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May 5, 2016

### Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

#### Attendees

Terri Adams  
Czarinna Andres  
Ryan Balas  
Diane Ballek  
Claudia Chan  
Stephen Cooper  
Lisa Deller  
Sally Frank  
Dana Frankel  
William Garrett  
Ira Greenberg  
Kenneth Greenberg  
Richard Gundlach  
Benjamin Guttman  
Denise Keehan-Smith  
Marie Konecko  
Jordan Levine  
Sheila Lewandowski  
Dominic Lippolis

Donald McCallian  
Taina McShane  
Thomas Mituzas  
Dorothy Morehead  
Patrick Murray  
Patrick O'Brien  
Steven Raga  
Lakshmi Reddy  
Norberto Saldana  
Mark Salinas  
Moitri Savard  
Regina Shanley  
Michael Son  
Lauren Springer  
Carol Terrano  
Mary Torres  
Karolina Tosi  
Santiago Vargas  
Maria Magdalena Vielma

#### Absentees

Sandra Bigitschke  
Anna Bridge  
Bessie Cassaro  
Anne Hart  
Mohammed Jewel  
Ellen Kang

Badrun Khan  
Charles Markey  
Elliot Park  
Elba Santiago  
Rebecca Trent  
Anthony Tudela

**Community Board 2 Staff**

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager  
MaryAnn Gurrado

**Elected Officials**

Yoni Bokser, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Office  
Aliya Latif, Comptroller Stringer's Office  
Kenny Medrano, Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer's Office

**NYC Department of City Planning**

Penny Lee  
Alexis Wheeler

**Guests**

Paula Wilson  
David Feit

**Public Comment**

Jim Condes  
James Chan, Sunnyside Community Services  
Paula Hostetter  
Mahim Singh  
Laura Heim  
Kelly Karavites  
Dorothy Kominsky  
Amy Paul, Woodside on the Move  
Tom Ryan, Northern Woodside Coalition

Mr. O'Brien welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Yoni Bokser, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Office**

Mr. Bokser provided the following update:

- Mr. Bokser announced he is liaison to Borough President Melinda Katz's Office and anyone can reach out to him for assistance on any matter.
- He welcomed the newly appointed CB 2 Board Members and announced that there would be an Orientation and Training Program for new and reappointed Board Members on May 9, 2016 at the Hall of Science.
- Newly opened office at Queens Borough Hall for the Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs. There is staff three days a week to assist veterans.

- Announced there will be an International Ideas Competition concerning the New York State Pavilion in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Ideas are being solicited on how to improve the park.
- Borough President Melinda Katz has announced that she has allocated one million dollars to build a new gym and fitness space for Autistic children during Autism Awareness Week.
- Mayor's Executive Budget was released and Borough President Katz wanted to highlight the following from the Mayor's Executive Budget:
  - \$50 million for repairs and reconstruction of the Queensboro Bridge. There will be changes and closures and the whole upper level will be redone.
  - The Plaza Fountain outside of Queensboro Hall, which is a tribute to women in Queens. Restoration and reconstruction has begun and will be complete by the end of the summer.

**Kenny Medrano, Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer's Office**

Mr. Medrano provided the following update:

- Announced that the Newsletter from the Council Member's Office would be going out in the mail shortly. Copies were provided.
- Council Member/Majority Leader has allocated \$255 million dollars for schools in the district.
- Mr. Medrano stated he would be available if anyone had any concerns or issues.

**Aliya Latif, Comptroller's Scott Stringer's Office**

Ms. Latif provided the following update:

- Ms. Latif announced she is the liaison to the Comptroller's Office.
- Her email address is [alatif@comprollers.nyc.gov](mailto:alatif@comprollers.nyc.gov) and her telephone number is: (212) 669-4983.
- She provided an update on the report issued by the Comptroller's Office on NY City's Millennials, the group of people who were born between the year 1985 and 1996. This generation is earning 20% less than the generation before. They work hard and are facing barriers.
- Provided an update on a report issued by the Comptroller's Office on small businesses.
- Provided an update on the Community Action Center, which is a mini 311 for intake of complaints and issued.

**Jim Condes**

Mr. Condes spoke about the following:

- Access A Ride
- Discussed Council Member Van Bramer's Newsletter which has nothing in it about seniors or the disabled.
- Requested CB 2 meet with Council Member Van Bramer to put Access A Ride into the 2017 Budget.

### **James Chan, Sunnyside Community Services**

Mr. Chan provided the following update:

- Sunnyside Community Services is expanding the Caregivers NYC Program. They are seeking to hire more social workers and youth development staff.
- Sunnyside Community Services receives grants to support family caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's and Dementia.
- Accepting Pre-K applications now through May 20, 2016. Anyone interested in enrolling their child can visit [nyc.gov/pre-k](http://nyc.gov/pre-k) and look for Sunnyside Community Services for more information.
- Mr. Chan entertained questions.

### **Paula Hostetter**

Ms. Hostetter spoke about the following:

- The intersection at 41<sup>st</sup> Street and Greenpoint Avenue and 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue was redesigned a year ago and it continues to be a very dangerous location. This matter has been brought up at several meetings. Ms. Hostetter stated this is a confusing intersection and there have been many accidents at the location.
- A petition is being circulated.

### **Laura Heim**

Ms. Heim spoke about the following:

- Ms. Heim stated she is a local resident of Sunnyside Gardens and an architect with an office in the area for the past 10 years.
- Ms. Heim stated she was disappointed and saddened after reading the April 2016 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes. The issue with the roof and illegal work on the landmarked property is appalling and should have been discussed as a series of violations not a nit-picking discussion on slate versus not using slate.
- Ms. Heim stated that the landmarks regulation is based on precedence. There is a state of illegal work going on in Sunnyside Gardens. A roof was removed and Landmarks made them put back slate. Ms. Heim stated that slate is the precedence that we should be upholding. We should be honored to have this national treasure in our stewardship and honored as a community. It is our job and we look bad when we do not uphold it.
- This property owner did not go to buildings or landmarks, it is against the law and the message should be that it is against the law.
- We are a community and we have rules and should not reward the cheaters.
- Ms. Heim stated she can understand how hard it is as she does this for a living.

### **Kelly Karavities**

**Mr. Karavities spoke about the following:**

- Thanked Community Board 2 for the assistance he has received over the years.

- Reported on a serious rat problem in Woodside.
- Reported that James Crosson Park located on 68<sup>th</sup> Street between 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Woodside Avenue is infested with rats and he is requesting assistance in getting the area baited.
- Reported the Woodside Triangle on 69<sup>th</sup> Street and Woodside Avenue are overgrown with vegetation and there are numerous rats. He is requesting assistance in have the area cleaned and baited.

Mr. O'Brien announced that CB 2 is aware of the problem and has reported the problems to the Parks and to Department and the Health.

### **Dorothy Kominsky**

Ms. Kominsky discussed various issues of concern.

### **Amy Paul, Executive Director, Woodside on the Move**

Ms. Paul provided the following update:

- Ms. Paul announced that she is the new Director, Woodside on the Move.
- Woodside on the Move will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year (1976 to 2016) and will have a 40<sup>th</sup> year birthday party this fall.
- Woodside on the Move assists individuals with affordable housing, tenant and landlord issues, housing court issues, etc.
- Provided an update on their After School Programs
- Announced there will be a street fair on May 28, 2016.
- Announced there will be Weekend Walks on June 4, 2016 and June 11, 2016 by DOT. The locations will be 61<sup>st</sup> Street train between Woodside Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue from 12 – 5pm.

### **Consumer Affairs Application**

This is an application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 seats at Tournesol Restaurant located at 50-12 Vernon Boulevard, LIC.

There were no speakers for this application.

### **BSA Application-60-06 / 12 Northern Blvd – 17-92-BZ**

This application is for a variance for the eating and drinking establishment (Taco Bell) with an accessory drive-through facility and parking which does not conform to the use regulations.

Michael Nacmius, Eric Palatnik's Office, provided the following update:

- Taco Bell is seeking a special permit because it is in a residential district. They need a special permit to continue operating, as it is for commercial use.
- The term is for 20 years which expired on July 19, 2014. They filed in 2015 and are back asking for another 20 years.

- Taco Bell will be making changes to the interior and exterior of the establishment, but the building will stay the same.
- The Northern Woodside Coalition; a local civic group had concerns about Taco Bell. The owner has met with Tom Ryan, Northern Woodside Coalition. They met three times and have an agreement with stipulating conditions. Some of the issues are enhanced landscaping, reduced lighting impact, sound measures and a whole host of issues that were discussed with the neighbors and the President of the Northern Woodside Coalition. The issues were agreed to and addressed in a bulleted document.
- Seeking CB 2's support. Bulleted points were forwarded to CB 2.
- Taco Bell agreed they would change their fencing according to the BSA Plans. They have added privacy slats and updated the fencing. They are looking into increasing the height of the fencing around the perimeter but because there are BSA approved plans they could not do it as they would be in violation. They are looking to see where they can increase the height and where they can, they will.
- Lighting has been addressed. Sound decibels have been improved to 18 decibels.
- Will put up a sign for people coming into the drive through to respect the neighbors.
- There is a condition they are seeking from the DOT for the installation of a No Left Turn sign from the parking lot into the drive through.
- The application is for 20 years.

Mr. Tom Ryan, Northern Woodside Coalition discussed the following:

1. To the extent permitted by Code, the owner will install 8 foot high fencing in the rear lot line of the Premises to prevent access to the rear yard, as well as the side lot line along 62<sup>nd</sup> Street.
2. All landscaping and street trees and fencing shall be installed in accordance with the BSA approved plans, and maintained throughout the variance period.
3. The hours of operation shall be limited to 8:00 am to 1:00 am daily.
4. All signs shall be in accordance with the BSA approved plans.
5. Garbage pick-ups shall be limited to weekday daytime hours.
6. The term of the variance shall be limited to twenty (20) years to expire on July 19, 2034.
7. The above conditions shall appear on the certificate of occupancy.
8. The Applicant will comply with the Conditional Negative Declaration signed on June 3, 1994, which was a condition of the previous BSA approval.
9. Any development is subject to verification by the Department of Buildings for compliance with all other applicable provisions of the Zoning Resolution, the Administrative Code and any other relevant laws under the jurisdiction of the Department.

10. The Drive-Thru speaker shall have a decibel level less than 20db at all times.
11. The store personnel shall clean all litter from the property and perimeter at least **two** times daily.
12. To the extent permitted by code, the Owner will provide sufficient litter baskets on the property and around the perimeter to discourage customer littering.
13. To the extent permitted by code, the Owner will provide signage along the drive-thru to remind customer to “respect” our neighbors and keep noise to a minimum.
14. At closing time, employees will dispose of trash in the dumpster area as quietly as possible (i.e., no slamming down of dumpster lids).
15. Outside lighting will be adjusted to minimize effects on residents.
16. Snow removal will be done promptly (within 24 hours) after end of snowfall, per NYC law.
17. The Owner will request from NYC DOT a “NO LEFT TURN SIGN” from the Parking Lot and Drive – Thru at the property.
18. The current requested interior and exterior building modifications will be in conformity with NYC Building Codes and in accordance with plans approved by the BSA.

#### **DOT Presentation on Northern Boulevard - Honeywell to Broadway Corridor Safety Improvements**

Representatives from the New York City Department of Transportation provided a presentation on the Northern Boulevard – Honeywell to Broadway Corridor Safety Improvements (See Attachment #1).

The representative stated the DOT is seeking support from CB 2 for the following:

- Expand triangles and corner at Newtown/Woodside Avenue
- Construct Pedestrian Safety Island at Broadway

Questions were entertained.

Tom Ryan discussed the turn on 48<sup>th</sup> Street going to Northern Boulevard.

He stated the following:

- Introducing a bike lane there is not a good idea.
- Bike lanes in between is dangerous as there are very few cyclists in comparison to pedestrians and cars. This would be putting cyclists, pedestrians and motorists at harm.
- Cyclists do not wear safety equipment, do not have lights, and do not follow the rules of the road.
- Can't keep introducing bikes lanes in dangerous intersection.
- Mr. Ryan stated he serves on CB 1 and attends CB 2 meetings. He lives in the area and this was not disclosed to the community. He received a packet yesterday and it was not approved as he sits on the committee.

Carol Terrano asked if people who would be affected were they informed. She stated there was very little outreach in her community.

The DOT rep stated flyers were distributed.

Stephen Cooper discussed 48<sup>th</sup> Street heading northbound to Northern Boulevard gets backed up.

Samantha Dolgoff, Borough Planner, NYC DOT for CB 1 and 2 reported this project was taken twice to CB 1 and it was approved in March at their full board meeting.

### **Attendance**

Total Present	38	Total Absent	12
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### **Approval of the April 7, 2016 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes**

Santiago Vargas made a motion and it was seconded to approve the April 7, 2016 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes. All were in favor by a show of hands.

### **Chairman's Report**

Mr. O'Brien provided the following update:

- Thanked the 108<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct and the Auxiliary personnel for their presence at the CB 2 Meeting. Some members have raised safety concerns at CB 2 meetings as there have been controversial issues going on and we could be considered a soft target.
- CB 2 attended Congressman Joe Crowley's Tree Dedication Ceremony in Sabba Park to honor the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Easter Rising in Ireland.
- CB 2 attended the press conference with Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer on the MTA noise barrier at Barnett Avenue. Stephen Cooper and Debra Markell Kleinert were in attendance. The MTA promised the community and did not deliver.
- Held a new board member orientation meeting at the CB 2 Office and reminded new board members and reappointed members that there would be an orientation meeting with the Borough President's Office on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Hall of Science.
- The Taste of Sunnyside is May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, under the #7 line at 46<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30<sup>th</sup> will take place at John V. Daniels Square at 11am at Roosevelt Avenue and 51<sup>st</sup> Street to honor our Veterans.
- Announce the Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2016 at 11:00am at Sebastian's school yard at the corner of Woodside Ave and 57<sup>th</sup> Street.

- Taste of LIC will take place on June 13, 2016.
- CB 2 attended the Pulaski Bridge Press Conference on the new bicycle lanes between Greenpoint and Long Island City.
- Announced Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan held an open house at her new office space located at 47-40 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Room 810, LIC.
- Public Hearing for The Barnett will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Sunnyside Community Services. Presentation will be made by Phipps.
- 61<sup>st</sup> Street and Queens Boulevard catch basin was repaired by DEP.
- 62-03 Queens Blvd (dormitory)
  - Spoke with DOB on March 10<sup>th</sup> and the following information was provided:
    - A dorm is allowed to be in a residential area and it's as of right.
    - They currently have a permit which expires 4/23/16.
    - They are currently doing restoration/interior renovation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
    - They have a capacity for 100 beds.
    - DOB has not signed off yet.
    - Until its occupied DOB cannot do anything.
- 61-12 / 14 Laurel Hill Boulevard ( dumpling factory)
  - Has been referred to the USDA Department of Agriculture)
  - Inspection was conducted and CB 2 is waiting for the report.
  - CB 2 is following up on the fumes with DEP and have not received a report as of yet.
  - CB 2 submitted the rat complaint to the Department of Health.

### **Announcement**

Mr. O'Brien announced that after considerable reflection over the last several months, he decided that this is a position he can no longer hold in fairness to the Board, to himself and the community that we serve. He stated the commitment and time is incredible and that as many already know, he has his own business and family and stated that he is an all-in guy. If he is going to do it he will do it as well and as deeply as he can. There are only 24 hours in a day and this is not enough time to do all the things that he would like to do or should do to the standard that he expects of himself.

Mr. O'Brien stated this is not a sudden reaction but something he has contemplated for several months. In fairness to himself and his family, his priorities had to shift. He stated he is not leaving the Board and hopes that as we can move forward and that we will be in good hands and he will do what he can to help the new chairperson along.

Mr. O'Brien explained that the by-laws state that when a member of the Executive Board departs, there is an election in following month. He reported that we can take nominations at this meeting, nominations in June and have an election in June. He timed his departure to make the transition easier for the next Chairperson, since we have a slower schedule during the summer and it will allow the new chair time to acclimate.

Mr. O'Brien reported that Debra Markell Kleinert and MaryAnn Gurrado and the staff have been priceless in terms of their assistance, as there is a lot of administrative work that takes place in the office. He stated that he could not have done it without their help and thanked them.

Mr. O'Brien stated that we have done great work and that he has followed someone who did it for decades with great results. He tried to do the best that he could and there is a lot more to accomplish. There is a lot of development, which requires careful in-depth attention. Whoever follows will do this and he is confident of this with the Board's assistance and as long as we all pull together.

Mr. O'Brien expressed that he spoke to a handful of people on the Board and outside the Board. These are people that he worked with and has known concerning his decision, people that he had trust in about the decision and on whether it was the right thing to do. They were very supportive. However, the only regret he had was that one of them, apparently, chose to share this information with the media. Mr. O'Brien reported that he had received a call from the media.

Mr. O'Brien was very troubled by the person who breached this confidence. He believes he knows who it is and he will have a conversation with that person to let them know how poorly placed his trust was.

### **Nominations**

Ms. Deller announced that as the 1st Vice Chair of the Board she asked if there were any nominations from the floor and that this will give the Board office time to prepare ballots. Ms. Deller stated we can take nominations from the floor in June also.

Terri Adams nominated Denise Keehan-Smith for Chair and it was seconded by Dana Frankel. Ms. Keehan-Smith accepted the nomination.

Ms. Deller stated it is open to everyone to run.

Ms. Deller stated we will accept this nomination for tonight and there is plenty of time to think about this and put names in for nominations.

Mr. O'Brien, stated we have a set of by-laws and that we take nominations in October and a vote in November. We also take nominations in November prior to the vote. The June election does not preclude the November Election, whoever gets elected in June has to run again in November.

Mr. O'Brien stated he would like to remain Chair of the City Services and Public Safety Committee, if the new Chair wants him to remain.

### **District Manager's Report**

Ms. Markell Kleinert provided the following update:

- The 108<sup>th</sup> Precinct will be getting 4 and possibly 6 new recruits in June.

### **Department of City Planning**

Ms. Wheeler provided the following update:

- There is a ULURP project referred for a site selection and acquisition. It is blocks 26, 56, Lot 75 and 80, in Maspeth, West of Maurice Avenue and 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue across from Mt. Zion Cemetery. It is currently a privately owned site and NYPD has been licensing the site for a long time.
- There are two adjacent parking lots for vehicle storage and staging and it will maintain the same use and be acquired by NYPD and DCAS is facilitating this.
- There is no rezoning currently zoned M1-1. It will be certified on May 23, 2016 and will go before the Land Use Committee on May 26, 2016 and to the full board on June 2, 2016.
- There has been some press concerning the LIC waterfront. They are currently working on a planning framework and the priority is to try to create a mixed use zone. It is not solely residential in the area. They are trying to ensure there are community priorities; public accessible open space, consideration for school needs and to try to restore and support local industry and manufacturing. This will be the primary uses and to focus on what will become a more innovation district. There will be housing but want to have balance in this area.
- In response to a question by a board member, Ms. Wheeler stated they are in the process of trying to put together a working group.
- She discussed that on 44<sup>th</sup> Drive, there is an arts and cultural component and there will be public engagement.
- Ms. Wheeler discussed a new community center at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue that Gianna from Manducati's Rustica has been working on.
- Dorothy Morehead requested boat houses for canoes and kayaks as we need places for them to be stored on the waterfront.
- Mr. O'Brien stated that he has been in discussion with Lisa Deller on the formation of a group. CB2 will have representation in the group for arts and cultural initiatives.

### **Department of City Planning**

Ms. Lee provided the following update:

- HPD is considering the need for a boathouse which came out during the planning for Hunter's Point South. The southernmost parcels were contemplated for possibly housing this. HPD would consider prior to the RFP.
- Ms. Lee provided an update on Vernon-Jackson and the Mall. She reported that DOT's effort to reconfigure and re-plan this intersection is something that DCP looked at as part of the Western Queens Transportation Study. It goes back years when there was a site visit with Maura McCarthy, Queens Borough Commissioner, DOT. The need to plan for and redesign this intersection was solely public spirited and did not stem from any developer. Ms. Lee stated she wanted to clarify this for the record.

## **Transportation Committee Report**

Ms. Keehan-Smith provided the following update:

### **Northern Boulevard - Honeywell to Broadway Corridor Safety Improvements**

In response to a question by Stephen Cooper, Ms. Keehan-Smith stated the Transportation Committee did not have a quorum, but the safety measures on 58<sup>th</sup> Street and Woodside Avenue and Broadway and 54<sup>th</sup> Street improved the safety of the pedestrians. They did not focus on the bike lanes on 48<sup>th</sup> Street.

Santiago Vargas made a motion to approve the proposal and it was seconded by Benjamin Guttmann. All were in favor by a show of hands with 38 in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

Ms. Keehan Smith announced the following:

- Provided an update on the press event for the Pulaski Bridge unveiling of the Bicycle lanes.
- Provided information on the installation of new muni meters at the following locations. Each site will have 2 muni meters on each side:
  - ✓ Greenpoint Avenue north side of 39<sup>th</sup> Street to 38<sup>th</sup> Street
  - ✓ Greenpoint Avenue north side of 39<sup>th</sup> Place to 39<sup>th</sup> Street
  - ✓ Greenpoint Avenue south side 40<sup>th</sup> Street to 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Ms. Keehan-Smith stated the Transportation Committee Meeting will take place on May 31, 2016 and that anyone is welcome to attend the Transportation Committee meeting and she will add it to the agenda.
- Brooklyn Queens Connector is a long way off and it was an interesting and will not happen until 2024.
- Maspeth By Pass, was presented on April 11, 2016.
- St. Sebastian's 57<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue controversy stop sign it will remain in place.

Carol Terrano discussed a letter she received from the DOT concerning a speed bump on 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Laurel Hill Boulevard and that Laurel Hill and 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue run parallel.

Ms. Keehan-Smith visited the site and provided an update.

- Ms. Terrano stated there is speeding on 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 58<sup>th</sup> Place to 65<sup>th</sup> Place and that there is not one traffic signal.
- Ms. Keehan-Smith stated there have been multiple studies and there are too many curb cuts.
- Ms. Keehan-Smith asked DOT about it again and they felt the area is too short. CB 2 will write another letter to DOT and ask for a feasibility study.

Santiago Vargas stated that there will be a Kosciuszko Bridge Walking tour and visit and is open to CB 2 Members. They have asked for ideas for underneath the Bridge and recommended there should be a recreational facility.

Ms. Keehan-Smith announced she has attended meetings where they are asking for suggestions. Blissville was discussed as there is a need in this area.

### **Land Use Committee**

Ms. Deller reported on the following:

- Sculpture Center Presentation at the Land Use Committee concerning a Temporary Art Work sculpture in the park near Coffeed. This was a Joint presentation between Arts and Culture and Ms. Deller thanked Mr. Cooper for attending the Land Use Committee.
- Sculpture Center is pleased to propose Meridian a temporary public art project by Mika Tajima, commissioned through Sculpture Center's new art education program for Hunter's Point South Park in Long Island City.
- This public artwork will create a vaporous disappearing sculpture, a void that also functions as seating and meeting zone filled with mercurial color water vapor, which dissipates in a matter of minutes. The colors of the vapor will correspond to real time global sentiment for gold commodity, a peculiar material that derives its value from the social perception of its qualities and the collection "mood" toward geopolitical and economic events. These vapors will reveal to the viewer in these complex sentiments embodied in gold, as a material with such fluid and dematerialized exchangeability. Reflecting on the materiality of contemporary life, this object is a ghost or mirage of familiar object.
- The public process which is an intensive program for high school students that uses NYC's rich public art landscape to explore the history and impact of public art and its community influence. Eight high school students participated in a two week course providing interactions and presentations by seasoned professional curators, architects local historians, and public art organization representatives, and opportunities to visit public art sites. Three artists were invited to make proposals.
- The class will run this summer, open to sites. They are thinking about media space like a billboard on the roof.
- Ms. Deller stated it will run through September and are looking for more students to participate.

### **Consumer Affairs Application**

This is an application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 seats at Tournesol Restaurant located at 50-12 Vernon Boulevard, LIC.

Ms. Deller stated this was a very long agenda and the vote for the renewal for the sidewalk café; we were not able to vote due to the length of the agenda.

Stephen Cooper made a motion and it was seconded to approve the renewal of the application. All were in favor of the motion by a show of hands with 38 in favor; 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

### **BSA APPLICATION-60-06 / 12 NORTHERN BLVD – 17-92-BZ**

This application is for a variance for the eating and drinking establishment (Taco Bell) with an accessory drive-through facility and parking which does not conform to the use regulations.

Ms. Deller provided the following update:

- Acknowledged the new proprietors, Tom Ryan, Northern Woodside coalition, the attorney who has worked with the community.
- They want to be a good neighbor.
- Executed an agreement signed by both parties.
- Land Use Committee has proposed to approve the amendment of the BSA Application with stipulation agreement by the Northern Woodside and Taco Bell.

Stephen Cooper made a motion and it was seconded by Santiago Vargas to not oppose the application provided the applicant enters into a signed stipulation agreement/letter of understanding between Taco Bell of Woodside, Queens and with the Northern Woodside Coalition. The motion carried unanimously, with 38 in favor of the motion to not oppose the application, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

- Ms. Deller announced there would be a public hearing on May 18, 2016 on the Barnett Avenue Project to be held at Sunnyside Community Services, 43-31 39<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2B, Sunnyside, NY, 6:30 pm. This will be voted on at the June 2, 2016 CB 2 Meeting.
- Ms. Deller discussed the income levels for the Phipps Project, 20 % very low, 30 % moderate, 50% higher moderate income. There is a large gap in range of affordability, based on a city program which is hard to adjust. It is very controversial and it is a non-union job. 32BJ attended the meeting.
- Mr. Conley stated there is a big gap between \$45,000 and \$90,000 many would be excluded.
- Ms. Deller stated it is our goal is to work with HPD on the Veteran's issue. There will be UPK and parking and many positive aspects to the project.

#### **City Services & Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Mr. O'Brien reported on the following:

- There is a new establishment opening on Vernon Boulevard who is seeking to have live music and dancing which will be controversial.
- The next City Services meeting scheduled for May 11, 2016.

#### **Health & Human Services Committee Meeting**

Dr. Savard provided the following update:

- The Health and Human Services Committee did not meet in April.
- Had a conversation with Denise Keehan-Smith and Patrick O'Brien concerning a task force for Access A Ride. Carol Terrano, Mary Torres and Santiago Vargas will be coming together and there will be a fact finding mission to get an idea where the problems are.
- Working on a letter to the East River Ferry to request a connection to the Upper East Side for the hospitals and research institutions.

### **Arts & Cultural Committee**

Mr. Cooper announced there will be a meeting May 10, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Queens Council on the Arts to report on the arts center in the Maximillian Building.

### **Environment Committee**

Dorothy Morehead provided the following update:

Plastic Bag bill was signed by the City Council.

#### **Montauk Cutoff**

The group was asked if they would consider working with Brooklyn Grange which is a for profit urban farm on top of the Standard building on Northern and 39<sup>th</sup> Street. The group has not met and the general consensus from the group is that it is fine, if it helps move the project forward.

#### **Aeration in Dutch Kills**

They had a meeting a year ago and we opposed it and sent a letter to DEP saying we did not appreciate being consulted at the last minute. The DEP has announced they will delay the project for a year and look at other alternatives.

Kosciuszko Bridge has two areas of space under the Queens side that we can have some input into. There will be some open space we can use and we want to have input. It will not be connected to the sewer system and run off has to be dealt with. DEP is negotiating with DEC. We have to stop it and get on board to not allow the DEP to limit their responsibility.

#### **Harbor Lab**

Harbor Lab is a kayaking group that has a fleet of canoes and kayaks at the Neversink Reservoir. Ms. Morehead announced she will participating in taking city kids and adults to the Neversink and educating them on the watershed and has finished training for this endeavor. She announced the name of a movie called Living City, A Billion Gallons a Day, which is a film about our water system

DEP is providing water barrels at Water Barrel Giveaway events.

Discussed the Noise MTA/East Side Access Environmental Impact Study. We need mitigation of this ongoing issue.

Denise Keehan-Smith discussed the LIC Redesign no date as of yet, June 13, 2015 or the week of June 20, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

MA Gurrado

Attachment #1 – May 5, 2016 CB 2 Meeting  
Northern Boulevard – Honeywell to Broadway  
Broadway Corridor Safety Improvements

# Northern Blvd – Honeywell to Broadway

## Corridor Safety Improvements



2016



New York City Department of Transportation  
Presented by Pedestrian Projects Group on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to CB 2 Transportation Committee

# Background

- Request from Council Member Van Bramer for safety improvements at the intersection of Northern and Broadway
- Additional request from Council Member Van Bramer for improvements at 41<sup>st</sup> St/36<sup>th</sup> Ave/Northern Blvd
- Request from community member for improvements at the intersection of 37<sup>th</sup> St/37<sup>th</sup> Ave/Northern Blvd



# Safety Data

- Northern Blvd is a Vision Zero Priority Corridor
- 22 KSI (Killed or Severely Injured) in the project area

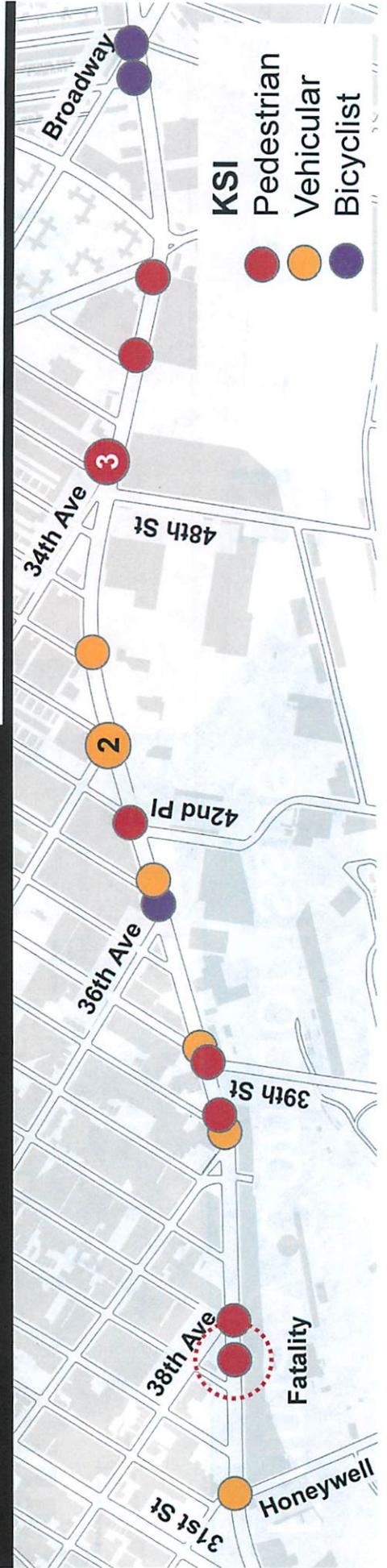
## Northern Blvd - Honeywell St to Broadway, QN

Injury Summary, 2010-2014 (5 Years)

	Total Injuries	Severe Injuries	Fatalities	KSI
Pedestrian	43	9	1	10
Bicyclist	21	3	0	3
Motor Vehicle Occupant	265	9	0	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>

Fatalities, 01/01/2010-3/14/2016 : 1

Source: Fatalities: NYCDOT  
 Injuries: NYSDOT  
 KSI: Persons Killed or Severely Injured



# Primary Corridor Issue

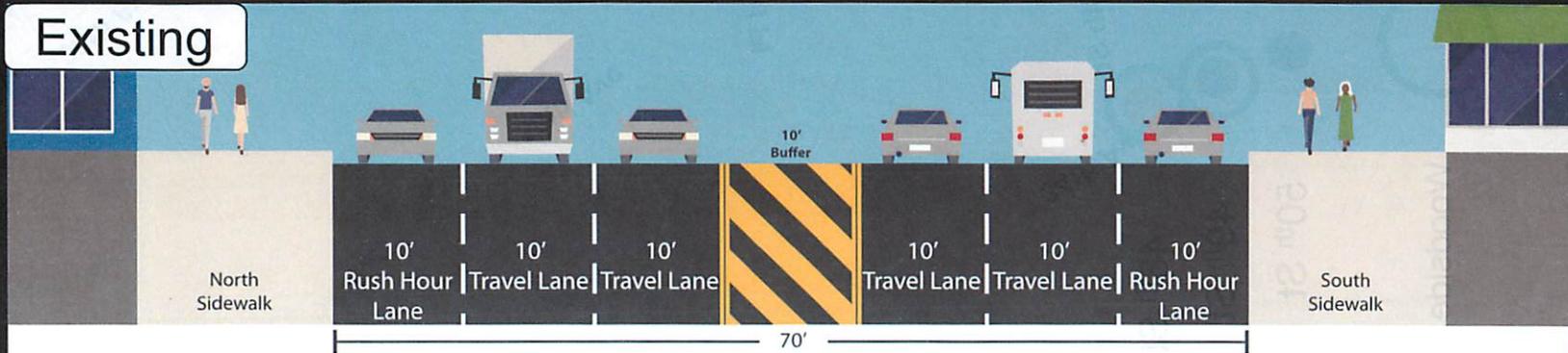


Conflicts between turning vehicles and pedestrians and long crossings

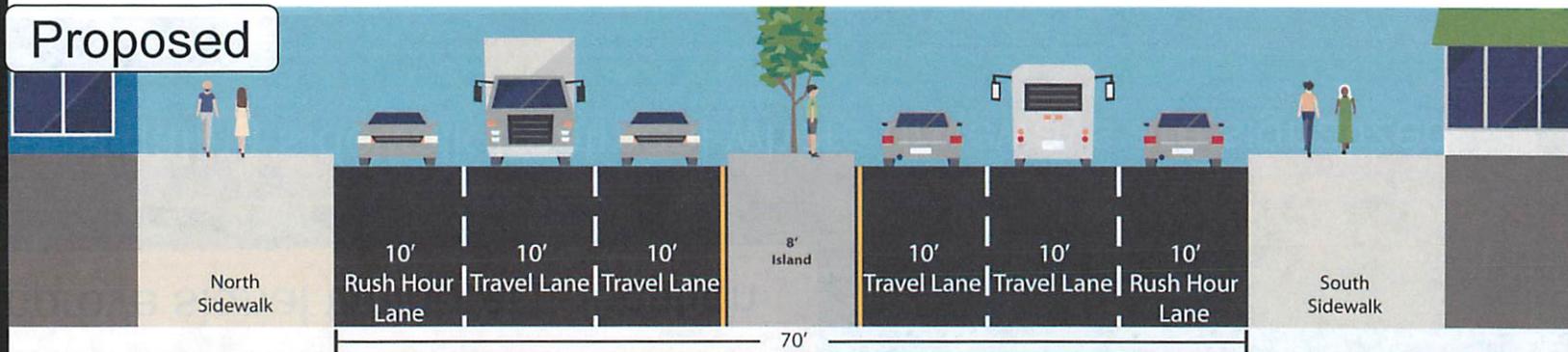
# Proposal

- Construct 14 pedestrian safety islands

## Existing



## Proposed



# Proposal

- Improve operations at 3 locations
- Improve signal timing at 1 location
- Investigating sidewalk treatment where driveways are signalized





# Proposed Conditions – 48<sup>th</sup> St

Reverse 48<sup>th</sup> St to one-way northbound from Northern to Broadway

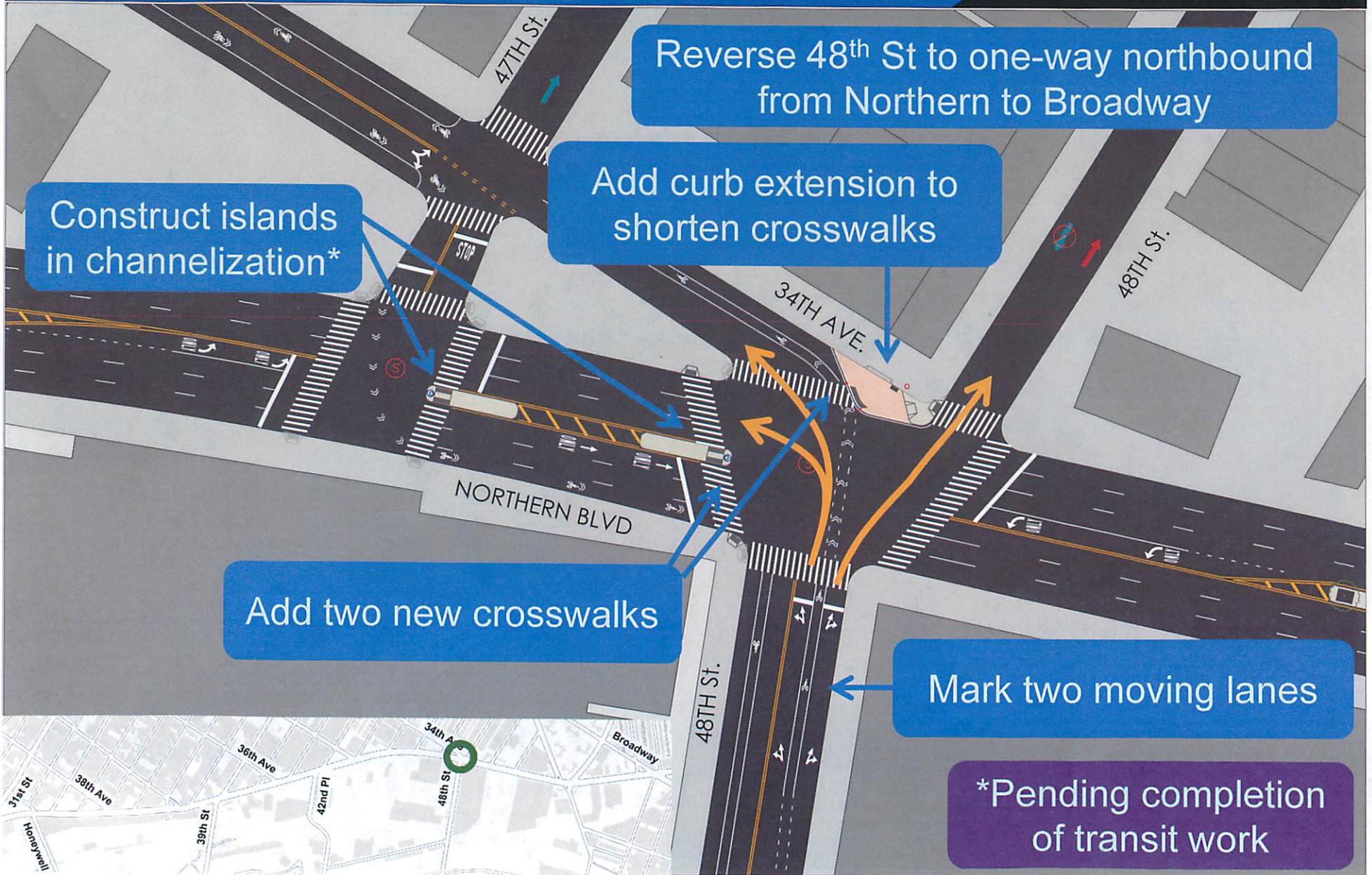
Add curb extension to shorten crosswalks

Construct islands in channelization\*

Add two new crosswalks

Mark two moving lanes

\*Pending completion of transit work



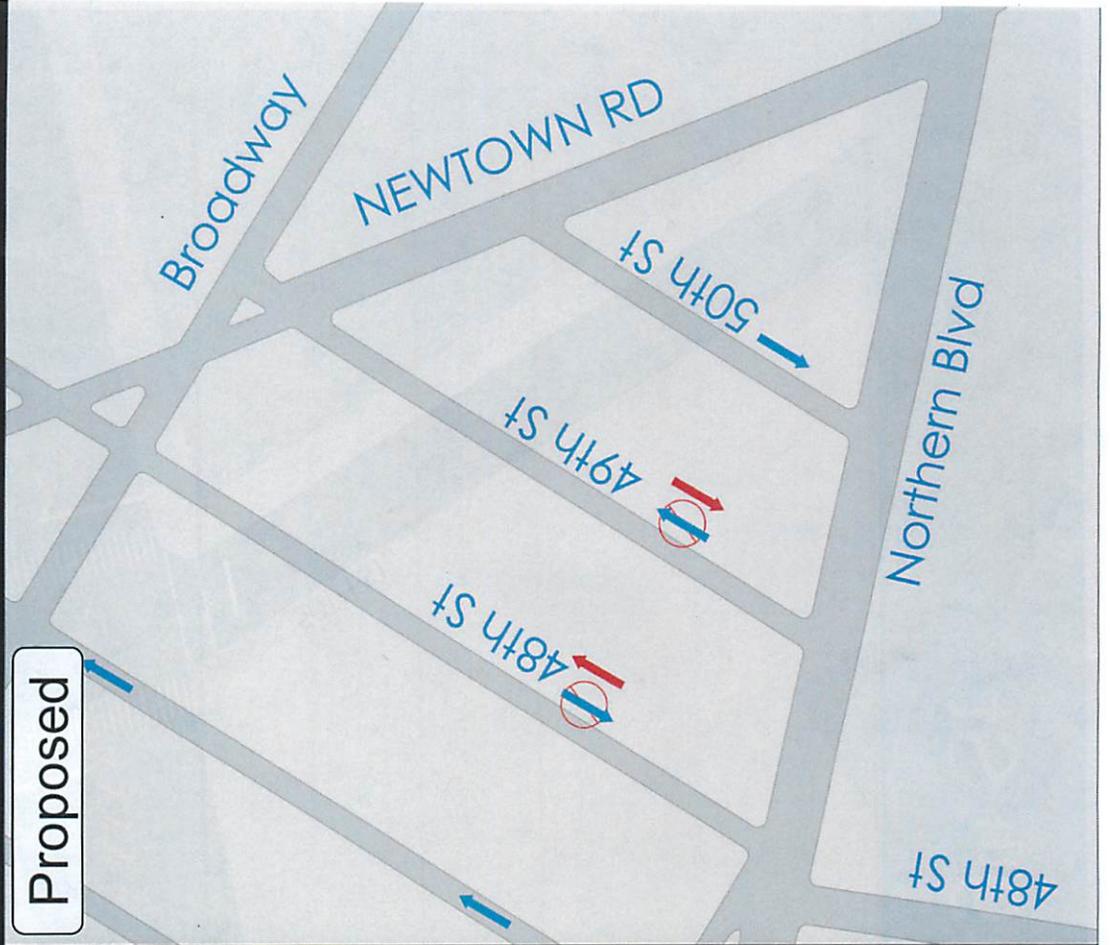
# Reversal Proposal

Proposed Street Direction

Existing Street Direction



Proposed



Existing



# Existing Conditions – 49th St



No crossing on east side of intersection

# Proposed Conditions – 49th St

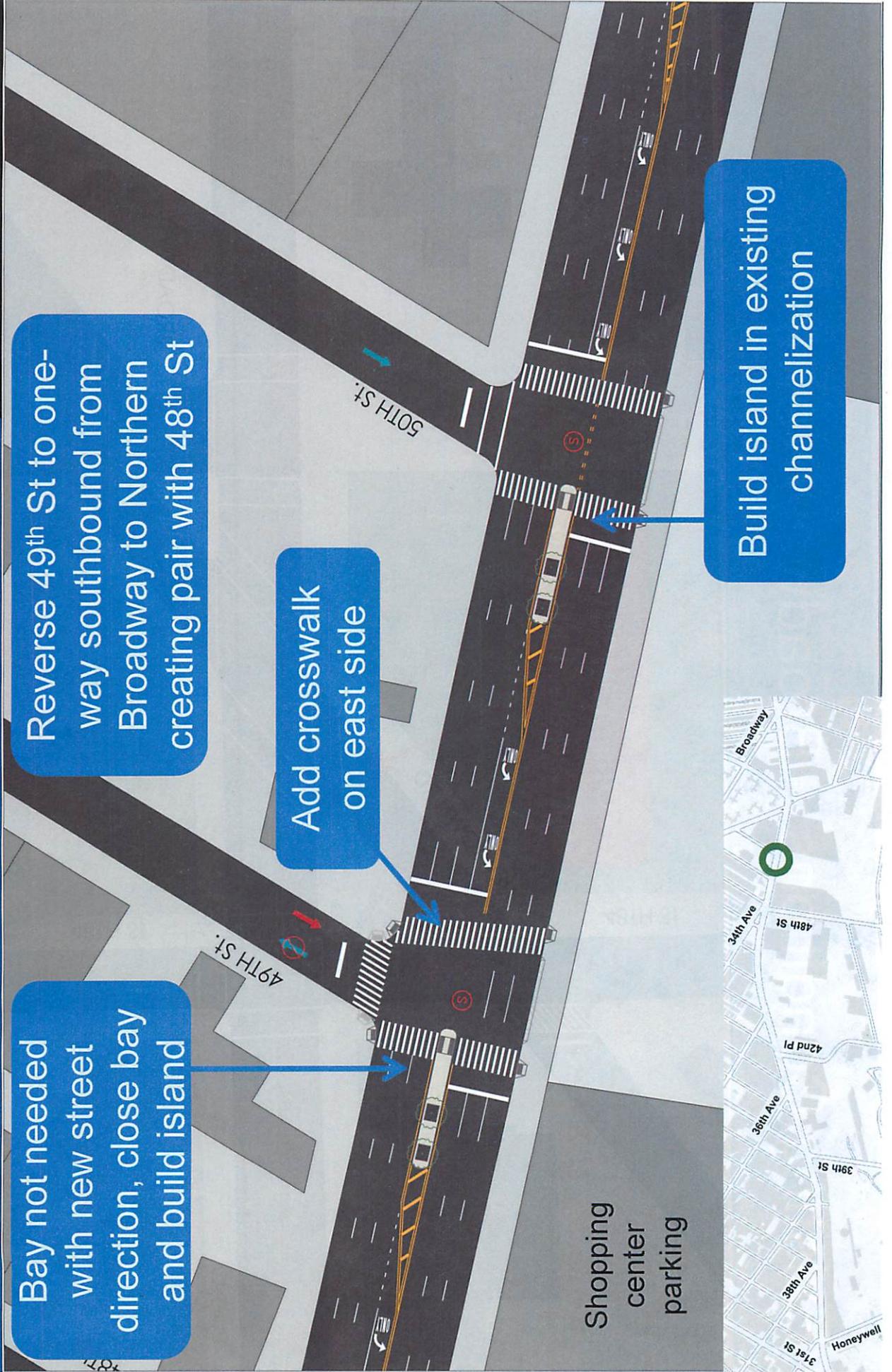
Bay not needed with new street direction, close bay and build island

Reverse 49th St to one-way southbound from Broadway to Northern creating pair with 48th St

Add crosswalk on east side

Build island in existing channelization

Shopping center parking



# Existing Conditions – Broadway/Newtown

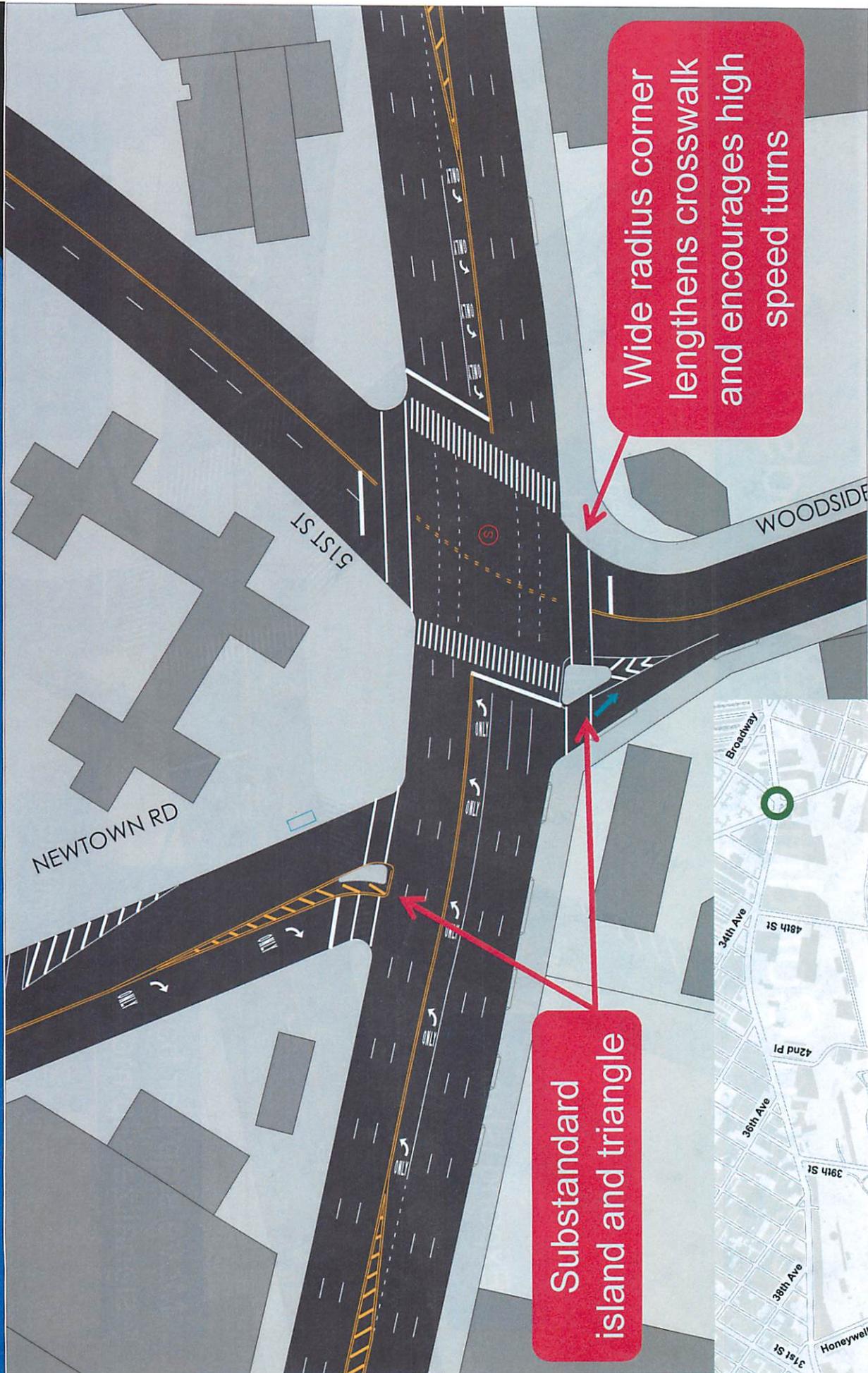




# Proposed Conditions – Broadway/Newtown



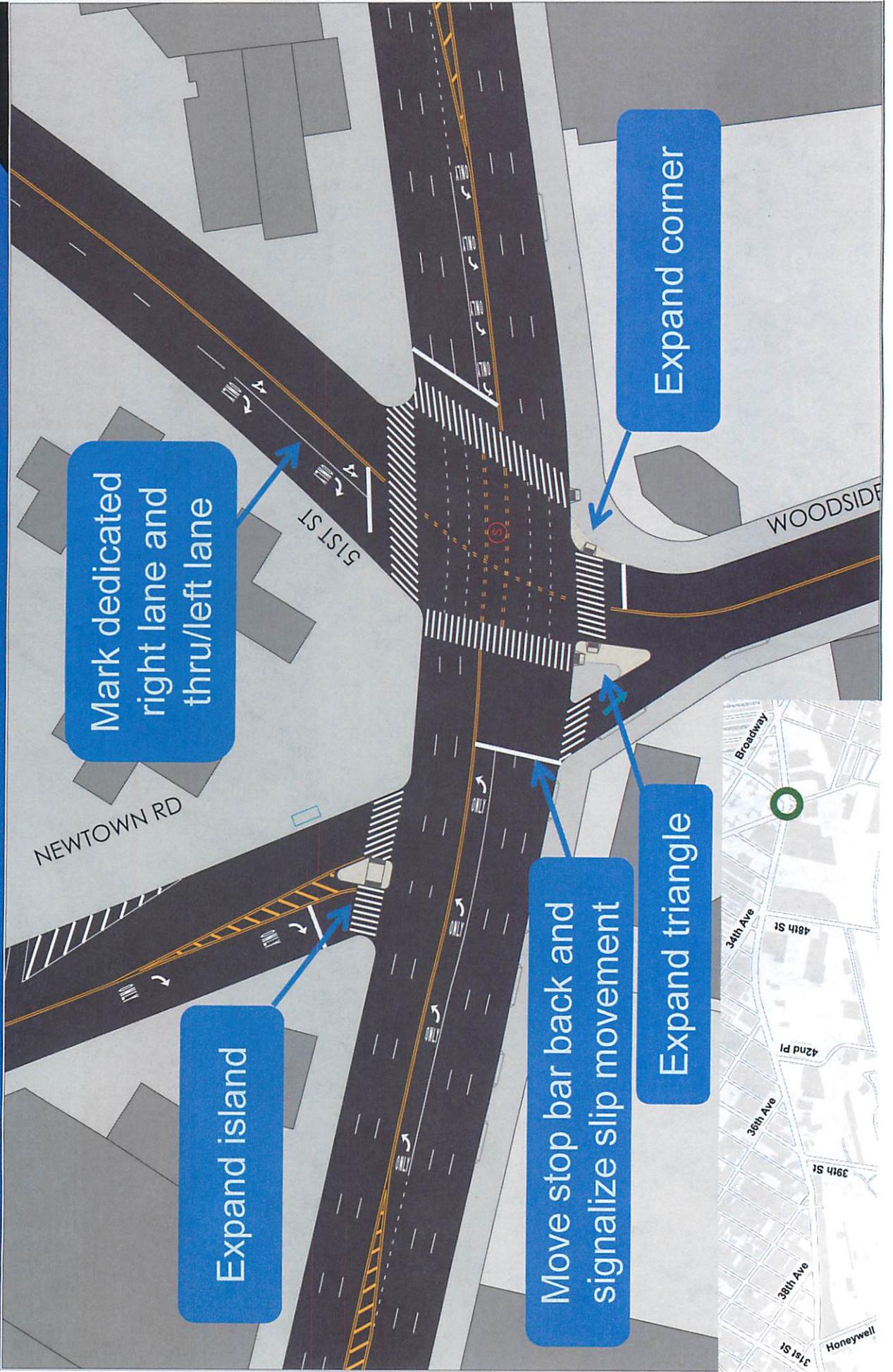
# Existing Conditions – Woodside Ave



Wide radius corner lengthens crosswalk and encourages high speed turns

Substandard island and triangle

# Proposed Conditions – Woodside Ave



Mark dedicated right lane and thru/left lane

Expand island

Move stop bar back and signalize slip movement

Expand triangle

Expand corner

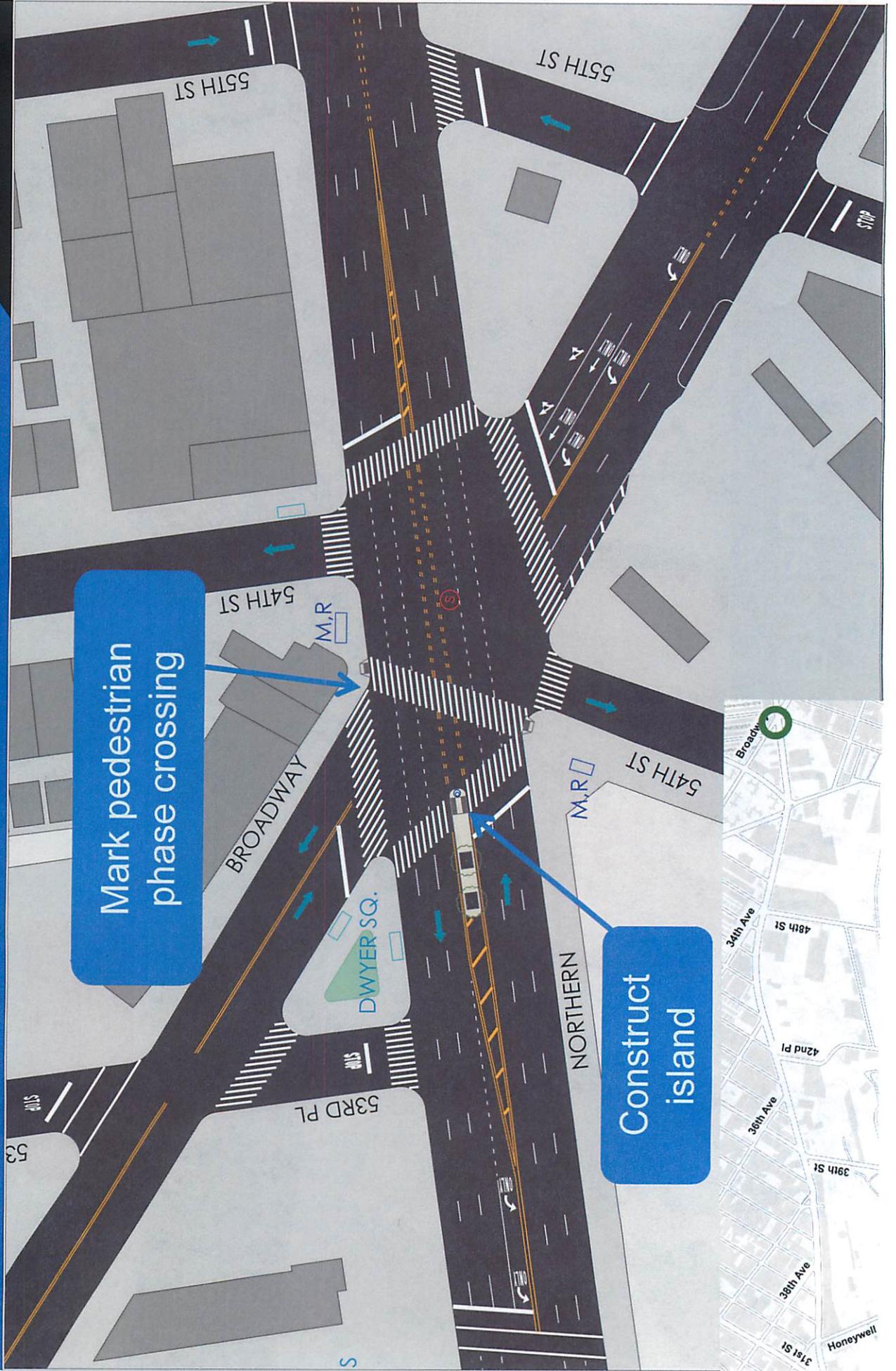
# Existing Conditions – Broadway



All pedestrian phase unclear, predominant pedestrian movement

Long crossing

# Proposed Conditions – Broadway







Thank  
You

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