3rd Ave and 59th St
School Safety Improvements
Presentation for Community Board 7 | January 27, 2020
3rd Avenue and 59th Street
Vision Zero

- Multi-agency effort to reduce traffic fatalities in NYC
- Borough Action Plans released in 2019
- Priority Intersections, Corridors, and Areas identified for each borough
- 3rd Ave at 59th St is located in a Vision Zero Priority Area
3rd Avenue and 59th Street

NYC DOT School Safety

• Part of Vision Zero Initiative to reduce traffic fatalities to zero

DOT School Safety:

• Redesigns streets around schools to improve safety

• Installs school slow zones and manages parking regulations along school frontages
3rd Avenue and 59th Street

Project Area

- 3rd Ave is a local truck route with 9 travel lanes
- Existing school, PS 503/PS 140, on southeast corner of 3rd Ave and 59th St
- New school, PS 936/MS 939, to open in September 2020
- N/R subway station at 4th Ave & 59th St
**3rd Avenue and 59th Street**

**Safety Data**

- 1 severe injury
- 60% of injuries occurred between 12 pm and 6 pm
- 33% of injuries caused by read-end collisions

**Injury Summary, 2013 – 2017 (5 years)**

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KSI: Persons killed or severely injured

Source: Fatalities: NYC DOT; Injuries: NYS DOT

*Data is based off of NYSDOT/NYSDMV crash and injury data available as of 11/2019*
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Existing: No Pedestrian Crossings & Dangerous School Bus Loading

Westbound traffic direction on 59th St prevents safe curbside loading of students (typical school buses have right side passenger doors)

No pedestrian crossings at 59th St, directly between the new school and subway stop

59th St at 3rd Ave looking east
3rd Avenue and 59th Street

Proposal: Signalized Pedestrian Crossings And School Bus Loading

Reverse direction of traffic on 59th St (2nd Ave – 3rd Ave) from westbound to eastbound to allow for curbside drop offs

Signalize the intersection and install pedestrian-only crossings across 3rd Ave

Concrete barriers enforce pedestrian-only crossings

Upgrade all median tips to make them ADA-accessible

Detail: 59th St at 3rd Ave
3rd Avenue and 59th Street

Proposal: examples

Signalized crossing and concrete medians on 3rd Ave at 58th St, installed by NYC DOT in 2018

Existing concrete barriers on 3rd Ave at 59th St

58th St at 3rd Ave (Bk) looking east

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THANK YOU!

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