263rd Street
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In response to community concerns regarding vehicle speeding and a wide roadway (~ 50 feet), the Department, working with the local Community Board recommended the development of a traffic calming scheme on 263rd Street between Union Turnpike and 73rd Avenue in the Glen Oaks neighborhood of Queens. Under the existing conditions, the roadway was characterized by excessive width with no dedicated turning lanes.

This traffic calming scheme effectively narrows the corridor to one travel lane in each direction by the installation of a painted flush median along the northern portion of the corridor. In addition, left turn bays were installed at three intersections along this portion of the roadway. South of 76th Avenue to Union Turnpike, the roadway is narrowed through channelization on the side of the road, creating one 11’ travel lane. These treatments should discourage speeding and improve overall safety along this corridor.

This project was completed in the first week of June 2007.

Top: Aerial view of intersection of 263rd Street and 73rd Avenue.
Bottom: New markings and turning bay at the intersection of 263rd Street and 73rd Avenue.
Above: Marking plan for entire 263rd Street corridor. Right: Example of turning bays and new roadway alignment.