I.S. 238: Susan B. Anthony School: School Safety Project
Hillside Avenue – Landscaped Refuge Islands

Presentation to:
Transportation Committee
Queens Community Board 12

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Study found:

- Excessive vehicle and bus traffic on Hillside Avenue
- Speeds on Hillside Avenue a concern
- Final Report included recommendations to construct refuge islands in existing painted median on Hillside
Safety Issues

- Hundreds of students cross Hillside Avenue to and from school
- High speeds on Hillside Avenue
- Heavy traffic, busses and trucks used Hillside, a 5 lane arterial
- Turning vehicles yielding to pedestrians in crosswalk

Goals

- Improved conditions for students walking to school
- Reduction of speeds of vehicles turning to and from Hillside
- Provide shorter crosswalks and protection when waiting
- PlaNYC goals -- More Trees – Community Beautification
Birds-Eye View of Hillside Avenue

Planned Pedestrian Refuge Islands
**Community**

- Refuge Islands will not hinder turning vehicle movements
- Will not require the removal or reduction of any travel lanes
- Will include tree for greater visibility
- Parks Department (Greenstreets) will plant and maintain
Examples of newly Completed Refuge Islands

Grand Street, Manhattan

**Timeline**: Construction would take approx 4-6 weeks during summer