Executive Summary

Queens Borough Profile

Findings

- Pedestrian fatalities in Queens have fallen by 44% in the past three decades but have risen recently.
- The pedestrian fatality rate in Queens is 1.92 fatalities per 100,000 residents, slightly higher than the citywide average.
- Where: High-crash locations in Queens tend to be concentrated around the high-density, historic town centers (e.g., Flushing, Jamaica, Elmhurst), often corresponding to elevated train tracks.
- When: Roughly 40% of Queens pedestrian travel occurs during rush hour, but only 24% of Queens pedestrian fatalities occurred during this period.
- Who: While seniors represent just 13% of the Queens population, they account for 35% of the borough's pedestrian fatalities.
- What: 70% of pedestrian fatalities in Queens involved a passenger vehicle.
- How: Dangerous driver choices are the primary cause or a contributing factor in 75% of pedestrian fatalities on Queens Priority Corridors.

Community Dialogue and Input

- 2,346 Queens pedestrian safety issues were shared and mapped digitally.
- Speeding (26%) and failure to yield (18%) were the most frequently cited issues.
- 67% of workshop attendees viewed wide arterial streets as the most important areas for pedestrian safety improvements.
- 56% of issues shared fall outside of the Priority Corridors, Intersections, and Areas.

Priority Corridors, Intersections, and Areas

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Priority Corridors

Priority Intersections

Priority Areas

Action Plan

Engineering and Planning

- Implement at least 50 Vision Zero safety engineering improvements annually at Priority Corridors, Intersections, and Areas citywide, informed by community input at project locations.
- Significantly expand exclusive pedestrian crossing time on all Queens Priority Corridors by the end of 2017.
- Add exclusive pedestrian crossing time to all feasible Queens Priority Intersections by the end of 2017.
- Modify signal timing to reduce off-peak speeding on all feasible Queens Priority Corridors by the end of 2017.
- Install expanded speed limit signage on all Queens Priority Corridors in 2015.
- Drive community input and engagement at Queens Priority Corridors, Intersections, and Areas.
- Install additional lighting under elevated trains and at other key transit stops.
- Coordinate with MTA to ensure bus operations contribute to a safe pedestrian environment.
- Expand a bicycle network in Queens that improves safety for all road users.
- Proactively design for pedestrian safety in high-growth areas in Queens including locations in the Housing New York plan.

Enforcement

- Implement the majority of speed cameras at Priority Corridors, Intersections, and Areas.
- Focus enforcement and deploy dedicated resources to Queens NYPD precincts that overlap substantially with Priority Areas.
- Prioritize targeted enforcement at Queens Priority Corridors, Intersections, and Areas annually.

Education and Awareness Campaigns

- Target child and senior safety education at Queens Priority Corridors and Priority Areas.
- Launch multilingual public information campaigns in Queens Priority Areas.
- Target Street Team outreach at Queens Priority Corridors, Intersections, and Areas.

Queens Priority Map