

# Neighborhood Slow Zone Alphabet City/Tompkins Square, Manhattan

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# Odds of Pedestrian Death\*

70%  20%  5%





# Neighborhood Slow Zone

Improving Safety  
in Neighborhoods

## 1. Neighborhood Slow Zone Program

## 2. Slow Zone Application

Tompkins Square Park & Playgrounds Parents'  
Association

## 3. Slow Zone Proposal

Alphabet City/Tompkins Square



# Neighborhood Slow Zone Program

## Neighborhood Group/Stakeholder Applies

Tompkins Square Park & Playgrounds Parents' Association and endorsement from Community Board 3

## Competitive Selection Safety #1 Criteria

## Neighborhood Slow Zone Proposal

New York City Department of Transportation  
**NYC Neighborhood Slow Zone**  
Application for Communities & Neighborhoods

2013

Please read through the Neighborhood Slow Zone Guidelines before completing this application.

**Community Information**

Name of Interested Community/Group: Tompkins Square Park & Playgrounds Parents' Assoc. Borough: Manhattan  
Community Board(s): 3 Contact Person: Chad Marlow  
Contact Person's Title: Founder Contact's Address: 155 East 4th Street, Apt. 3G  
City: New York State: New York Zip Code: 10009  
Contact's Phone #: 545-275-4481 Contact's Email: TSP3A@yahoo.com

**Slow Zone Example**

Slow Zones should be a self contained area surrounded by strong boundaries. Some examples of strong zone boundaries are highways, parks, elevated trains, dead ends, and major streets.

For example the Boerum Hill Slow Zone (pictured right) is bounded by the major streets Atlantic Ave, 3rd Ave, Union Street, and Smith Street.

**Boerum Hill Slow Zone**

**Proposed Boundaries of Slow Zone**

Describe the proposed location and boundaries of the Neighborhood Slow Zone. (Please attach a map):

- East of, but not including any portion of, 1st Avenue
- West of, but not including any portion of, FDR Drive
- North of:
  - To the east of where 2nd Street meets Houston Street: North of, but not including any portion of, Houston Street
  - To the west of where 2nd Street meets Houston Street: North of, but not including any portion of, 2nd Street
- South of, but not including any portion of, 14th Street

Proposed slow zone map included in attached documentation.



16 Selected  
74 Applications  
2014-15

Alphabet City/Tompkins Square Slow Zone





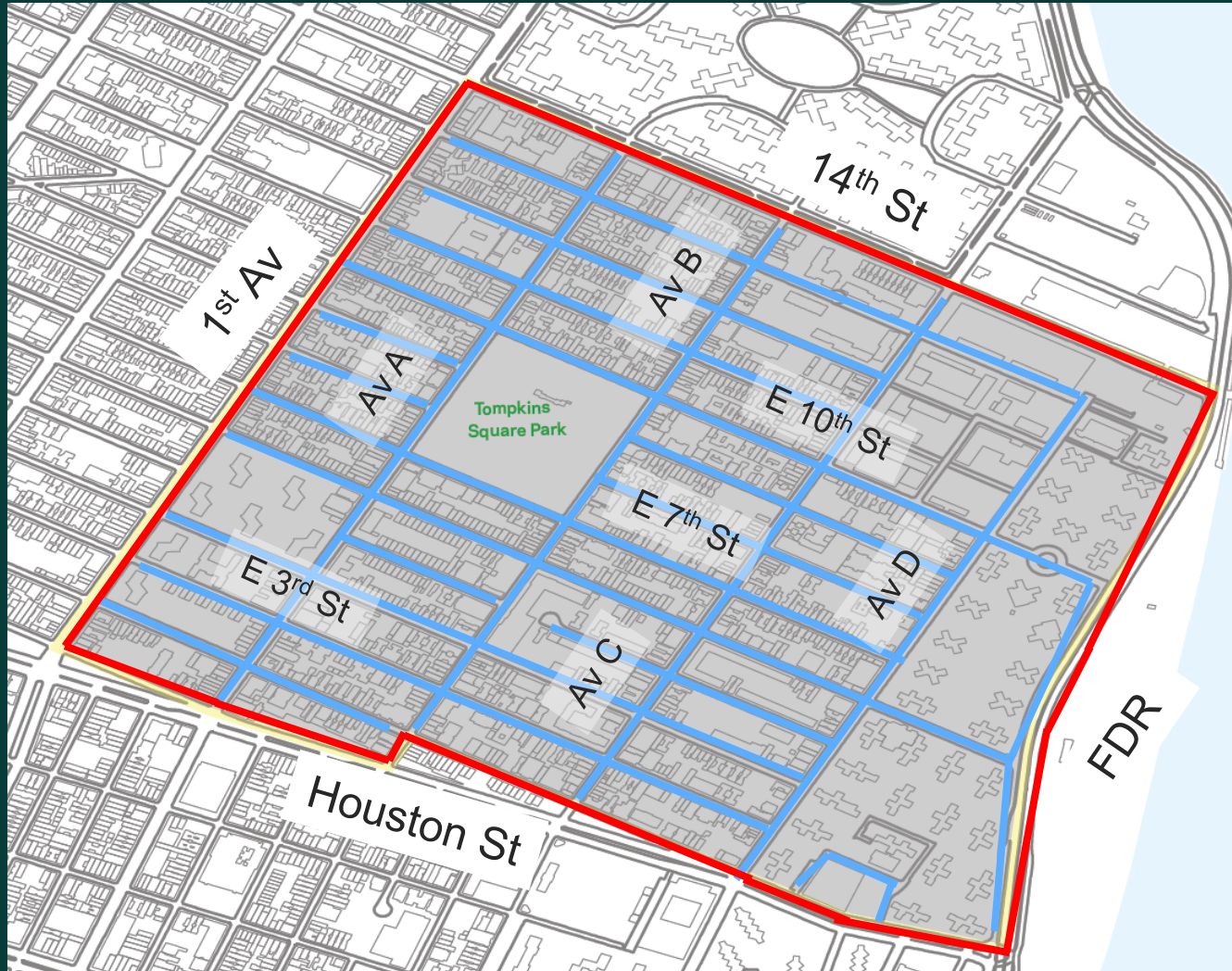
# What is a Neighborhood Slow Zone?

Neighborhood residential street speeds reduced to **20 MPH**



# Residential Streets 20 MPH

- Neighborhood streets speeds changed to 20 MPH
- Boundary streets unchanged, speeds remain 30 MPH





# Slow Zone Components

## 3 main tools to reduce speeds in the zone

- Gateway Signage
- 20 MPH Markings\*
- Speed Bumps\*

\*Not applied on boundary streets which remain 30 mph

Alphabet City/Tompkins Square  
Slow Zone



Gateway Signs



Markings



Speed Bumps



# Slow Zone Components: Gateway Signage

Placed at entrances to the Neighborhood Slow Zone Area





# Slow Zone Components: 20 MPH Markings



Markings placed throughout zone to remind motorist of the speed limit



# Slow Zone Component: Speed Bump

- Makes the Slow Zone “self-enforcing”; **lower speeds through design**
- Distributed evenly throughout the Slow Zone
- Successfully used throughout NYC

Bumped streets:  
~**40% reduction**  
in injury crashes  
~**20% reduction**  
in speeds





# Speed Bumps & Speed Humps

NYC DOT Standard



Never Used by NYC DOT



# Program History

- Pilot Project 1 zone 2011
  - Bronx: Claremont Slow Zone
- 1<sup>st</sup> Round 13 zones 2012-13
  - Brooklyn: Boerum Hill
  - Queens: Corona, East Elmhurst-Jackson Heights, Auburndale, Elmhurst
  - Bronx: Mt Eden, Riverdale, Eastchester, Baychester
  - Staten Island: Rosebank, New Brighton-St George, Dongan Hills
  - Manhattan: Inwood
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round 16 zones (Current) 2014-15
  - Brooklyn: Bedford Stuyvesant/Clinton Hill, Brownsville/East New York, Crown Heights, Brooklyn Heights, Prospect Heights
  - Queens: Jackson Heights, Sunnyside Gardens-Woodside, Sunnyside, Astoria
  - Bronx: Norwood, Parkchester, Westchester Square
  - Staten Island: Midland Beach
  - Manhattan: Alphabet City, West Village, Hudson Heights



# Sample Manhattan Zone



Broadway and Dyckman St

**Inwood**  
Neighborhood  
Slow Zone



### Promising Safety Findings\*:

- **10-15%** reductions in speeds
- **14%** overall reduction in crashes with injuries
- **31%** reduction in vehicle injuries
- Ongoing evaluation of Slow Zones



\*Corona, Inwood, New Brighton/St George, Mt Eden, one-year after data



# Application Alphabet City/Tompkins Square

## Slow Zone application

- Application submitted by Tompkins Square Park & Playgrounds Parents' Association, with support from Community Board 3

New York City Department of Transportation

2011

## NYC Neighborhood Slow Zone

Application for Communities & Neighborhoods



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# Slow Zone Selection Criteria

High amount of **severe crashes/fatalities**

- 6 per mile

Good **boundaries** (wide busy streets)

Many **letters of support**

## Sample of Supporters

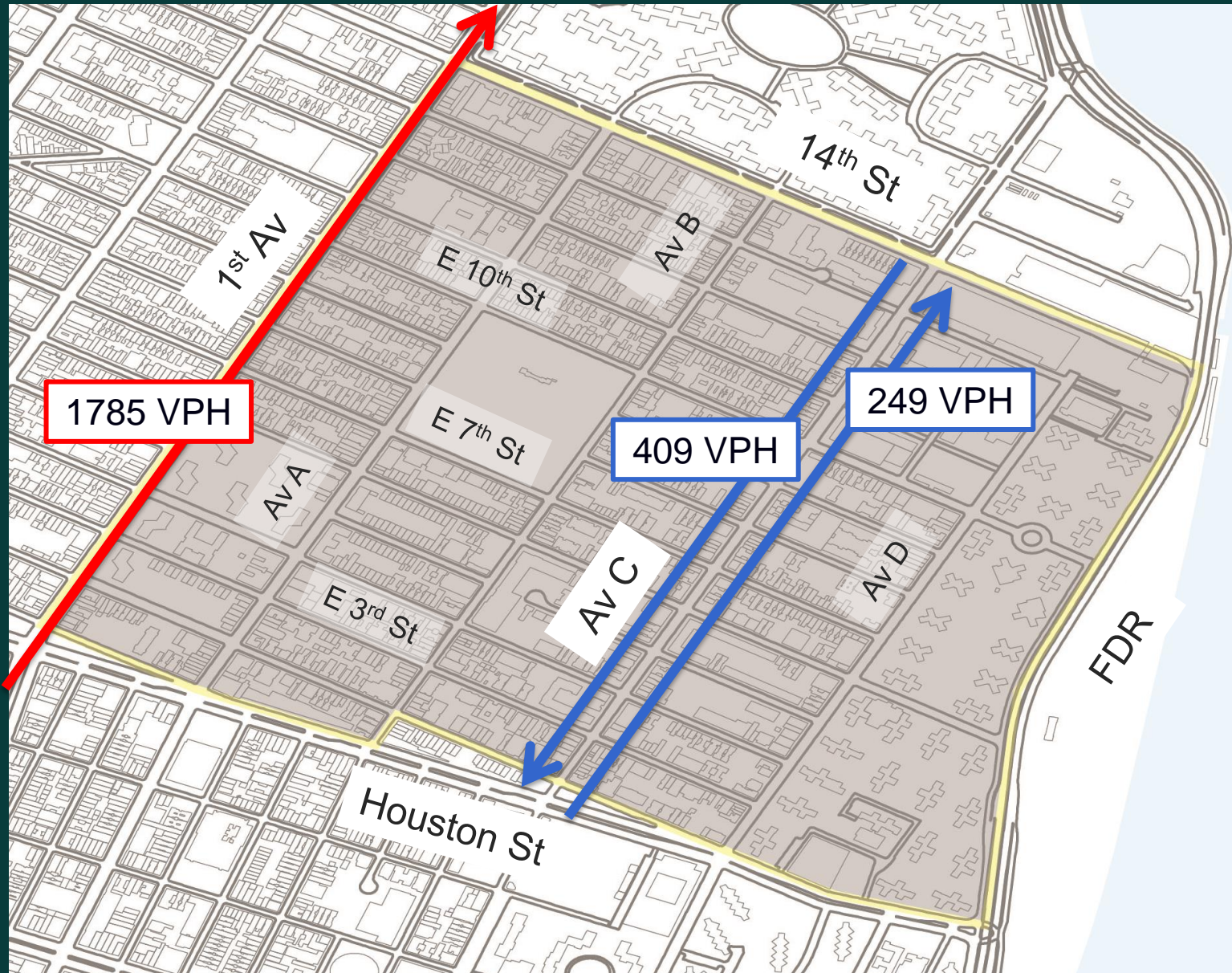
- Community Board 3
- PS 315 East Village Community School
- PS 63 – STAR Academy
- East Village Community Coalition
- Lower East Side Girls Club
- Carolyn Maloney, US Congress Member 12th District
- Nydia Velazquez, US Congress Member 7th District

	Severe Crashes	Crash Injuries	Size
<b>Alphabet City/Tompkins Square</b>	<b>6 per mile</b>	<b>60 per year</b>	.38 sq mi
West Village (Proposed)	6 per mile	21 per year	.13 sq mi
Inwood (Implemented)	2 per mile	16 per year	.16 sq mi

Positive Criteria	Crashes	Letters of Support	Schools	Senior Centers	Daycare	Strong Boundaries	Subway Stations	Bus Routes (on Boundary)	Truck Routes (on boundary)
Negative Criteria	Gateways Required							Bus Routes (in zone)	

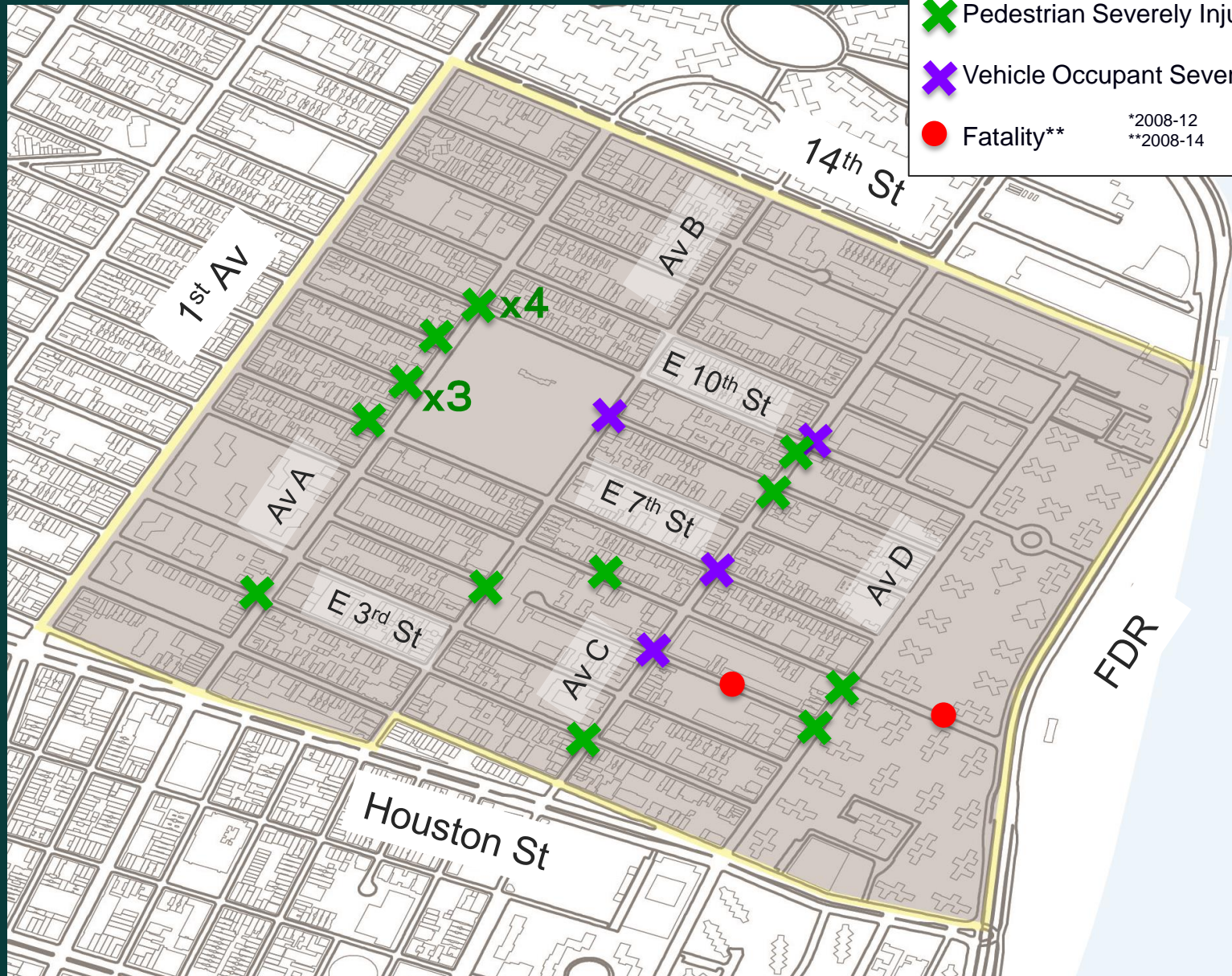


# Slow Zone Analysis of Internal Streets



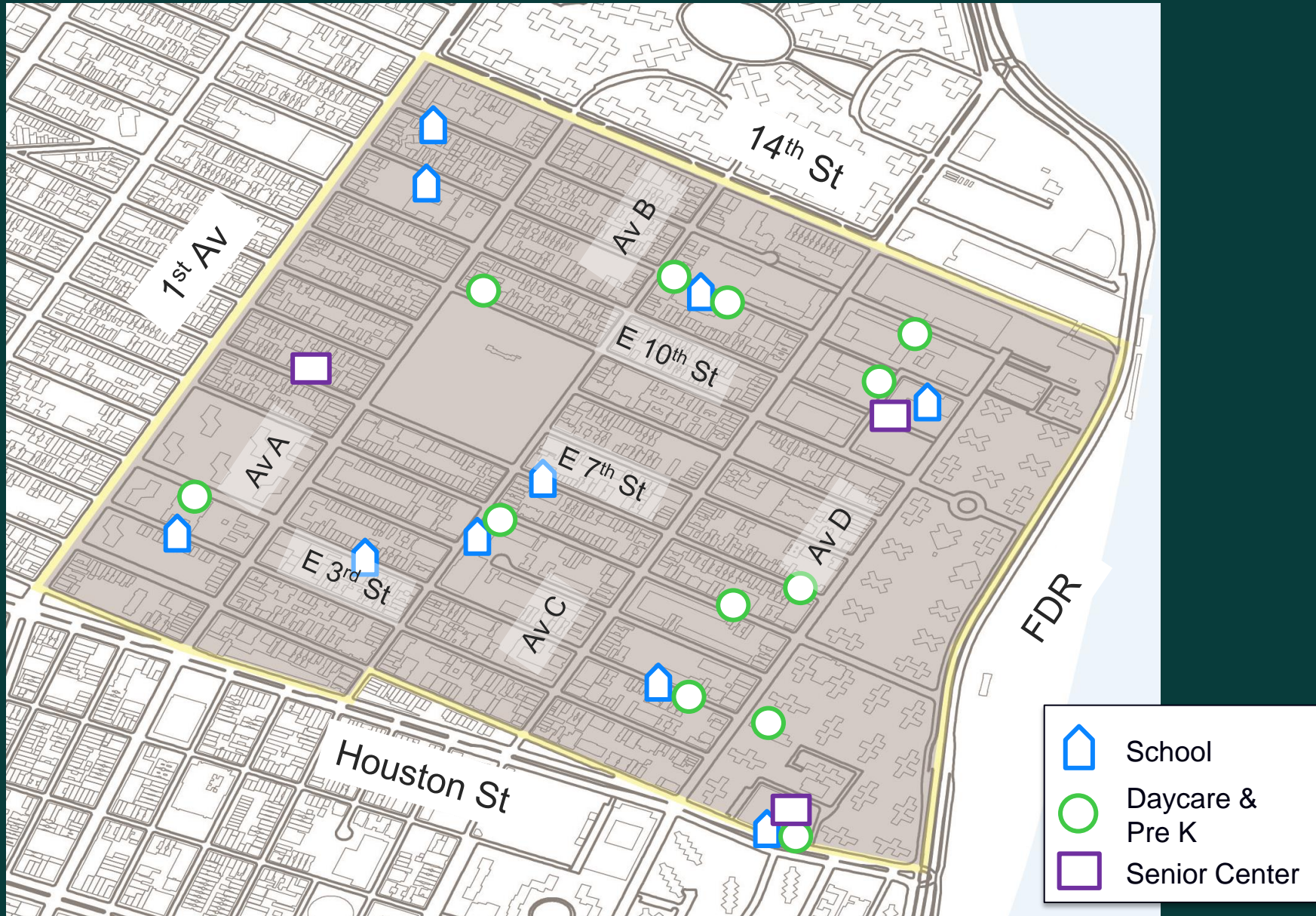


# Severe Injuries & Fatalities



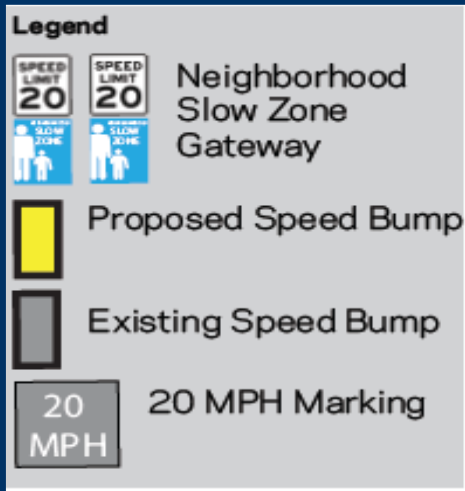


# Schools and Community Resources in Slow Zone

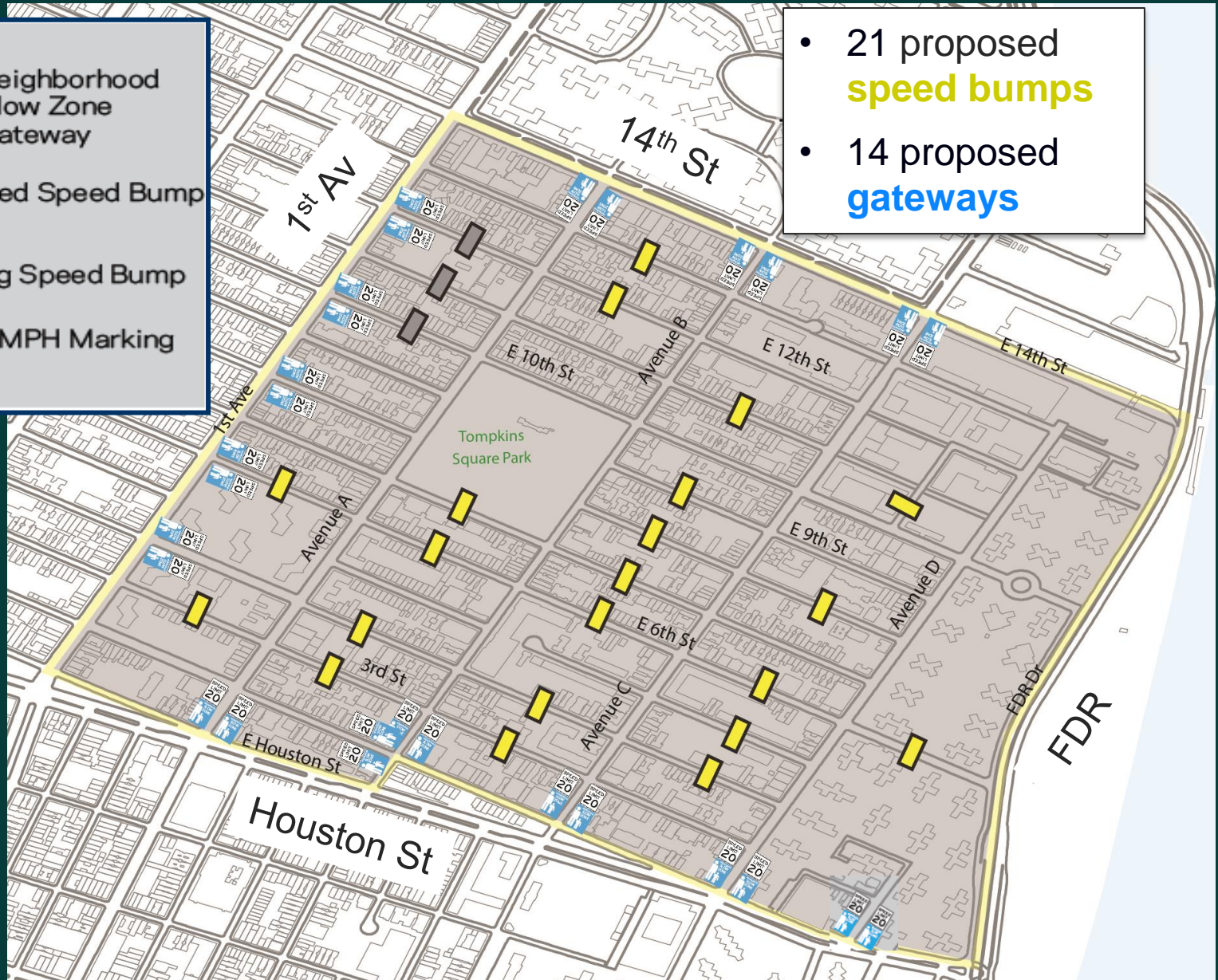




# Proposed Alphabet City-Tompkins Square Slow Zone



- 21 proposed **speed bumps**
- 14 proposed **gateways**





# Proposed Slow Zone



Avenue C and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street



# Proposed Slow Zone



6<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue



# Proposed Slow Zone



1st Ave and 4th St



# Increasing Safety in Alphabet City/Tompkins Square

## Local Request

- Slow Zone application submitted by the Tompkins Square Park & Playgrounds Parents' Association



## Why implement?

- **16 schools** in the proposed zone
- Odds of pedestrian death **4 times lower** at 20 mph compared to 30 mph





Questions?

**Thank  
You**

# Manhattan Bus Map

No Speed Bumps  
will be placed on  
bus routes

