Flatbush Ave: Ave U to Ave V

Pedestrian Safety Improvements

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Project Area

- Community District 18
- Kings Plaza Mall to east and commercial strip to west draw pedestrians and vehicles
- Both Home Depot & Lowes on Ave U increase volumes on busy corridor
- MTA bus terminal

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Belt Pkwy access to south

KINGS PLAZA MALL

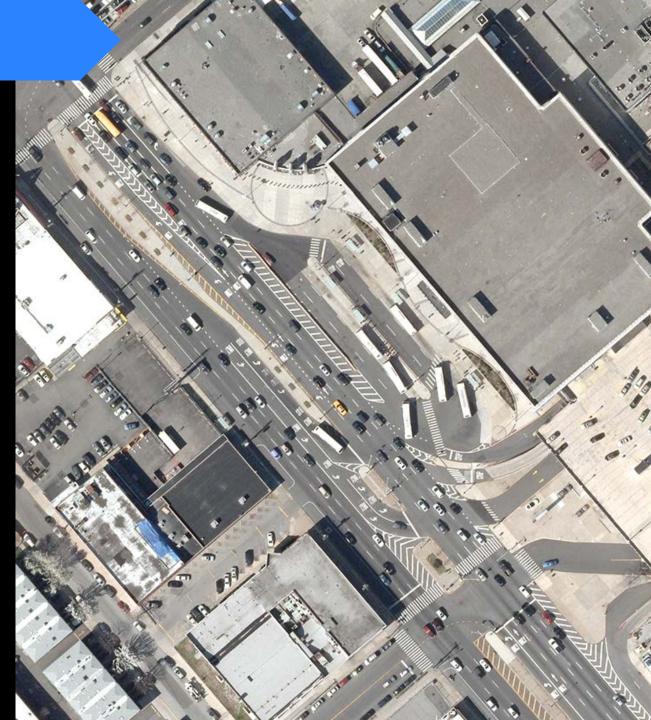
Background

- High Crash Corridor with a KSI/mile of 96.3
- Recent motor vehicle collision resulting in two fatalities
- 2011 DOT project
 - Eliminated double turning off Flatbush Ave onto Ave U using markings, signage & signal timing adjustments
 - Fixed merging issues north and south of the intersection
 - Decreased total crashes by 23% and total injuries by 21%



Background

- Unused federal earmark intended for safety and greening projects on Flatbush Ave from Ave U south to Marine Parkway Bridge identified
- Funding gives opportunity to build-out channelized areas from 2011 project



Existing Issues

- Long crossing distances
- Heavy pedestrian crossing volumes
- Poor visibility/yielding
- Heavy turning volumes

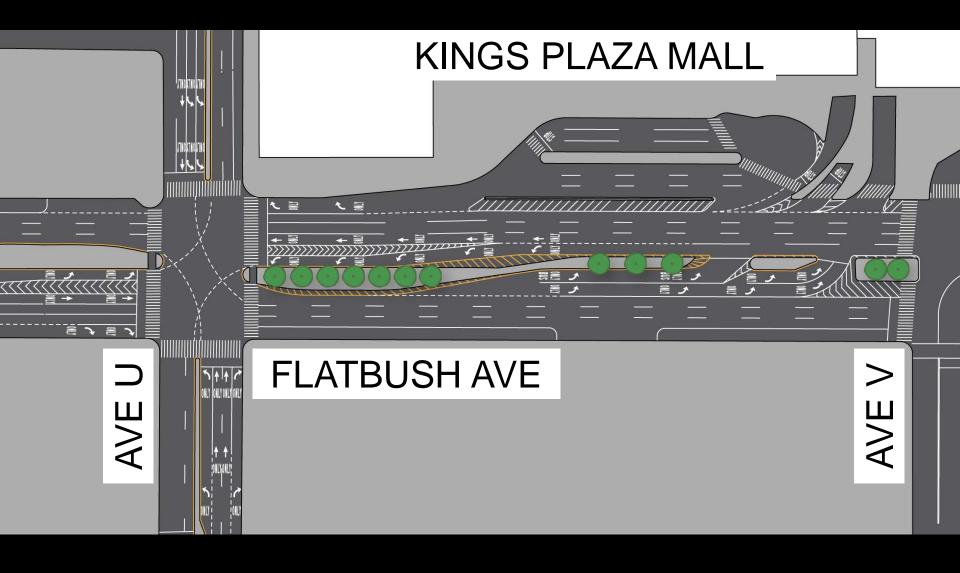


Single left-turn lane, looking north on Flatbush Ave at Ave U

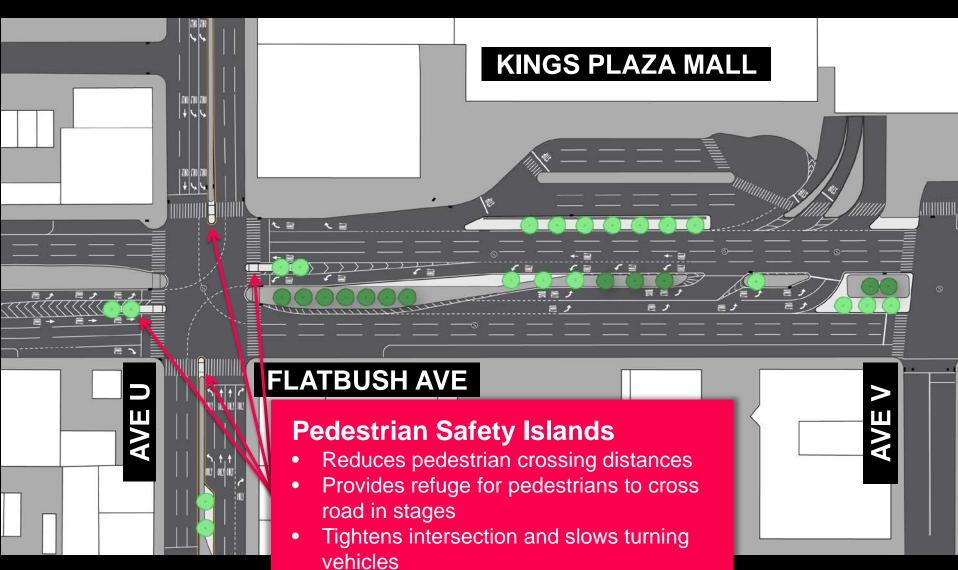
Long crosswalk across Flatbush Avenue at Ave U



Existing Conditions







New Trees (light green)

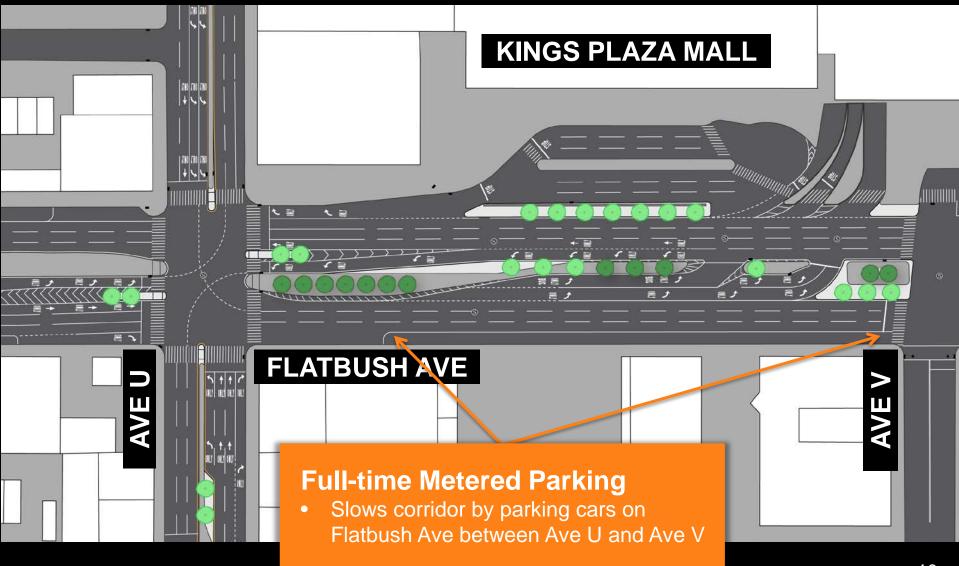
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• Enhances pedestrian environment/commercial district

FLATBUSH AVE

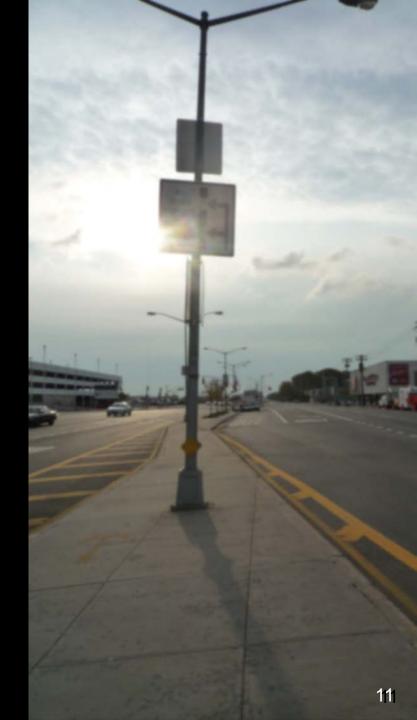
Enlarged/Improved Medians

- Reduces pedestrian crossing distances
- Provides refuge for pedestrians to cross road in stages
- Relieves sidewalk crowding



Plan Summary

- 1. Construct two concrete pedestrian safety islands in former turn-bays (channelized in pervious project) at Ave U
- 2. Extend Ave U medians with concrete on both sides of Flatbush Ave
- 3. Enlarge Ave V median island with concrete and add landscaping
- 4. Create new concrete median with landscaping in current bus terminal buffer
- 5. Use concrete to enlarge center median on Flatbush Ave between Ave U and Ave V, and add new landscaping
- 6. Enlarge and improve median on Ave U at Hendrickson Pl
- 7. Add full-time metered parking on Flatbush Ave between Ave U and Ave V
- 8. Plant 20 new trees



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