

Green Light for Midtown Less Congestion || Safe Streets || Pedestrian Comfort || Better for Businesses

Times and Herald Squares are at the heart of our city, but they are congested and create unsafe conditions for pedestrians and motorists in the area.

Did you know?

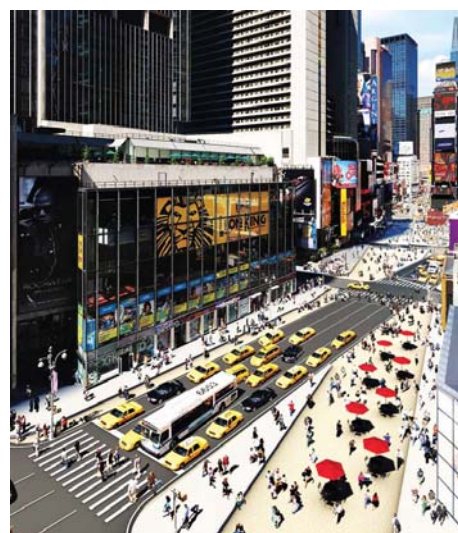
- 356,000 people walk through Times Square each day on overflowing sidewalks.
- Traffic on Broadway moves on average only 4.2 miles per hour.
- Broadway has 137% more traffic crashes here than the nearby Avenues.

This spring NYCDOT will begin “Green Light for Midtown,” a pilot project to open up the streets and avenues in Midtown by reconnecting the street grid on 6th and 7th Avenues and giving space to pedestrians on Broadway. The project will result in:

- Traffic lights with up to 66% more green time
- Significant travel time improvements on Sixth and Seventh Avenues
- Safer and simpler crossings for pedestrians
- Faster bus speeds for 70,000 daily riders

DOT will monitor this pilot project throughout the summer and fall and submit a project evaluation report by the end of 2009.

For more information about this project please visit:
nyc.gov/html/dot/html/about/broadway.shtml



Renderings of Herald and Times Squares after the changes.



Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg
Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan

Location

This project runs along Broadway from Columbus Circle to 25th St.

What to Expect

Construction will occur in stages to minimize inconvenience to residents, pedestrians and drivers. The following restrictions will be implemented to expedite completion of the work:

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Signs will be posted informing residents of upcoming traffic changes.

Parking may be temporarily restricted where necessary to allow construction to proceed. Signs will be posted indicating the temporary restrictions.

Public Transportation Starting Memorial Day (May 25), Broadway buses will follow new routes down 7th Avenue. Notices will be posted at former bus stops on Broadway directing bus riders to 7th Avenue.

Specific Changes will include:

Week of...

May 3

- New turn lane and parking regulations at Central Park South and 7th Ave.
- Parking temporarily removed from the east side of Broadway from Columbus Circle to 47th St. (approximately 4 weeks)

May 10

- Broadway narrowed from Columbus Circle to 47th St.,
- Asphalt island at 47th St. and 7th Ave. removed
- Lane lines and markings from Columbus Circle to 47th St. installed

Opening Weekend May 24-25

Starting Sunday May 24th Broadway will be closed to through-traffic at:

- Times Square (47th to 42nd St.)
- Herald Square (35th to 33rd St.)
 - Broadway buses diverted (new routes on 7th Ave.)
 - Motorists will be able to continue through Times Square southbound on 7th Ave. and motorists continuing through Herald Square on 6th Ave. will get increased green signal time

May 31

- Parking temporarily removed from the east side of Broadway from 33rd to 26th St. (approximately 4 weeks)
- Broadway narrowed from 33rd to 26th St.

July 19

- Work completed north of Times Square

August 16

- Public spaces at Times Square completed

August 23

- Public spaces at Herald Square completed
- Work completed south of Herald Square

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