

A photograph of a city street scene. In the foreground, several pedestrians are walking across the street. A white SUV and a red car are visible in the middle ground. The background shows residential buildings, utility poles with wires, and a clear blue sky. Two red circular signs with white text "DO NOT ENTER" are visible on the left and right sides of the street.

# ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY

Eastern Rockaways Transportation Study

Workshop 2 - June 28, 2016



# TONIGHT'S AGENDA

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## Access to Opportunity - Public Workshop 2

### 1. Presentation

- Study background
  - Existing conditions overview
  - Focus area selection process
- (20 minutes)

### 2. Participation

- 4 focus corridor discussions
- Short-term improvement concepts
  - Prioritization
- (20 minutes each)

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## Study Background

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## Study Area: Eastern Rockaways



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## Study funding & purpose

NYCDOT received a USDOT TIGER grant with a local match for *Access to Opportunity: A Transportation & Housing Study in the Eastern Rockaways*

This study aims to:

1. Increase Eastern Rockaways residents' ability to reach:
  - Goods
  - Services
  - Activities
  - Destinations (collectively known as opportunities)
2. Align transportation improvements with NYC's housing investments



# BACKGROUND

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## Interagency coordination



# BACKGROUND

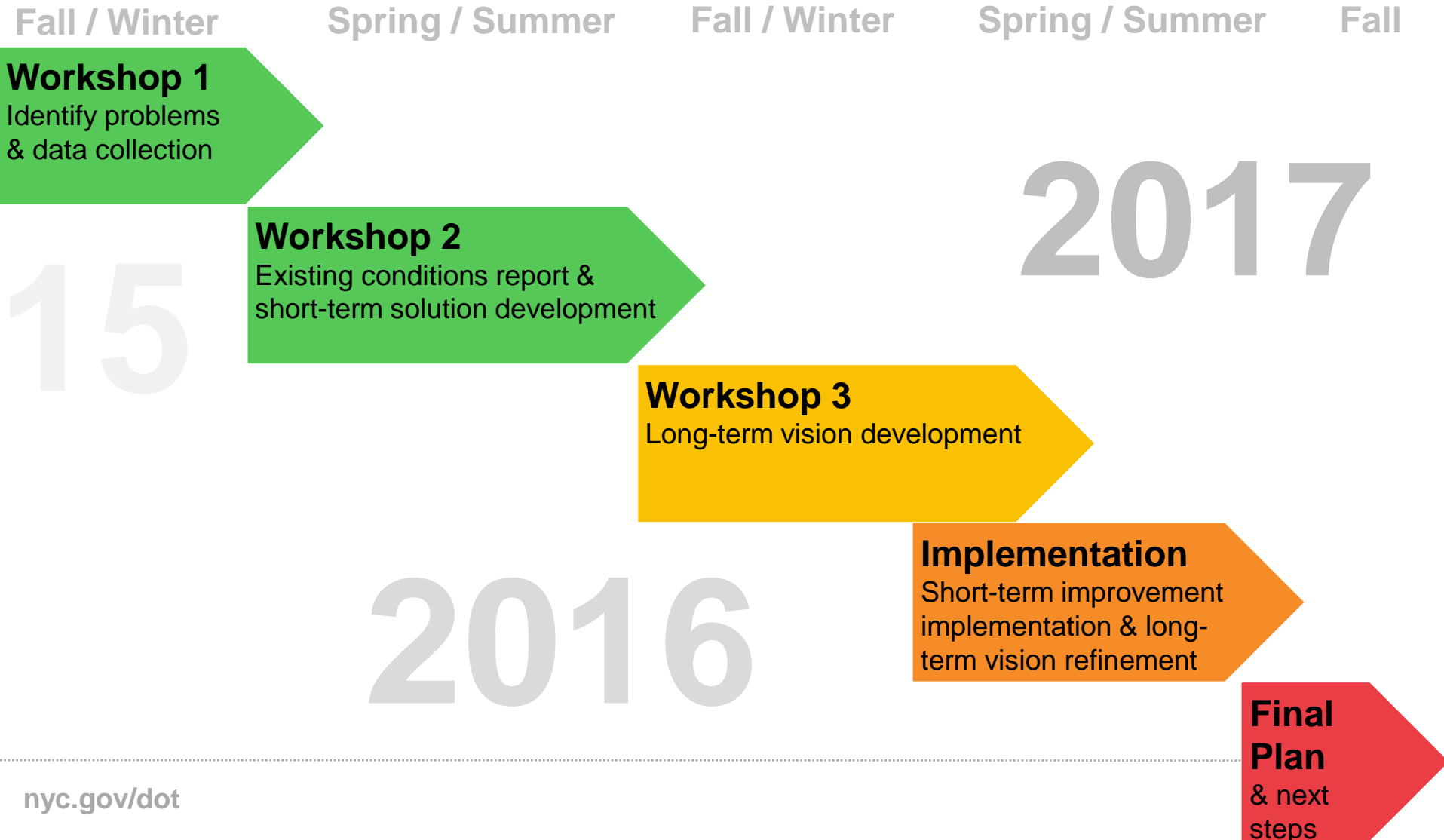
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## Study deliverables

- Short-term improvement plans for implementation in summer 2017
- Long-term transportation improvement plan to be released fall 2017

# BACKGROUND

## Project Timeline





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## Outreach Overview

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# OUTREACH OVERVIEW

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300+ residents reached & 275+ comments

## **NYC DOT Ambassador visits to:**

- Rockaway YMCA at Arverne by the Sea
- Peninsula Queens Library
- Local churches
- Local grocery stores
- Queens Library for Teens

## **Agency-organized public meetings:**

- HPD Edgemere outreach meetings
- DOT *Access to Opportunity* workshop
- DOT Downtown Far Rock Streetscape project meeting
- EDC open houses

## **Briefings with:**

- Elected officials
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Community Advisory Committee meetings
- CB14 Transportation Committee

# OUTREACH OVERVIEW

## Highlighted comments: Access

- Hard to get to jobs in Jamaica from Seagirt Blvd
- Need bike lanes on Seagirt Blvd
- Bring ferry service back
- ADA access for all A stations
- Subway service is unreliable
- Need train service to Northern Queens
- Need a safe & low-stress east-west bike route for school kids



# OUTREACH OVERVIEW

## Highlighted comments: Quality of life

- Add street benches
- Build recreational and shopping opportunities
- Beautify streetscapes
- Lots of potholes - roads need repairs
- Bus shelters needed
- Crumbling curbs and medians on Rockaway Freeway
- Roads flood when it rains and snows



# OUTREACH OVERVIEW

## Highlighted comments: Safety

- Under the El: bad lighting, poor visibility and no crosswalks....it needs a safer sidewalks since cars speed
- Crossing the street...is hard because drivers don't yield
- Cars weave and speed on Rockaway Beach Blvd.
- Need a crossing for bikes and peds to get to Cross Bay Bridge
- B36th St at Beach Channel Dr. is dangerous



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## Data Collection Overview

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# DATA COLLECTION

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## Overview

The following types of data collection were performed during the months of April - May:

- Traffic data collection
- Transit data review and study
- GIS data requests and research
- Field observations



# TRAFFIC DATA COLLECTION

## Traffic and turning movement count locations

### Turning Movement Counts

- Access to Opportunity Study
- Downtown Far Rockaway Study

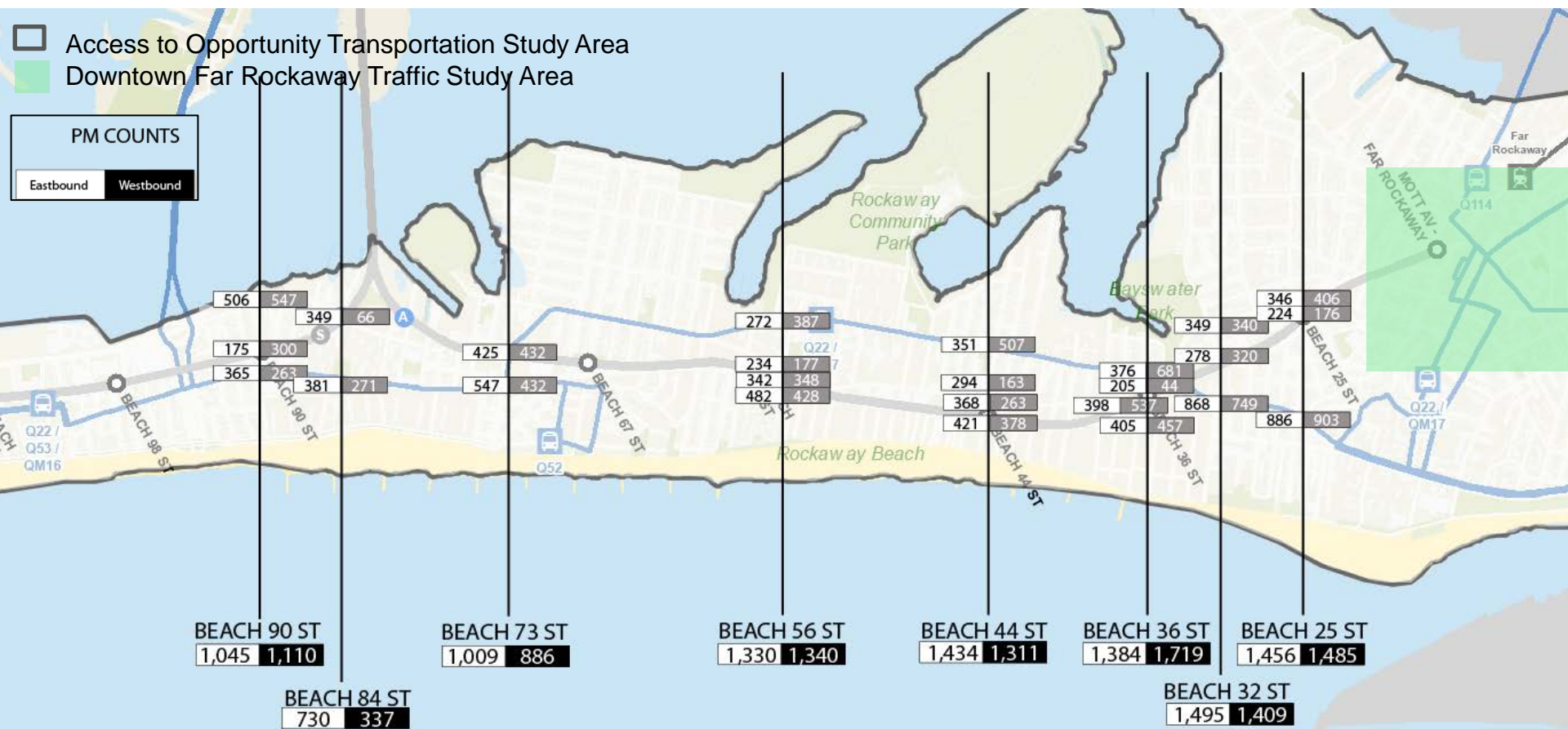
### Automatic Traffic Recorders

- Access to Opportunity Study
- Downtown Far Rockaway Study



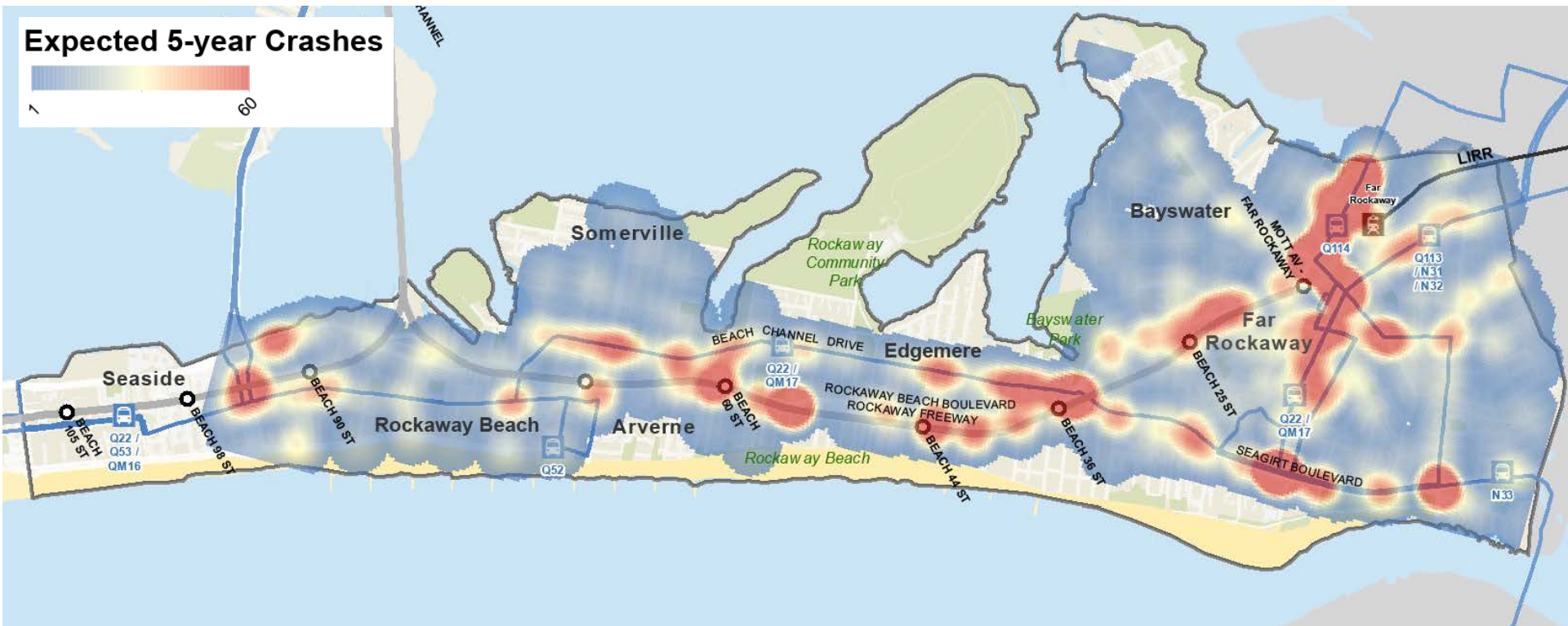
# EAST-WEST TRAFFIC VOLUMES

The number of cars isn't the problem



# CRASH DENSITY MAP

Crash Density, 2010-2014 (all modes)





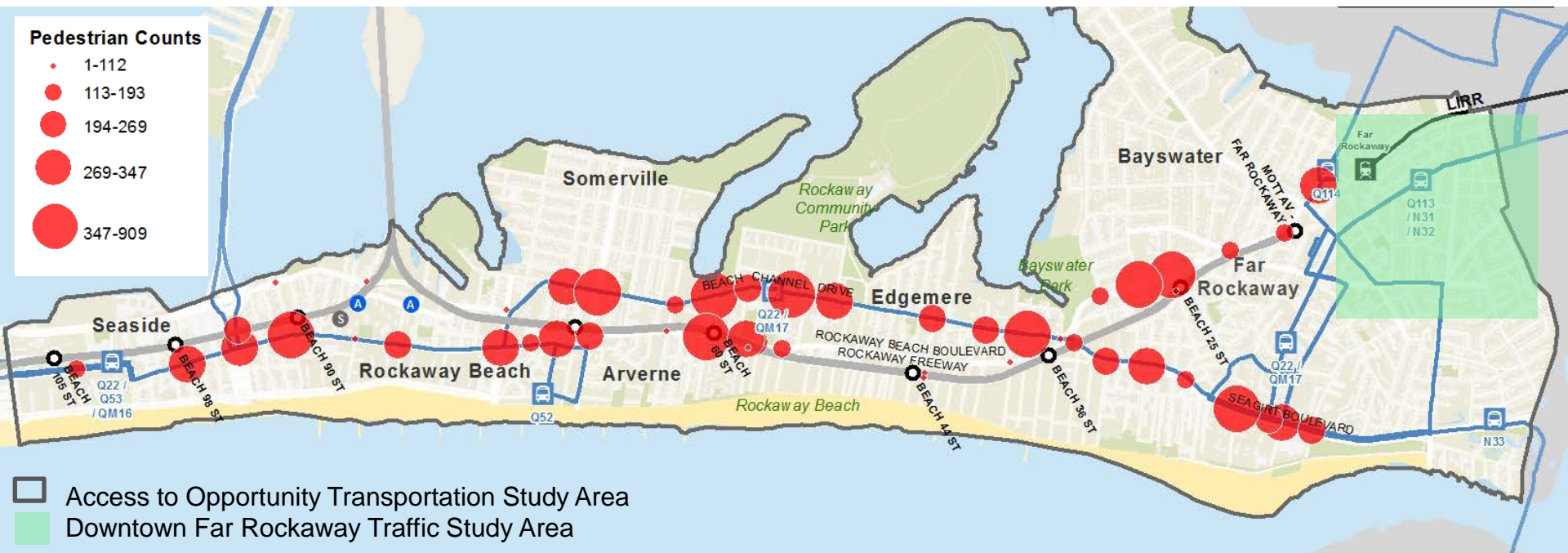
# FATAL CRASH MAP

Crashes with fatal injuries 2010-2014 (all modes)



# OVERVIEW: PEDESTRIANS

Highest volumes at transit hubs and schools



# OVERVIEW PEDESTRIANS

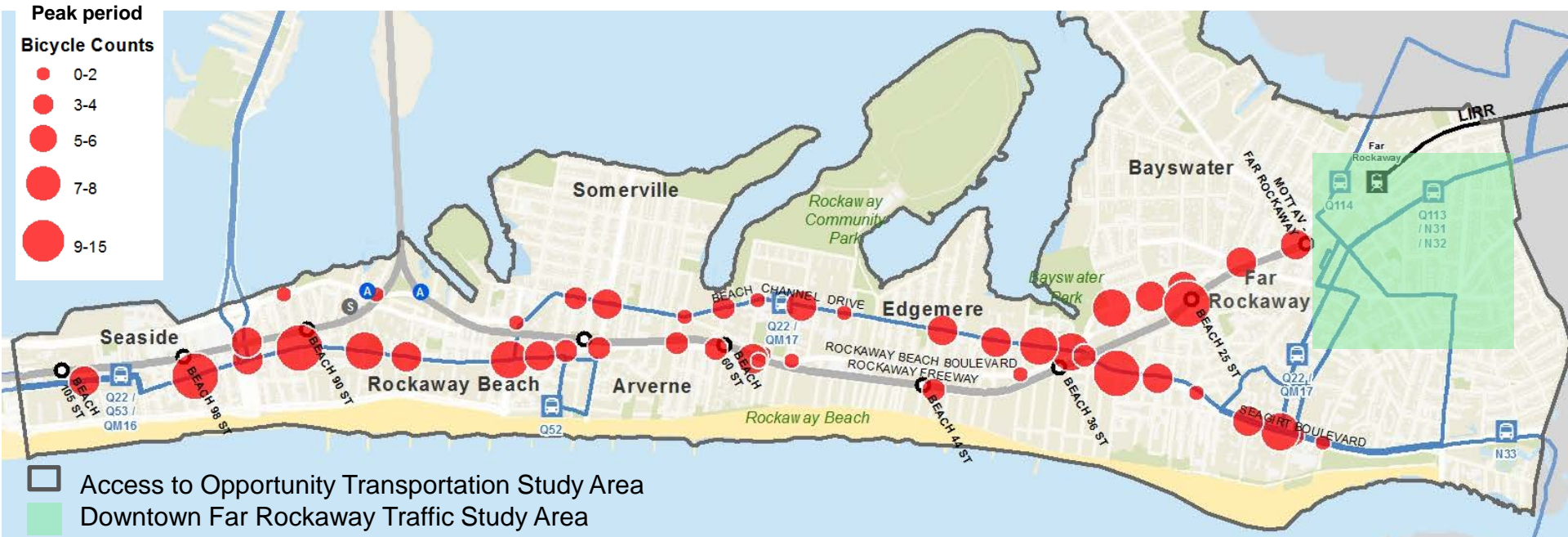
Long stretches without crosswalks





# OVERVIEW BIKES

Steady east-west volumes with & without lanes



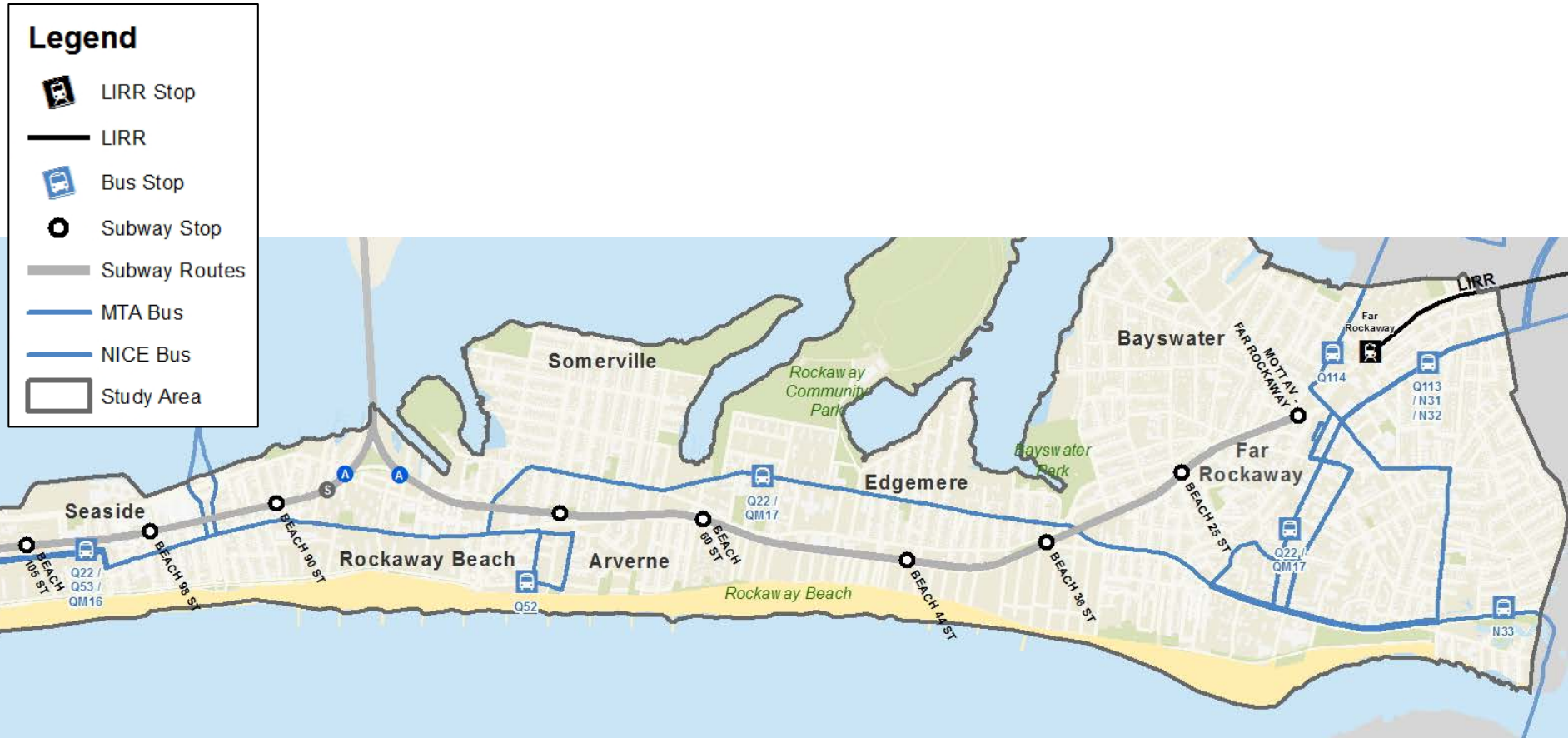


# Bike lane gaps along desired routes



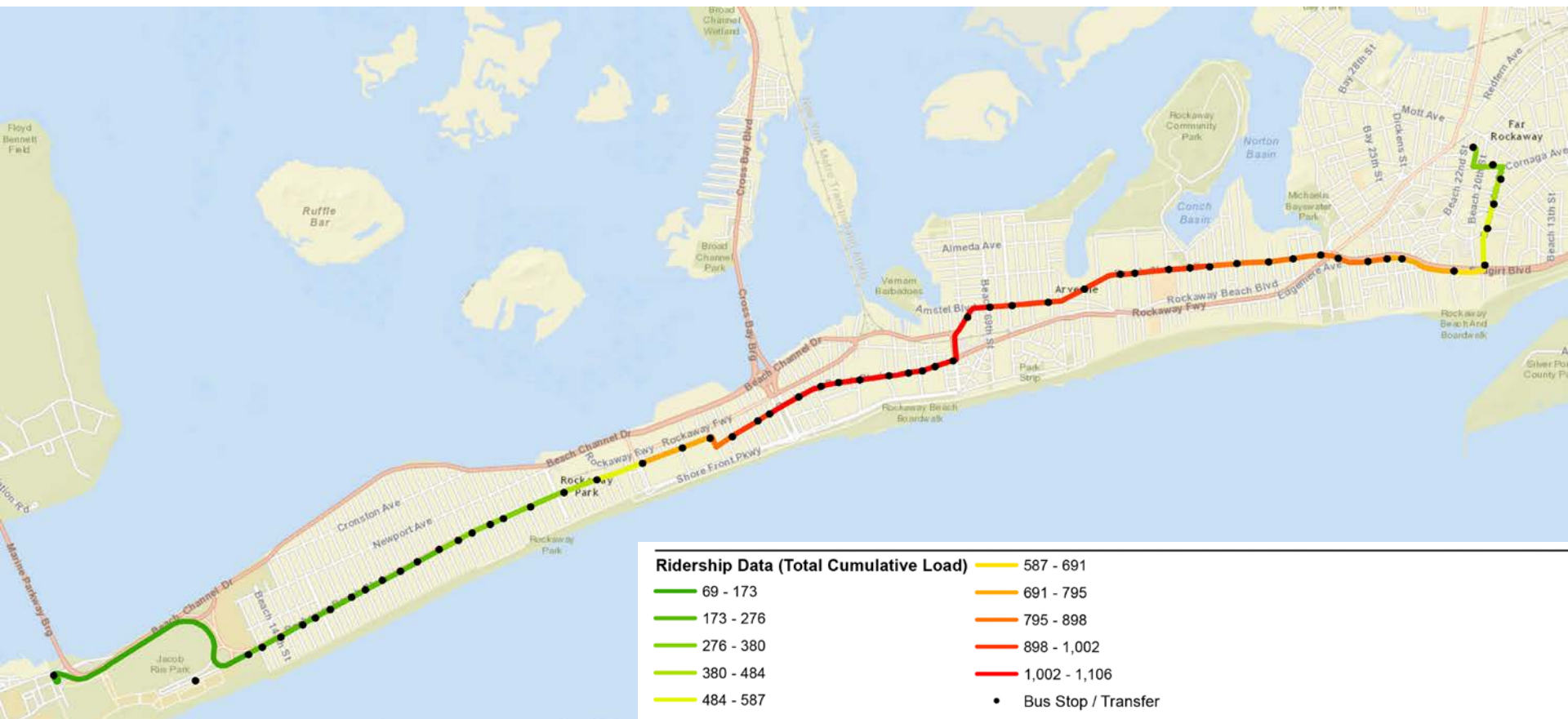
# OVERVIEW TRANSIT

## Collaboration with MTA Bus



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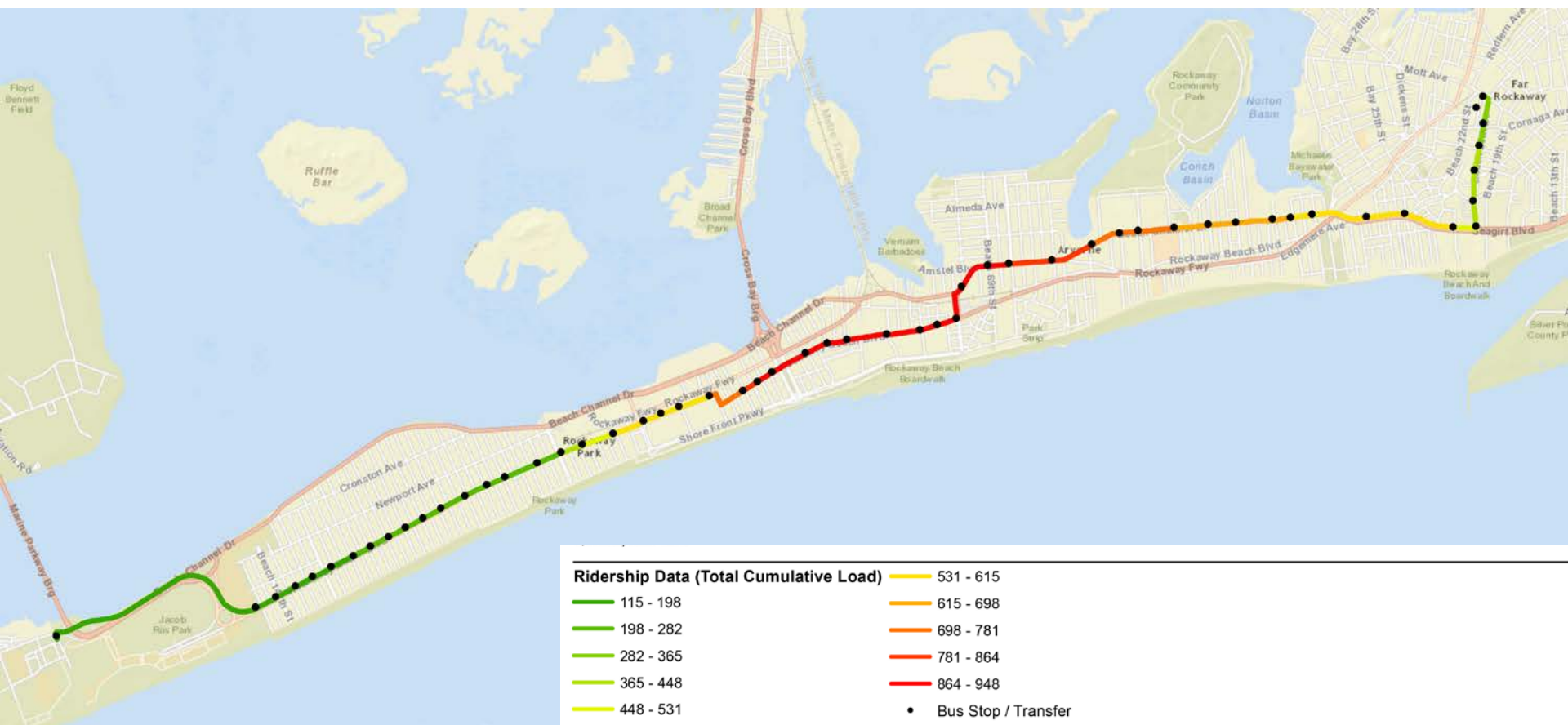
## Q22 EB evening ridership





# OVERVIEW TRANSIT

## Q22 WB morning ridership



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## Focus Area Selection

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# FOCUS AREA SELECTION

Starting Point: public input & data collection



## Account for recently implemented project areas





## Build on projects planned for 2016-2017



# FOCUS AREA SELECTION

## Access to Opportunity focus areas for study



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## Workshop Participation

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# WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

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## Workshop stations: 4 Focus Corridor Stations

**Station 1:** Rockaway Freeway

**Station 2:** Beach Channel Drive

**Station 3:** Rockaway Beach Boulevard

**Station 4:** Seagirt Boulevard

# WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

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## Station Activities (20 minutes per station)

- 1) Choose short-term improvement concepts by focus corridor or area
- 2) Prioritization: What are the 2 most important projects to implement?

# WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

## Short term improvement concepts









# THANK YOU!

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## Questions?



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