

# STRATEGIES



## 1. Improve Pedestrian and Bicycle access

DOT will recommend safety enhancements at pedestrian crossings at key locations, including along Rockaway Freeway and north-south routes to subway station entrances at B44th and B35th Streets. Additionally, the City will improve pedestrian access to Bayswater Park and Bravo Supermarket through a coordinated, multi-agency project. DOT will work in close collaboration with local stakeholders and investigate creating and/or improving bicycle connections through the Peninsula and to existing regional bicycle networks.



## 2. Improve Transit Service and Reliability

DOT is working with MTA to extend Q52 bus service further east, from its current terminus at Beach 67th Street to Beach 54th Street, in order to reduce transit gaps. The two agencies are also working together to implement Q52/Q53 Select Bus Service improvements in Fall 2017 in order to speed up bus service and improve reliability along the whole route from the Rockaways to central Queens. The City will also advocate for the recommendations and improvements found in the MTA-conducted review of the A/C train lines, published in 2015 that have not been implemented.<sup>xvi</sup> Improvements that the MTA has already implemented include revising timetables and expanding train crews to facilitate on-time terminal dispatching.



## 3. Improve Regional Access

In 2015, DOT started a TIGER grant-funded transportation study and will continue outreach and data collection around the grant through 2017 to enhance movement around the Rockaway Peninsula, southern Brooklyn, and eastern Queens via all modes, including public transit. Findings from the TIGER study will be used to make recommendations about how to improve residents' access to opportunity throughout the Eastern Rockaways.

# Short-term Vision



# Long-term Vision

To realize long-term improvements to the Rockaways roadways DOT won a Federal TIGER grant, in partnership with HPD, to develop *Access to Opportunity*, a comprehensive study of neighborhood and transportation connectivity in the Eastern Rockaways. The two-year study, which wraps up in Fall 2017, will help guide infrastructure investments to improve residents' access to opportunity through designs for both short-term improvements and long-term capital projects. This planning process is informed by sustained community engagement efforts.

