

Tillary and Adams Streets *Gateway to Brooklyn*



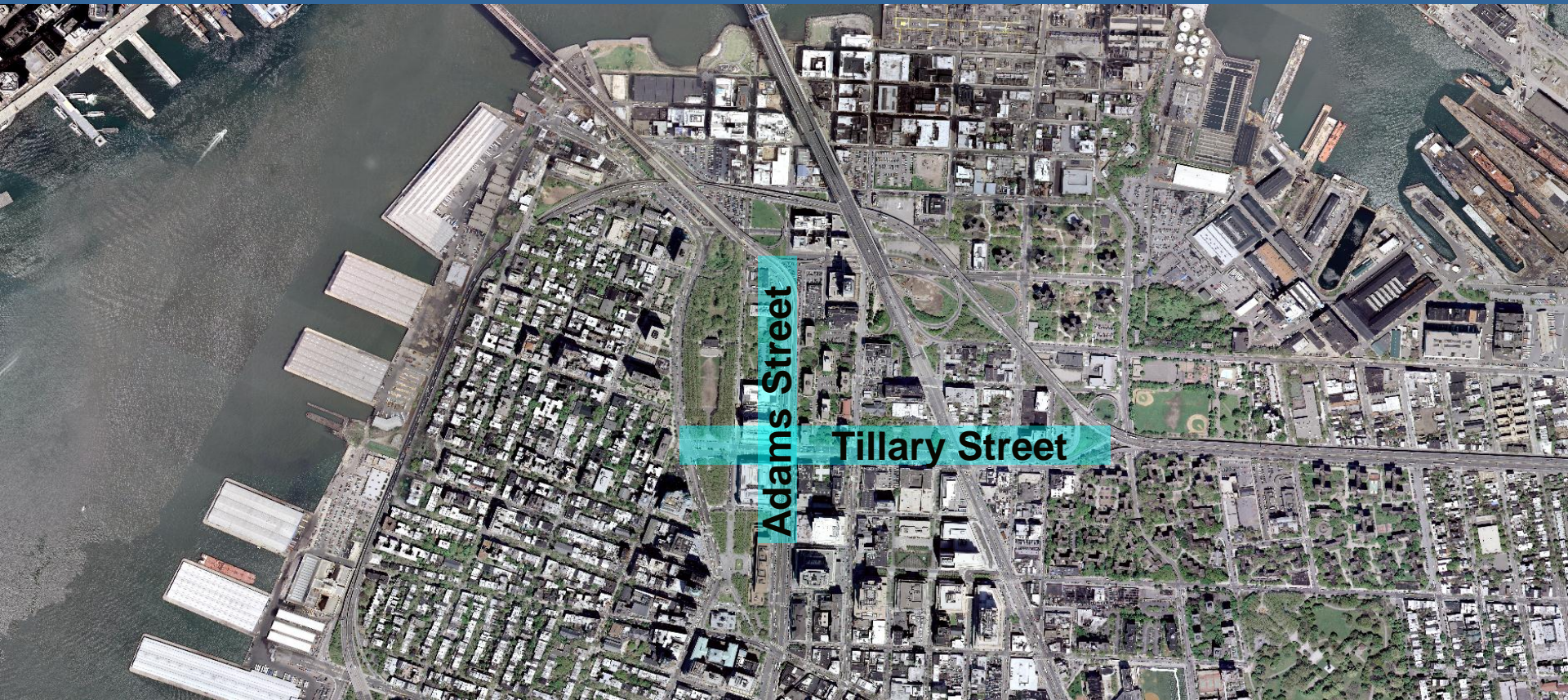
Design Workshop

- 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

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

Examples of “Thinking Big” Projects

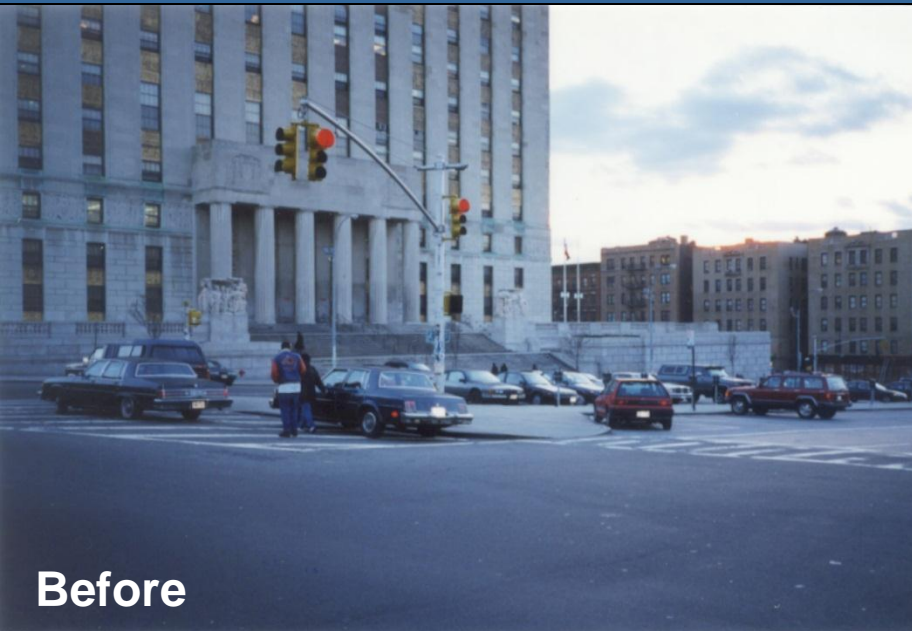
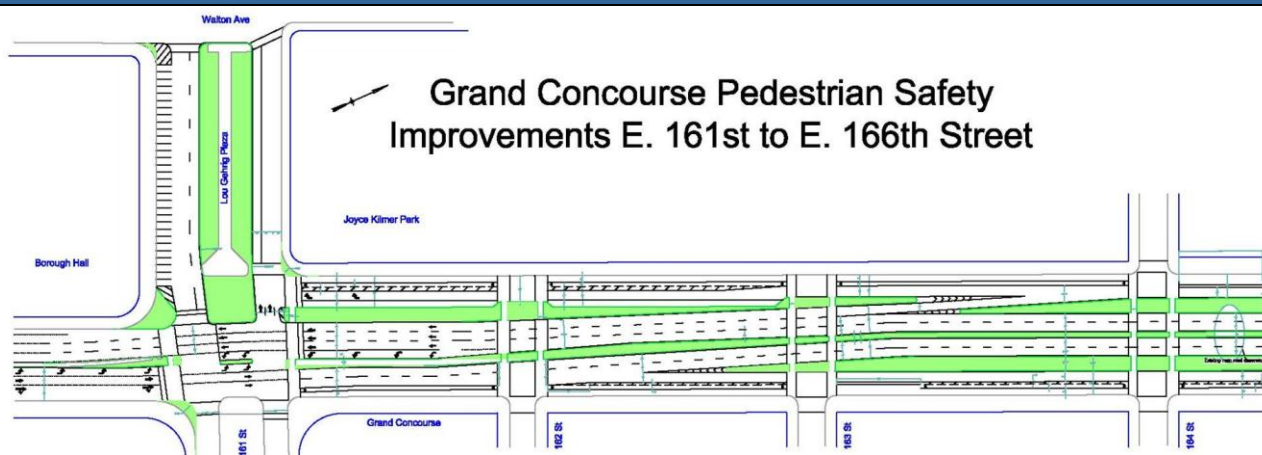
Grand Concourse
at E. 161st Street
Lou Gehrig Plaza
The Bronx



Before



Examples: Grand Concourse

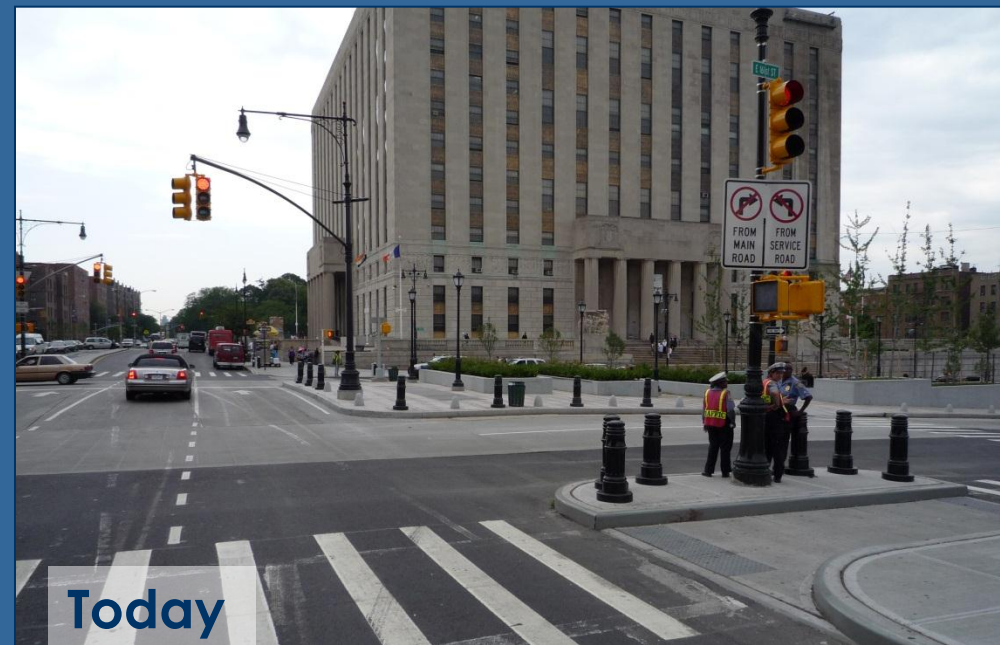


Before



Today

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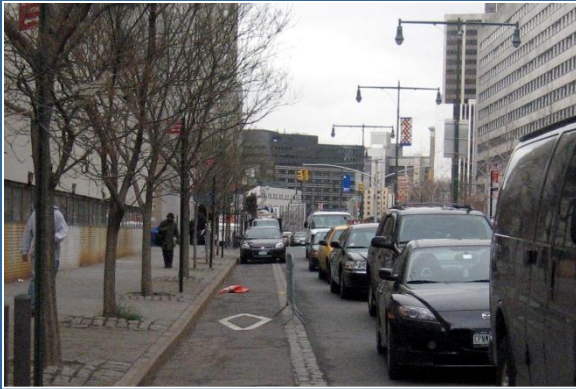
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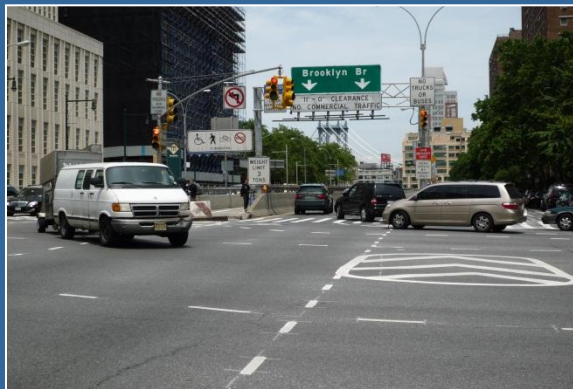
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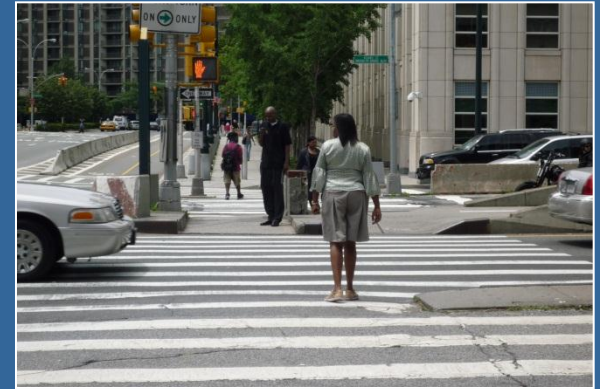
Community Feedback: Issues



Parking in Bicycle Lanes



“Highway” Design
Creates Barrier



Pedestrian Safety



Cyclist Safety



Permit Parking

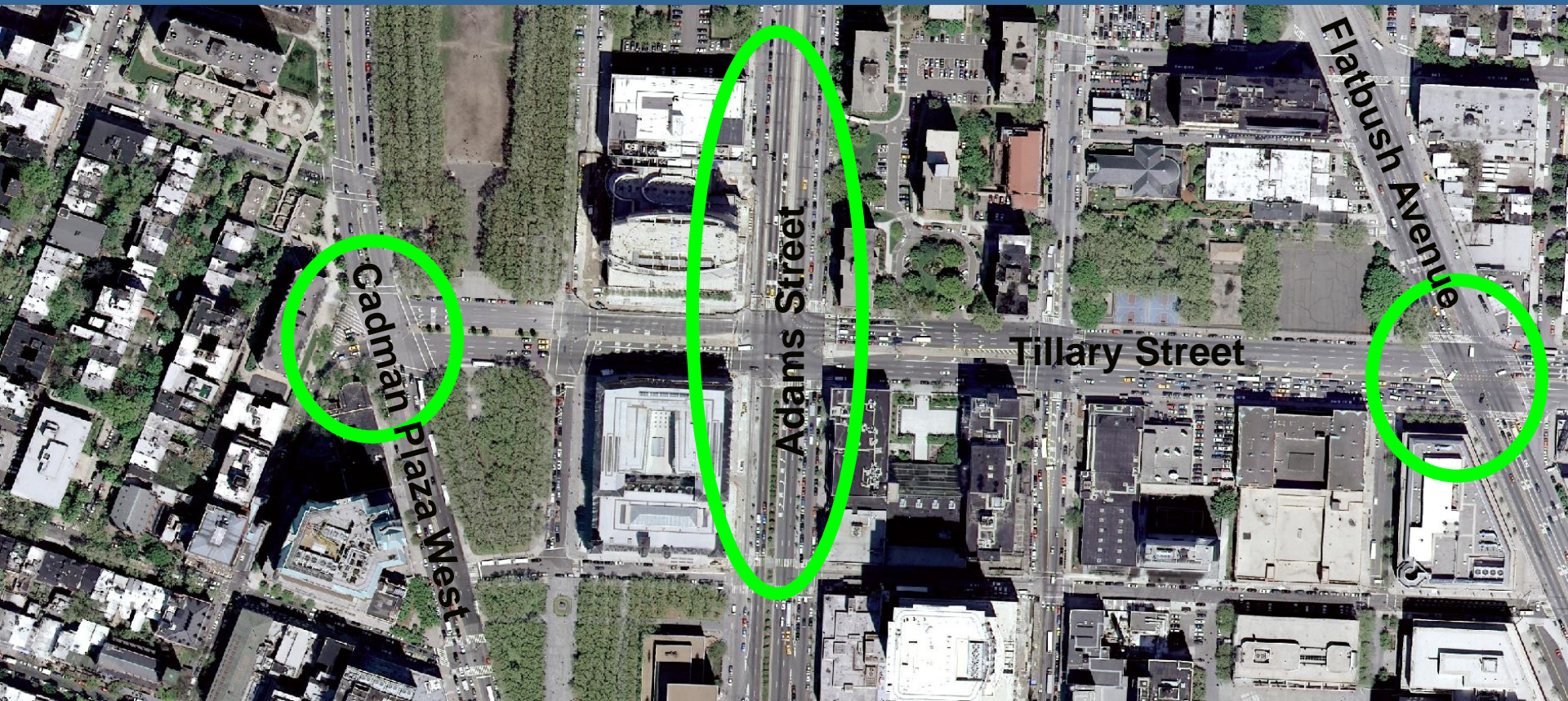


Long Crossings

Key Problems & Opportunities

General:

1. Pedestrian safety & circulation
2. Bisects community
3. Aesthetics not worthy of “gateway” or neighborhood



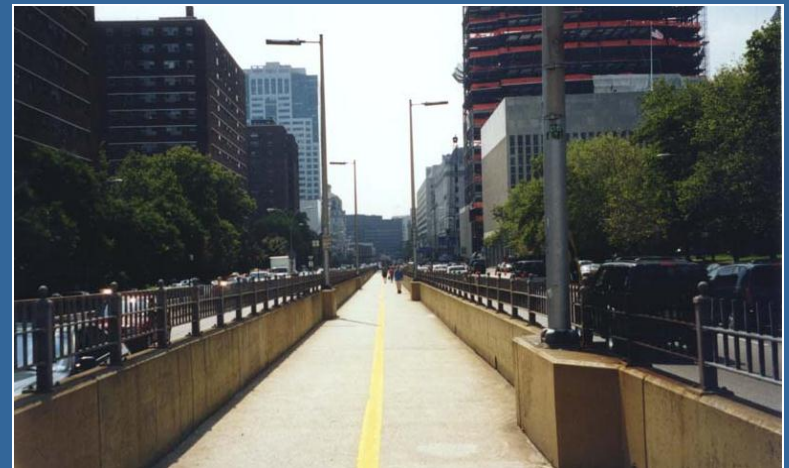
Gateway to Brooklyn?



Welcome mat?



Highway or Neighborhood Street?



Would you bring your tourist \$ here?

Community Feedback: Suggestions

Widen Existing Medians for Pedestrian and Bike Use and Landscaping

Add 2nd Southbound Left Turn Lane at Tillary/Adams

Enhance/Expand Tillary Bike Lanes

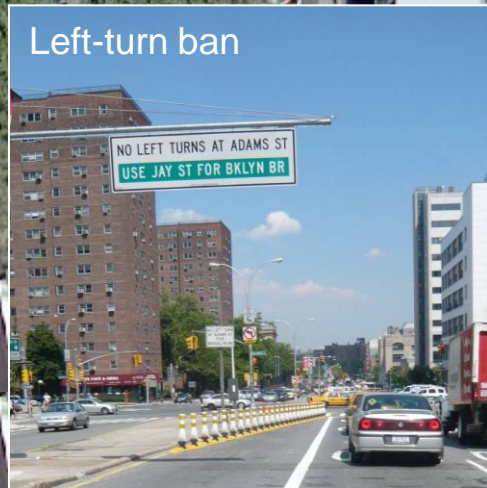
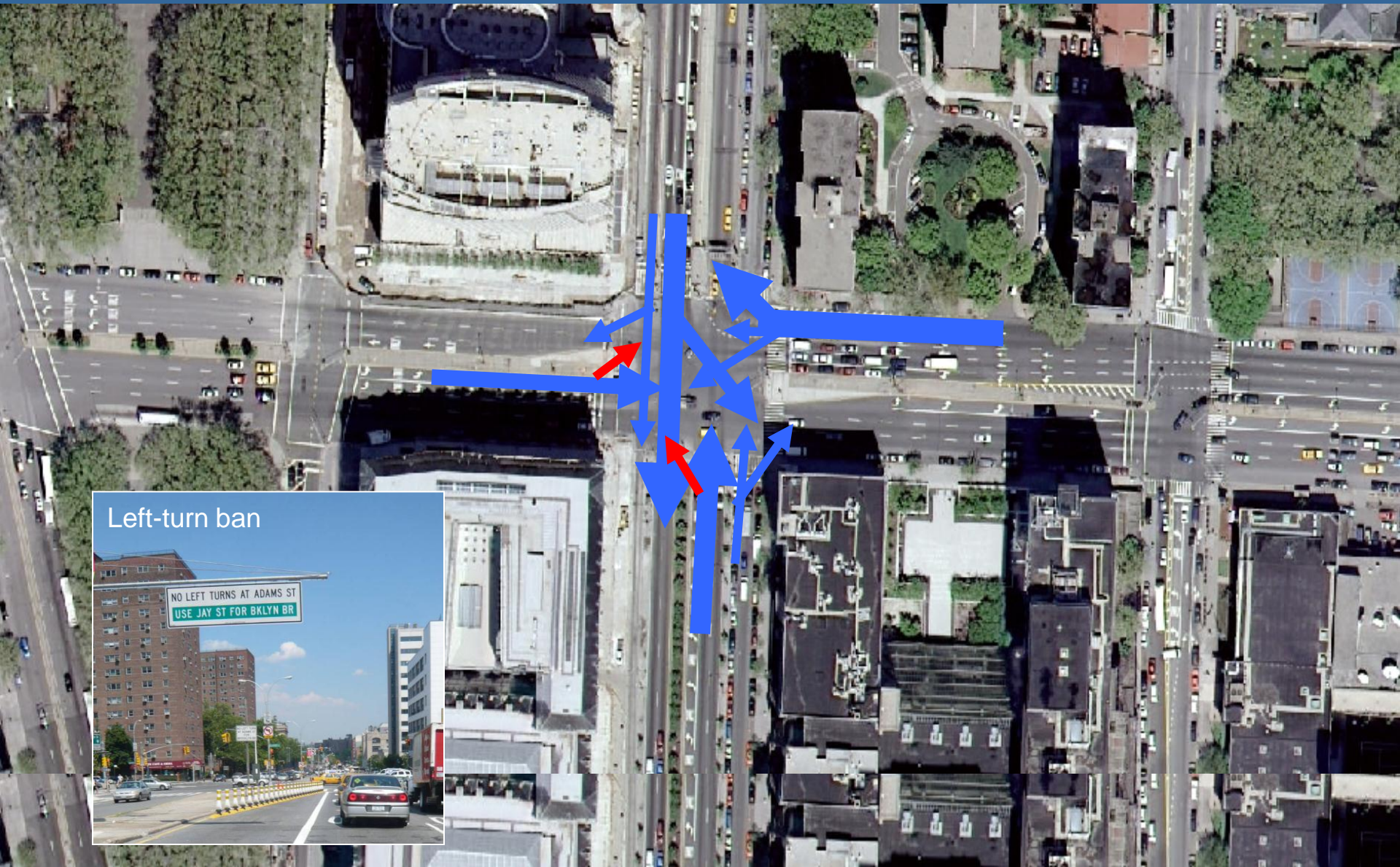
Eliminate or Reduce Size of Adams St Service Roads

Add Neckdowns

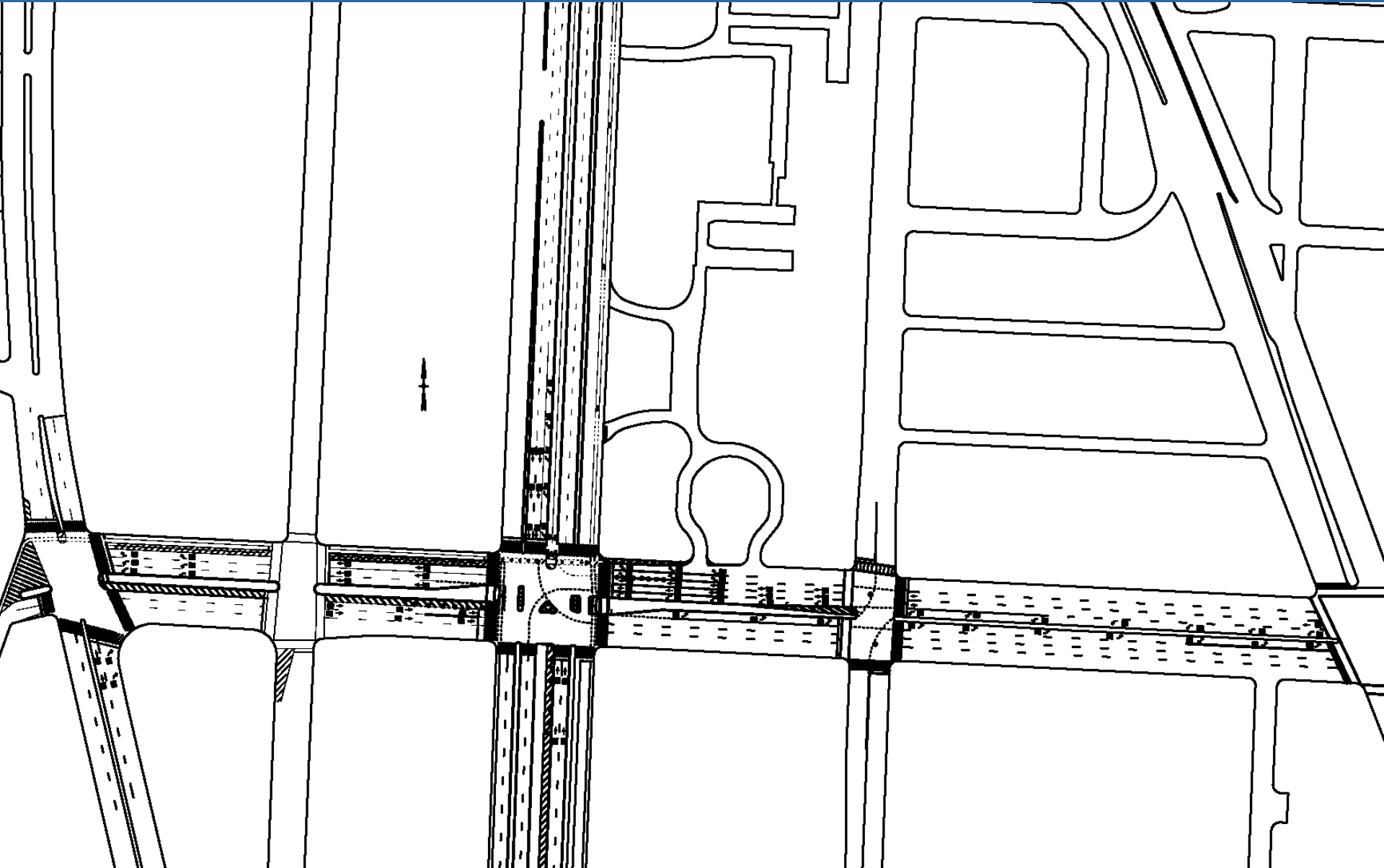
Reduce Number of Vehicle Lanes on Tillary Street Shortening Crosswalks



Adams & Tillary Remains Complex



Gateway to Brooklyn Existing Conditions



Gateway to Brooklyn Draft Proposal



Gateway to Brooklyn Vision



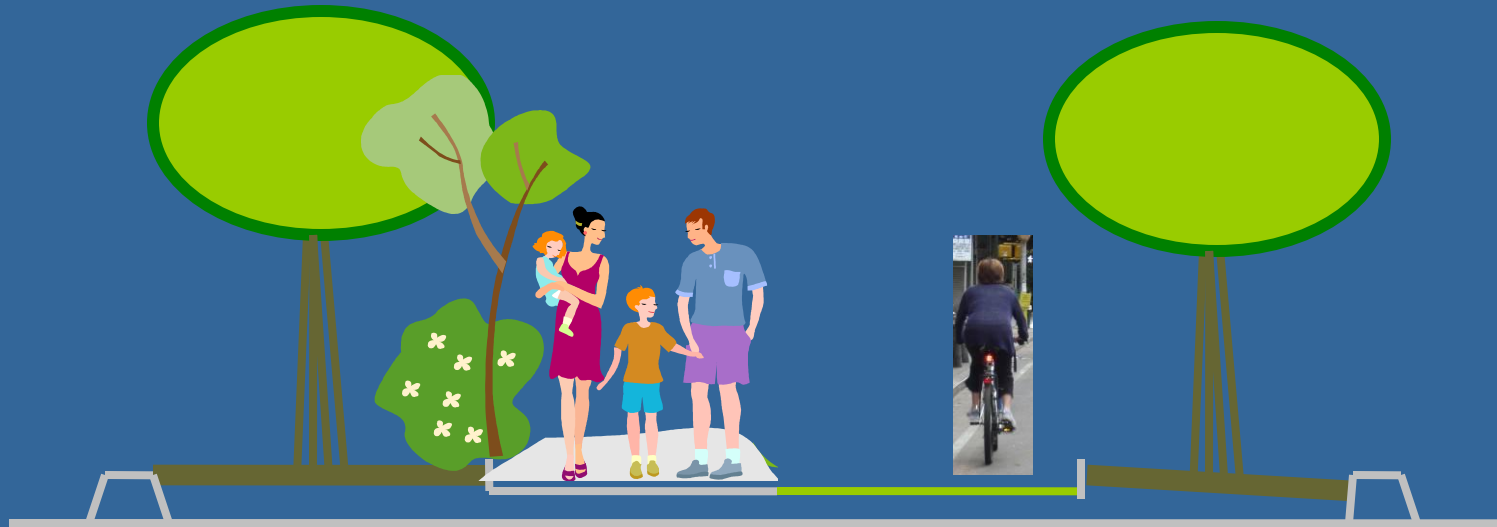
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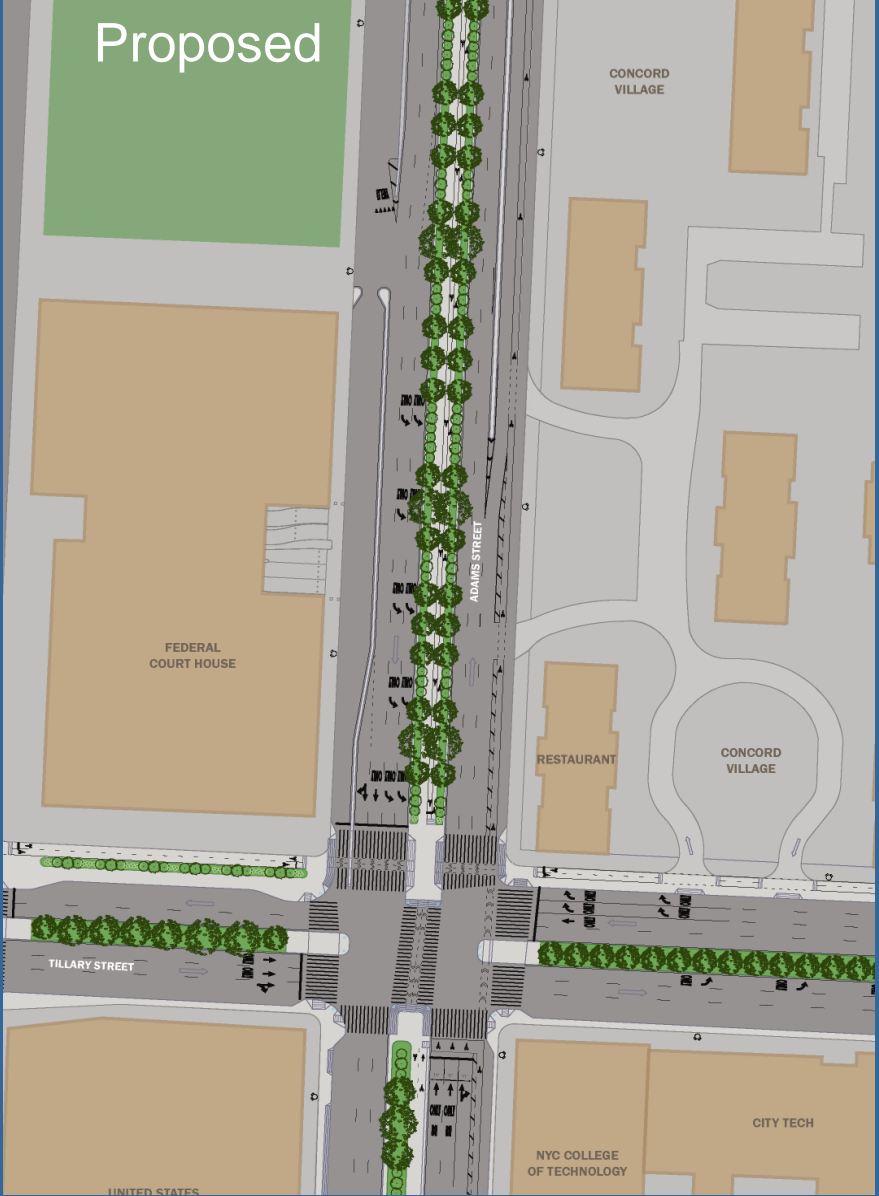
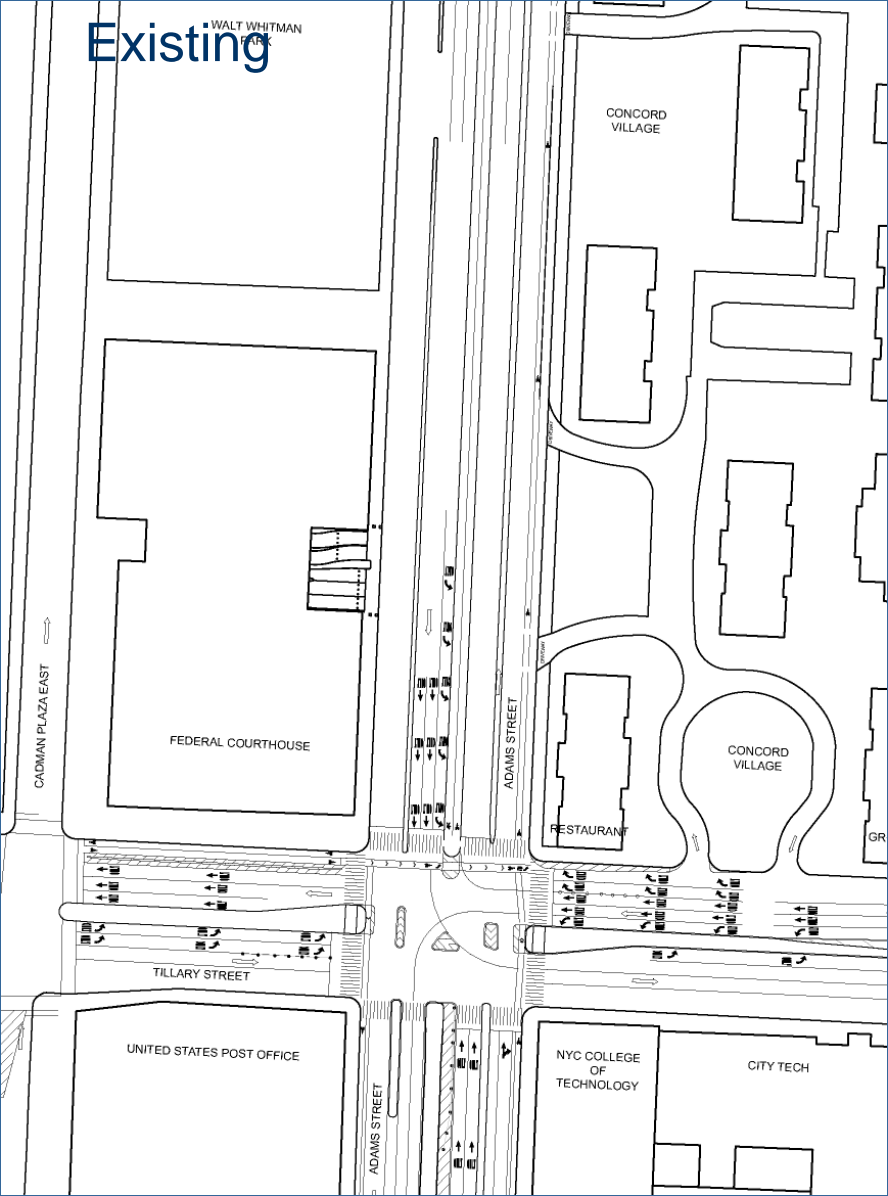
Proposed

Brooklyn Bridge Flows into Boulevard

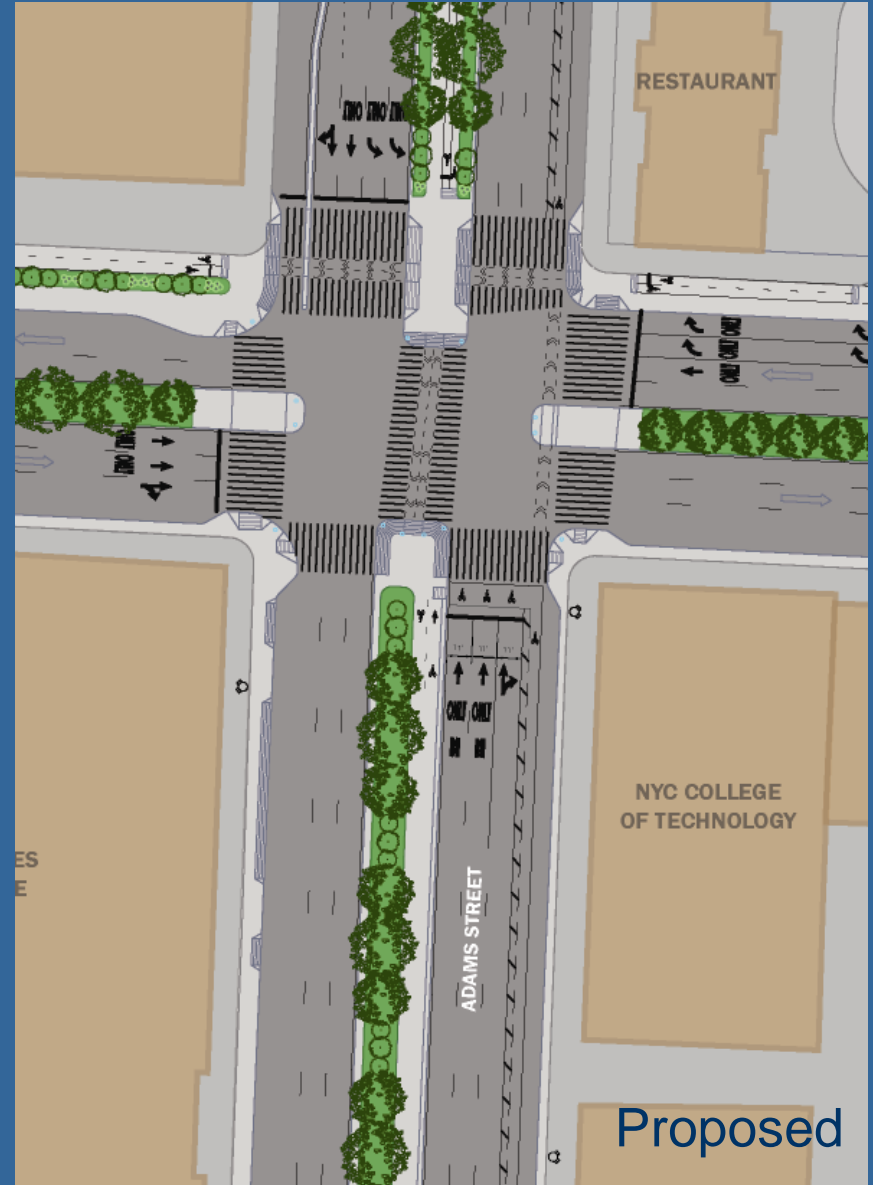
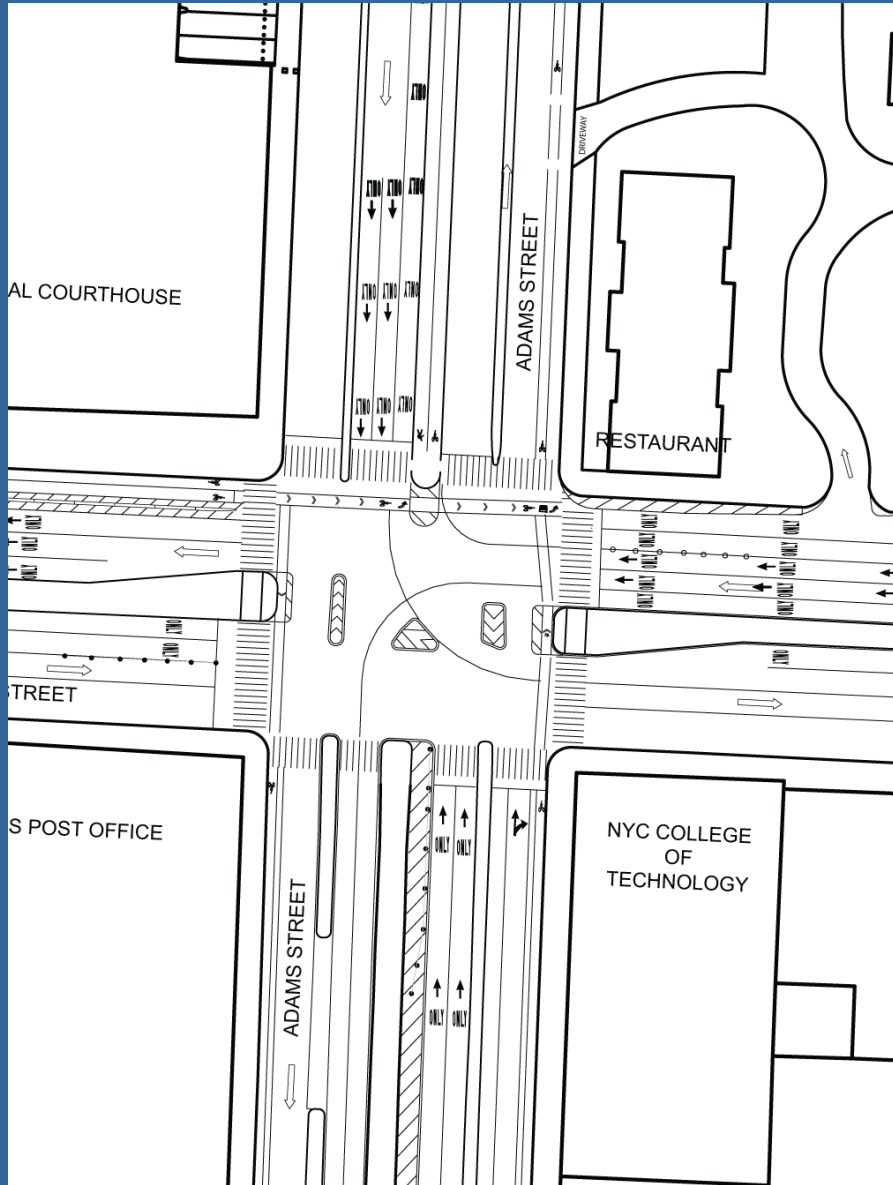
Skinny Medians Consolidated
to Create Boulevard



Gateway to Brooklyn Plan



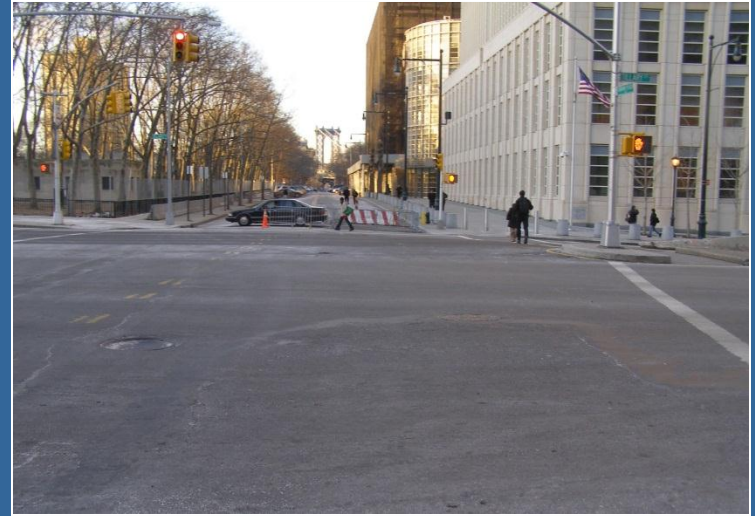
Adams Street Transition



Tillary Street: Cadman Plaza Area



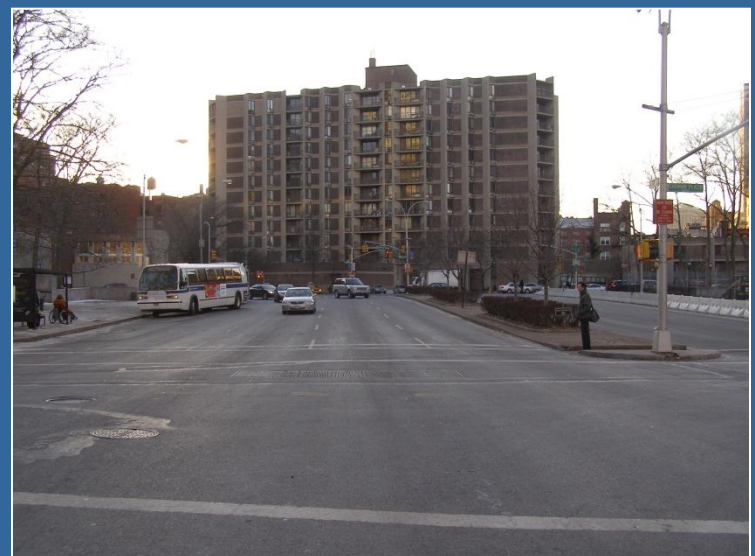
Striped triangle at Clinton



Security closure at Cadman Plaza East

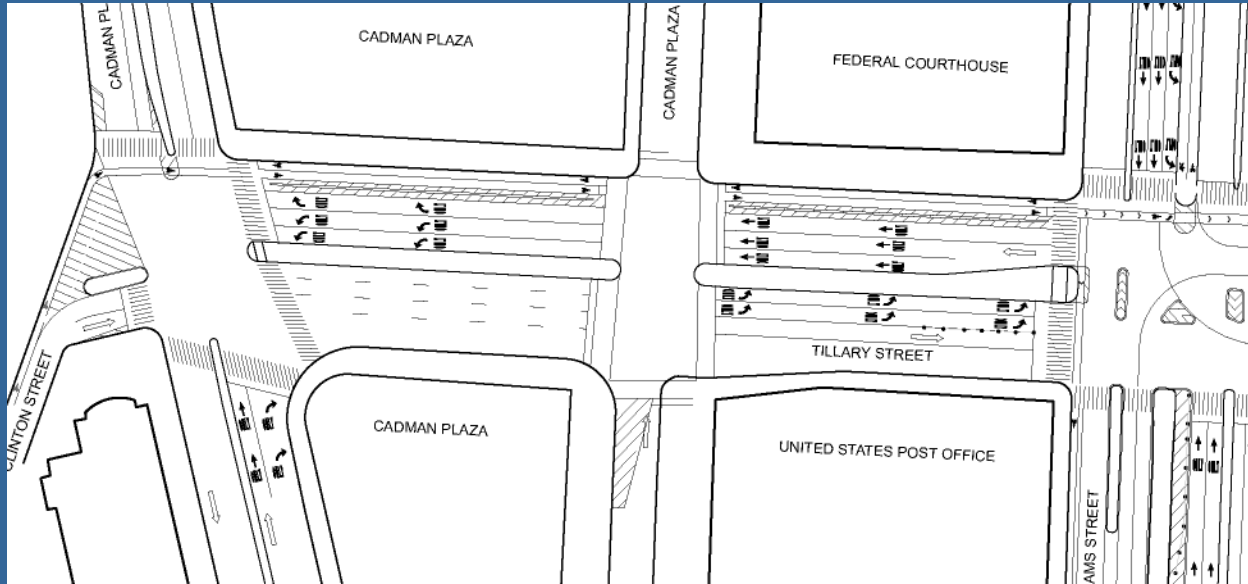


Long crosswalks



Excessive roadway width

Tillary Street: Cadman Plaza Area



Tillary Street: Flatbush Avenue Area



Narrow pedestrian refuges



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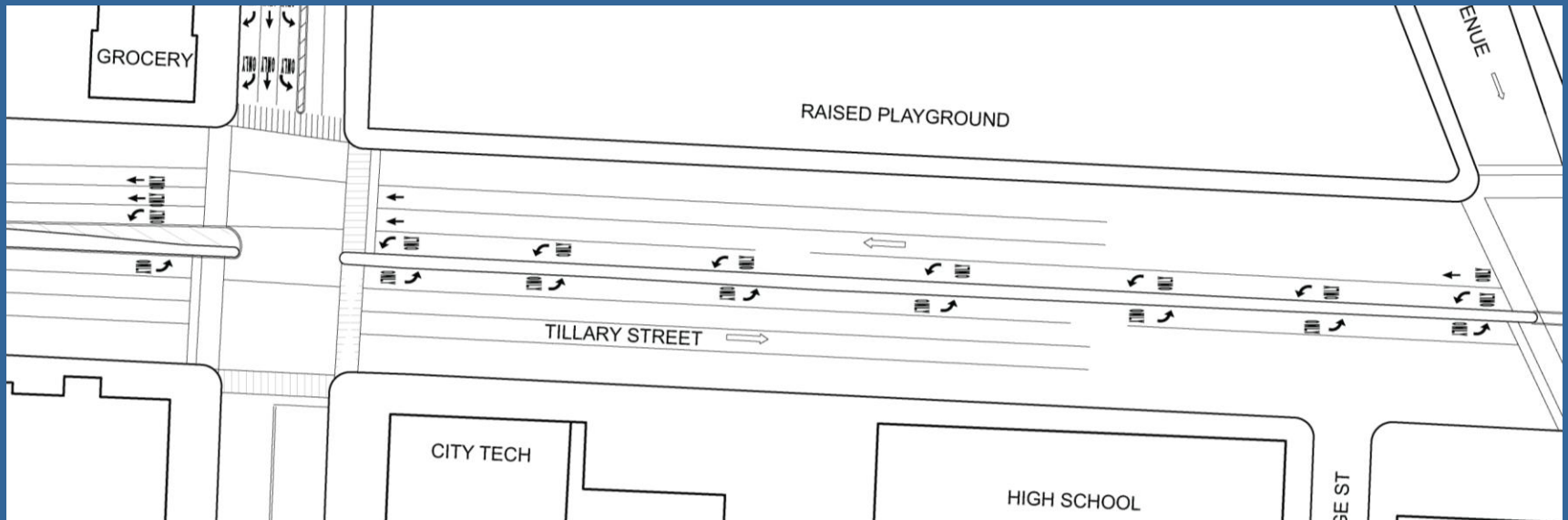


Severs Neighborhood



Minimal landscaping

Tillary Street: Flatbush Avenue Area



Other Areas Needing Improvement



Cadman Plaza East North of
Tillary Street



Tillary Street near BQE

The End...and the Beginning

