Park Circle

Addressing Pedestrian, Vehicular, Bicycle and Equestrian Concerns

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Public Workshop

NYC Department of Transportation
Traffic Management Division
Pedestrian Projects Group
Major Issues from Community Workshop

- “Expressway” look and no crosswalk at ramp
- Large pavement dividing community
- Long, indirect crossing at Prospect Park SW because of Prospect Park exit
- Unprotected crossing for equestrians and pedestrians in Circle
- Gap in the cycling network
- High vehicle speeds from wide entries & exits
- Traffic back-ups at Parkside Ave and Prospect Park SW
- Driver confusion
Issues: Overall

“Expressway” look at ramp

Divides community

98’ wide roadbed

Residential/Commercial

School/Church

Parkland

Parkland
Issues: Pedestrian

In-direct crosswalk

No crosswalk

No crosswalk
Issues: Horses

Unprotected crossings to park
Issues: Bicycles

NYC Bike Map

Ocean Parkway Greenway Disconnected

No access to park
Issues: Vehicles

- Driver confusion
- High speeds
- Traffic back-ups at Parkside Ave and Prospect Park SW
PARK CIRCLE, Brooklyn
Existing Conditions
Existing Signal Phasing

PHASE I (Existing)

PHASE II (Existing)

PHASE III (Existing)
Draft Short-term Improvements
Improvements: Overall

- Ramp redesigned as a city street
- Unused roadbed transformed with landscaping and markings
- Circle made smaller
Improvements: Pedestrian

- New and direct crosswalks
- Shorter crossings

At Prospect Park Southwest

At the ramp
Park Entry: Today and Historic
Improvements: Horses

Protected bridle path within Park Circle
Improvements: Bicycles

- Class 1 bike path around circle
- Connection to the Ocean Parkway Greenway
- Class 1 bike path on Ft. Hamilton Pkwy
Improvements: Vehicles

- Less speeding
- Less congestion at Prospect Park Southwest and Parkside Avenue
- Reduced confusion with new signage and road design