Tillary and Adams Streets
Gateway to Brooklyn

June 23, 2009
Community Workshop

NYC Department of Transportation
Traffic Operations
Pedestrian Projects Group
Design Workshop

- Held January 27, 2009 at St Francis College
- Large and Diverse Group of Attendees
- Two Parts
  - Background Presentation BY NYCDOT
  - Small Group Planning Sessions & Reports
Why now?

1. Capital Project HWK639 Tillary Street Area Reconstruction

2. Brooklyn Bridge ramp reconstruction

3. Potential TIGER Stimulus money – needs vision to secure

4. Enhancing the Gateway to Brooklyn in a competitive economy
Downtown Brooklyn Renaissance

- Future Brooklyn Bridge Park development
- Recent expansion of Marriott hotel
- New residential development on Flatbush Avenue and elsewhere, totaling 23,398,000 s.f. by 2020
- Recent or upcoming streetscape projects on Boerum Place, Flatbush Avenue, Fulton Street Mall, Willoughby Street and the BAM Cultural District
# Tillary and Adams Streets – Timeline

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<td>1954</td>
<td>Downtown section of Brooklyn-Queens Expressway Opens</td>
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<td>Mid-80s</td>
<td>Brooklyn Bridge Promenade extended to Tillary St.</td>
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<td>1998</td>
<td>Planted medians and bike lanes installed on Adams St. south of Tillary St.</td>
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<td>2001</td>
<td>Widened medians at Adams St. Intersection</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>Protected Bicycle Lane Implemented between Clinton St. and Adams St.</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>Improved pedestrian signal timing at Tillary St. and Adams St.</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>Safety Project at Tillary St. and Adams St. eliminated two left-turns</td>
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Examples of “Thinking Big” Projects

Grand Concourse at E. 161st Street
Lou Gehrig Plaza
The Bronx
Examples: Grand Concourse

Grand Concourse Pedestrian Safety Improvements E. 161st to E. 166th Street

Before

Today
Examples: Grand Concourse
Community Feedback: Issues

- Parking in Bicycle Lanes
- "Highway" Design Creates Barrier
- Pedestrian Safety
- Cyclist Safety
- Permit Parking
- Long Crossings
Key Problems & Opportunities

General:
1. Pedestrian safety & circulation
2. Bisects community
3. Aesthetics not worthy of “gateway” or neighborhood
Gateway to Brooklyn?

- Welcome mat?
- Highway or Neighborhood Street?

Would you bring your tourist $ here?
Community Feedback: Suggestions

- Eliminate or Reduce Size of Adams St Service Roads
- Add Neckdowns
- Widen Existing Medians for Pedestrian and Bike Use and Landscaping
- Add 2nd Southbound Left Turn Lane at Tillary/Adams
- Enhance/Expand Tillary Bike Lanes
- Reduce Number of Vehicle Lanes on Tillary Street
- Shortening Crosswalks
Gateway to Brooklyn Draft Proposal
Gateway to Brooklyn Vision
Brooklyn Bridge Flows into Boulevard

Skinny Medians Consolidated to Create Boulevard
Gateway to Brooklyn Plan

Existing

Concord Village

Federal Courthouse

United States Post Office

NYC College of Technology

City Tech

Proposed

Concord Village

Federal Courthouse

United States

NYC College of Technology

City Tech
Adams Street Transition

[Diagram showing the existing and proposed layout of Adams Street, with labels for locations such as the Courthouse, Restaurant, S Post Office, NYC College of Technology, and proposed changes indicated.]
Tillary Street: Cadman Plaza Area

- Striped triangle at Clinton
- Long crosswalks
- Security closure at Cadman Plaza East
- Excessive roadway width
Tillary Street: Cadman Plaza Area
Tillary Street: Flatbush Avenue Area

Narrow pedestrian refuges

Long crosswalks

Severs Neighborhood

Minimal landscaping
Tillary Street: Flatbush Avenue Area

Existing

Proposed
Other Areas Needing Improvement

Cadman Plaza East North of Tillary Street

Tillary Street near BQE
The End...and the Beginning