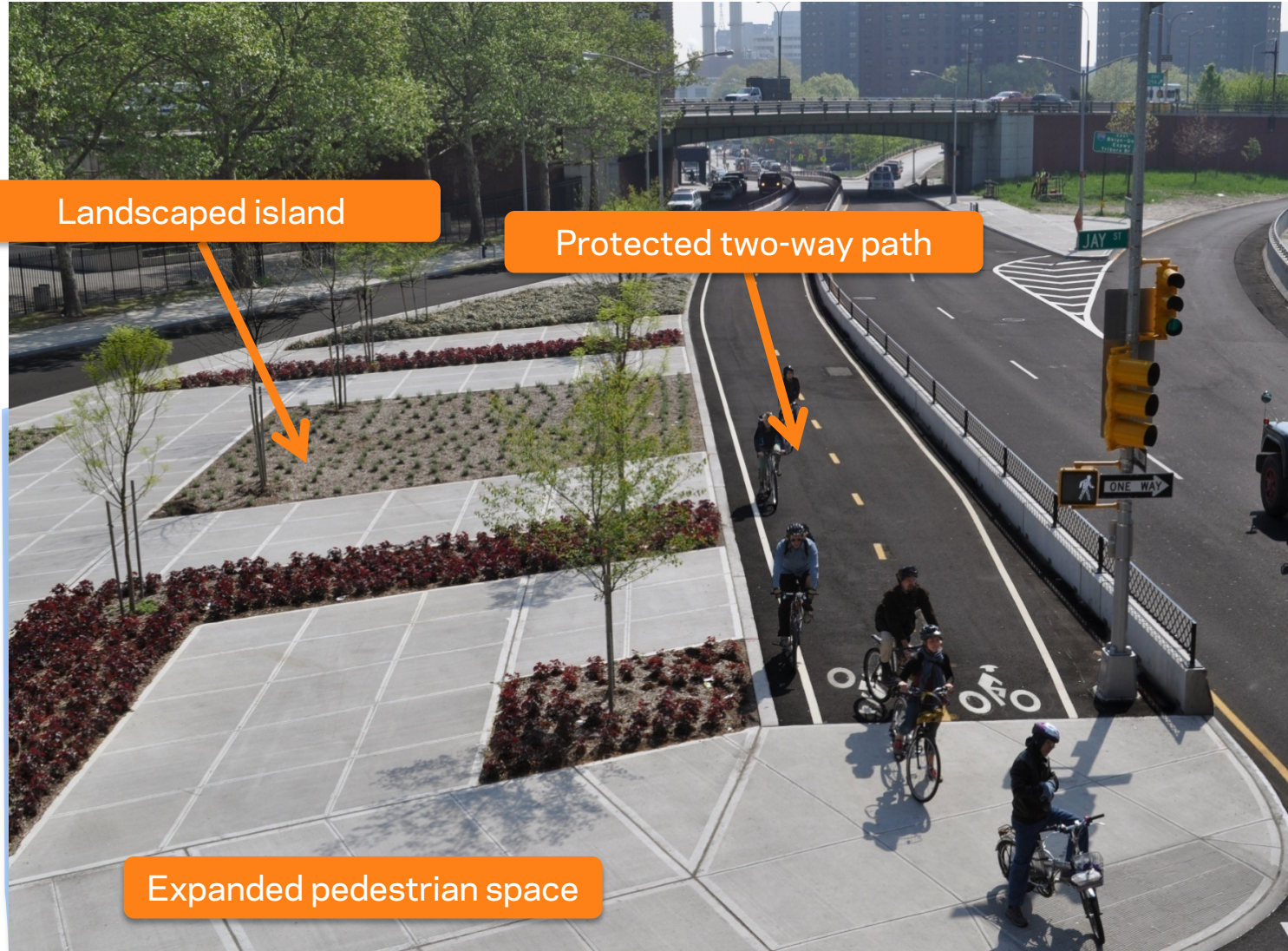
*Queensborough Bridge Approach, Manhattan, After*



# Harlem River Bridges Access Plan: Example Improvements

## Capital Improvements

*Manhattan Bridge Approach, Brooklyn*





**Questions?**

Thank you!