Summit Feedback Overview:

- Key takeaways
- Problem area mapping: problems by theme
- Problem area mapping: problems by location (with callouts for all corridor comments, and callouts for intersections with 5+ comments)
- Vision Zero corridor and intersection prioritization (map and narrative)
- Places people go often and places people have trouble reaching
- Appendix: Raw Data

Key Takeaways

Broadway has emerged as a key corridor, followed by **Myrtle Avenue** and **Bushwick Avenue**. Issues vary between the corridors, with a focus on speeding and traffic calming on Bushwick Avenue, and concerns about lack of lighting and dangerous intersections on Broadway and Myrtle, as well as closed subway entrances on Broadway.

Key intersections include **Broadway-Myrtle** and **Broadway-Flushing**, followed by **Broadway/Cooper**, **Broadway/Gates**, and **Broadway Junction**.

Key issues include ADA accessibility to subway stations, closed subway entrances, dangerous intersections (particularly those with difficult geometry), speeding, poor or dangerous cycling conditions, traffic congestion, potholes, options for express trains/buses, and lighting, particularly under elevated rail lines.

Problem Area Notes/Notas de área problemática

Pedestrian Safety/ Seguridad peatonal

Crashes, speeding, dangerous intersections, sidewalk obstructions/Accidentes, exceso de velocidad, intersecciones peligrosas, obstrucciones en aceras



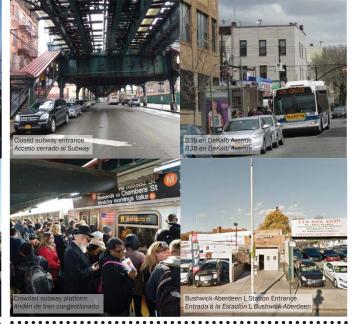
Traffic Circulation/Tráfico y circulación vehicular

Cyclist mobility, vehicular circulation, parking, trucks and freight/Movilidad ciclista, circulación vehicular, estacionamiento, camiones y transporte de carga



Access to Transit/ Acceso al transporte público

Station access, station conditions, train and bus service/Acceso a estación, condiciones de la estación, servicio de trenes y autobuses



Public Space/Espacio Público

Litter, dark spaces, streetside amenities, connections to open space/Basura, espacios oscuros, mobiliario urbano, conexiones a espacios públicos



Notes/Notas

Top issues: difficult/dangerous intersections, speeding, sidewalk conditions

Difficult/dangerous intersection crossings:

Broadway and Flushing (dangerous intersection, cars don't yield to pedestrians), Myrtle-Broadway, Flushing and Jefferson, Broadway and Grove, Broadway and Gates, Broadway and Linden, Myrtle/Wilson/Stanhope (difficult geometry all along Myrtle)

Difficult/dangerous intersections for buses: Gates and Broadway (B52), Halsey and Broadway (B26)

Speeding: Flushing, Bushwick, and Cypress Avenues

Poor sidewalk conditions: Suydam Street and Knickerbocker (by Maria Hernandez Park)

Notes/Notas

Top issues: congestion, poor biking conditions, pot holes, truck traffic, parking

Congestion: Myrtle-Broadway (buses), Bushwick Avenue, Weirfield and Knickerbocker (3 schools in area, especially during pick-ups/drop-offs)

Poor biking conditions: Dangerous on Flushing, bike lane ending on Myrtle & Broadway, Gates and Evergreen (Heckscher Playground) – dangerous for children, Evergreen and Bushwick Avenues (no bike lane), bike lane conflicts – protect cars from bikes and bikes from cars. Need for protected bike lanes. Access to East New York is lacking (cemetery closed, difficult conditions on Broadway, Ridgewood is out of the way)

Pot holes: Broadway (particularly between Myrtle and Gates), Evergreen and Bushwick Avenues

Truck traffic: Flushing and Cypress Avenues

Parking: Not enough on Knickerbocker

Notes/Notas

Top issues: station/train crowding, closed/unclear entrances, ADA access, slow bus routes, missing connections, transit schedules, cost, station conditions

Station/train crowding: J train (rush hour), Broadway Junction

Closed/unclear entrances: Flushing (highest priority from one group), Gates, Halsey, Kosciuzsko, Bushwick-Aberdeen L stop - entrances unclear

ADA access: Myrtle-Broadway, Halsey or Gates (bus access), all along Broadway, DeKalb L

Slow buses: B57, B52 runs late, B26 "problematic"

Missing connections: East-west access needed, lack of public transportation from center of Brooklyn to other communities, need for bus line along Bushwick Avenue, lack of A train access

Transit schedules: Express L and M trains, or bus along L line during rush hour, B26 doesn't run enough, better timing notices for buses (can be unpredictable), concerns about L and M closures, buses do not stop at each train station when trains aren't running

Cost: MTA getting too expensive

Station conditions: Bus shelters not cleared in snow (Broadway), not enough people working at booths

Notes/Notas

Top issues: lighting, public restrooms, recycling/ trash bins, open space

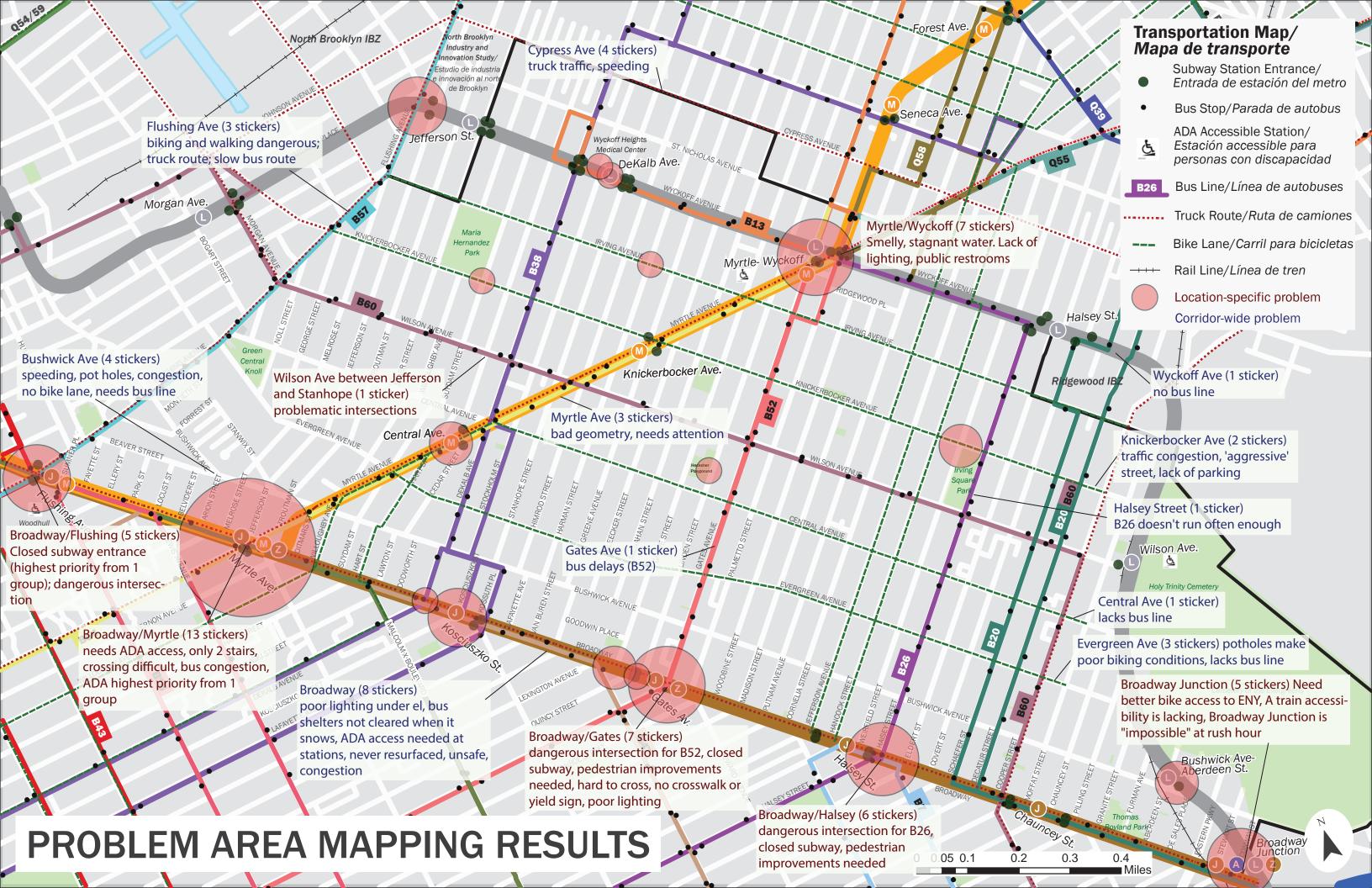
Lighting: under elevated train structures, particularly Broadway, also particularly at Myrtle/ Broadway, Flushing/Broadway, Grove/Broadway, Linden & Gates/Broadway

Public restrooms: General lack, needed at transit stations (Myrtle-Wyckoff – only after you swipe to get in)

Recycling/trash bins: lacking in train stations

Open space: Entrance to Maria Hernandez Park from Knickerbocker "a mess"





Vision Zero Prioritization

Priority Corridors:

Broadway (3 groups, 1 person)

More lighting under the elevated rail structure and a high-visibility crosswalk at the intersection with Linden Street were identified as priorities. Other issues we heard include a general need for more crosswalks, closed subway entrances at all J/Z stops, and concerns about potholes and resurfacing needs. Priority intersections along this corridor include intersections with Cooper, Gates, Myrtle, Flushing, and Broadway Junction, although it was noted that all intersections on Broadway should be looked at to improve overall circulation/experience/environment. Additionally, ADA accessibility at all stations and closed subway stations is an issue.

Myrtle Avenue (2 group priority #2, 2 people)

Along this corridor, the Myrtle-Broadway intersection was identified as a priority. Other issues we heard include need for better lighting under elevated train structures.

Bushwick Avenue (1 group, 2 people)

Participants identified a need for Bushwick Avenue to be friendlier to pedestrians. Particular issues include speeding, truck traffic, delivery windows, and enforcement of speed limits.

Priority intersections:

Myrtle-Broadway (2 groups)

- Safety: crossing is difficult for pedestrians. This is a "scary" intersection that could benefit from curb extensions, high-visibility crosswalks, longer cross times, and pedestrian refuges
- Traffic circulation: there are numerous conflicts between buses, pedestrians, and cars, and there is bus congestion. Eliminating turns was mentioned as a potential fix.
- Access to transit: people need better access to the train station (additional stairway capacity), as well as ADA accessibility
- Public space: lighting needs to be improved, add wayfinding signage

Broadway-Flushing (2 groups)

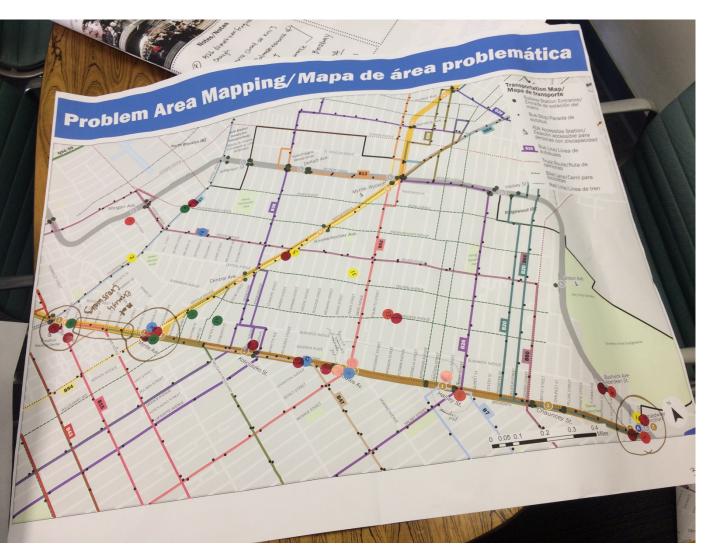
Cyclist and pedestrian safety were identified as a priority issue at this intersection. Additionally, people are concerned about closed subway entrances.

Broadway Junction

Broadway Junction was identified as an important area for cyclist and pedestrian access, and an important location for access to East New York.







Places people go often

- Within Bushwick:
 - o (2) Gates and Wyckoff (Myrtle-Wyckoff) (from NW Bushwick)
 - Woodbine b/t Evergreen and Central
 - Western Bushwick (from Flushing/Broadway area)
 - Bushwick Ave and Chauncey (from Ridgewood)
 - o Broadway and Grove (from Stockholm between Wyckoff and St. Nicholas)
- Brooklyn (outside Bushwick):
 - o (2) Williamsburg (from Wilson Ave/Linden and Ocean Hill)
 - o East Williamsburg/IBZ area
 - o Downtown BK (from Jefferson Ave between Central and Wilson)
- Other boroughs:
 - o (4) Downtown Manhattan (from Myrtle-Wyckoff area, from Stockholm between Wyckoff and St. Nicholas, from Hancock between Wilson and Knickerbocker)
 - Greenwich Village (from Halsey Street J area)
 - Ozone Park (from Eldert between Wilson and Central)
 - Manhattan (east teens) (from Halsey bt Evergreen and Central)
 - o Corona

Places people have trouble reaching

- Within Bushwick:
 - o Ridgewood Place (from Myrtle-Wyckoff area)
 - o Irving Square Park (from Stanhope between Bushwick and Evergreen)
 - Halsey and Central (from Ocean Hill)
 - Bushwick Ave and Chauncey (from Ridgewood)
 - o Bleecker and Central (from Jefferson Ave between Central and Wilson)
 - Hart and Broadway (from Irving Ave and Harman)
- Brooklyn (outside Bushwick):
 - ENY (from Kosciuszko St and Bway)
 - Prospect-Lefferts Gardens (from Halsey Street J area)
 - o Downtown BK/Boerum Hill (from Central Ave between Schaeffer and Decatur)
 - South BK (from Hancock between Wilson and Knickerbocker)
 - o Prospect Park (from Stockholm between Wyckoff and St. Nicholas)
- Other boroughs:
 - o (2) Washington Heights (from Wilson Ave/Linden and Halsey bt Evergreen and Central)
 - Astoria (from Myrtle-Wyckoff area)
 - Astoria "east" (from Eldert between Wilson and Central)
 - o Forest Park (on way to Forest Hills/Kew Gardens) (from NW Bushwick)
 - o Ridgewood Reservoir (from Woodbine bt Evergreen and Central)
- General comments:
 - "Connect larger parks like Forrest Park, Prospect Park, McCarren. Like a shuttle bus."
 - o "Hard to access Queens"
 - "Bus or train no way to get to NW Queens"
 - "Bus on Bushwick Avenue from ENY to Metropolitan Ave"
 - o "Ridgewood Reservoir improved public access needed buses, bike lanes, etc."



OPEN SPACE AND TRANSPORTATION

Results from April 8, 2017 Open Space and Transportation Summit

During the Open Space and Transportation Summit, we collected data, ideas, and vetted recommendations from 55 community members about Bushwick parks. There were two ways we gathered input from participants; entrance activities and small group discussions.

Entrance Activities:

There were two entrance activities that people passively interacted with;

- 1. Which Park Do You Go To? to understand which parks people are using and where they are coming from in the neighborhood
- 2. Parks without Borders to gather ideas around how people would like to see the edges of parks in terms of design and programming to inform the Parks Without Borders program if it is implemented in Bushwick parks.



*From Event Sign-in, not including staff

Small Group Discussion Activities

For the small group discussions there were three activities;

- 1. Issues and Needs Within Bushwick Parks to understand what issues and ideas for capital improvements people have in specific Bushwick parks;
- 2. What You Want to See in Bushwick Parks to understand what people wish to see in the design of new and improved open spaces in Bushwick, absent a current capital design project;
- 3. Open Space Recommendations a discussion around the recommendations the subcommittee has developed to vet if they are achieving the goals we set out and if there are additional ideas community members have that should be incorporated into them. last activity, residents provided comments on open space recommendations and voted on the most preferred.

ENTRANCE ACTIVITY 1: WHICH PARK DO YOU GO TO?

PRIMARY PARK

Votes



- 6 Irving Square
- Heckscher Playground
- Bushwick Playground

SECONDARY PARK

Votes

- **3** Maria Hernandez Park
- 2 Hope Ballfield
- Bushwick Playground
- Know Waste Lands
- Fermi Playground

ENTRANCE ACTIVITY 2: PARKS WITHOUT BORDERS

10 out of 13

Participants find park entrances easy to find

6 out of 12

Participants want fences around parks

9 out of 10

Participants want parks with low fences

11 out of 12

Participants feel park entrances should not be gated

AROUND THE PARK, RESIDENTS WANT...

Public Art 3 out of 24

Festivals

10 out of 24

Farmers Market

11 out of 24

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

6 out of 7 participants do not find community information easy to find

Q: Where would you like community information posted?

Park Fences

1 out of 18

Inside Park

7 out of 18

Park

Entrances

10 out of 18







ACTIVITY 1: ISSUES AND NEEDS IN BUSHWICK PARKS

Q: What are the issues and needs in Bushwick parks?

Summary of Issues and Needs

Clean and **Build dog parks** Repair seats and **More signage Need BBQS** Maintain and enforce usage water fountains with park's hours **Bathrooms Update More space Safety concerns** playground Wifi **More programs** around homeless for programs and fitness and events access and drug users and events equipment

Hope Ballfield

SP	ANISH GROUP	EN	IGLISH GROUP
•	Improve shower	•	Comfort station is needed
•	Improve stalls		
•	Walkway, path, people can fall		
•	Dog poop not enforced, people step on it all the time		
•	No bathroom		

Rudd Playground

SPANISH GROUP	ENGLISH GROUP
No feedback	 Recently approved basketball court Skate park DOT won't allow a dog run

Thomas Boyland Park

SPANISH GROUP	ENGLISH GROUP
No feedback	 More trees Wifi Farmers market Dog run 3

Maria Hernandez Park

SPANISH GROUP ENGLISH GROUP Split playground equipment areas by age Concert space Cultural exchange space (salsa, arts, hiphop) Farmers market space Signage (hours, age) Plaza Permanent domino tables Wifi Dog runs need to be used and enforced. Parents / Safety concerns, homeless, drug users Families find difficulty spreading blankets because of need BBQs More signage showing park and playground hours dog poop · Staff needs to be consistent with replacing dog Park used to have more activities baggies Comfort station needs repair; better lighting; more · The bathroom is dirty, is not maintained trees Create a 'Friends of' group for MH park to help maintain and care

Irving Square

SPANISH GROUP	ENGLISH GROUP
 Restrooms Dog walk/run Signs declaring hours and playgrounds Area for adult recreation Protected playground Floors / path, lots of holes that do not get fixed 	 More programming/events Space for events/performers Green (new grass, plants) No smoking Need BBQs Needs a dog run. They had one, but Parks took it away suddenly. Friends of Irving Square want one on the Southern/Wilson end. Concern about dogs off leash. Unclear what status is. Many waves of dogs in the morning Center of irving square is essentially a stage, more community performances. Some are using it informally
	 More signage showing park and playground hours Needs restroom NYPD thinks visibility is good there (no space to do illegal things) Upgrades for playground/equipment needed Adult fitness is needed More trash cans Problem w/ homeless

Heckscher Playground

SPANISH GROUP	ENGLISH GROUP
No feedback	 Need green infrastructure (seating, passive area space) Need BBQs

Fermi Playground

SPANISH GROUP	ENGLISH GROUP
No feedback	 Separate small children playground from passive open space Add soft flooring to entire park Add STEM feature as a nod to "fermi"

Green Central Knoll Park

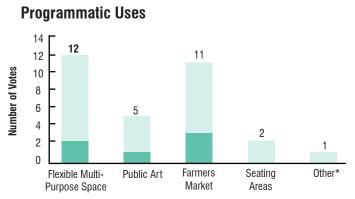
SPANISH GROUP	ENGLISH GROUP
No feedback	 Drainage for the ballfield Fountain does not work, restore, gate, feature Floods a lot; used heavily; gets really muddy; maybe comfort station work can improve drainage Swings Has hazards and needs maintenance Problem with it being used as dog run, need to make changes w/ residents

Other Parks / Open Spaces / Issues and Needs

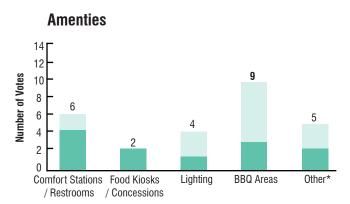
SPANISH GROUP	ENGLISH GROUP	
 Highland Park: large area, recent improvements, basketball & tennis The fences are a source of protection. The parks are public Conflict with having a safe park vs removing the gates through parks w/o Borders Opportunities for education activities, it is the largest in the neighborhood Safety around bathrooms: worried about young children. Lots of homeless population, so they drink a lot. Sexual activities in front of children. Gym needs to be improved Adult fitness and rec (Outdoor ampitheatre to watch games, etc) 	 Cooper in E. Williamsburg Park on Central Ave b/t Woodbine and Madison: no green and good for activities, basketball Mini-golf @ Broadway: never in use, talk to repair it for youth community, convert to public use Knickerbocker + Irving: closed park, had money put in, could be BQLT site Goodwin PI garden: looks trashed & dry, unattended 	

ACTIVITY 2: WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE IN BUSHWICK PARKS

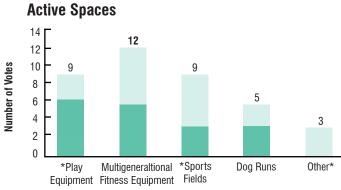




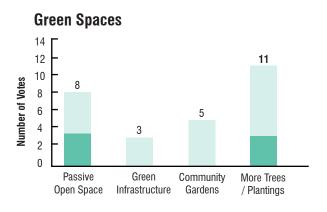


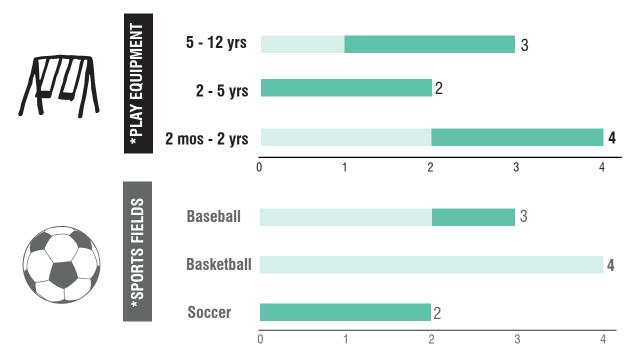


^{*}Others: Public water fountains to refill water bottles, shade structures, more police presence









ACTIVITY 3: OPEN SPACE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS

Votes to discuss:









CAPITAL PROJECTS & RENOVATIONS

OBJECTIVE 1: Improve existing open space

Improve open space and ensure that Bushwick has quality streetscapes and parks that support recreational and cultural programming

General Comments

SPANISH GROUP ENGLISH GROUP Small scale improvements good for improving equip-Schools money to maintain and open to public with staff/security and bathroom access. For example, ment and better M&O [the] Youth Center [is] a great rec space, but neigh-Knoll needs better M&O [and updated] equipment boring communities do not have access Tax money should only be used for publicly accessi-Knickerbocker is commercial, [so] businesses ble spaces should be involved Partnerships with non-profits and residents to help get better resources to parks to supplement capital funding or expedite improvements until capital funding arrives Budget discussion -- how to prioritize community I am not sure I want Parks Without Borders. It's a public safety issue. Don't fences keep crime down?

OBJECTIVE 2: Create and expand open space

Explore opportunities to expand, increase and create new open space through acquisition and/or partnership with NYC Parks' sister agencies

General Comments

SPANISH GROUP	ENGLISH GROUP
 [We] need to get requirements in place to get private developers to build public space Bushwick doesn't have much open space NYCHA land can be used for more open space Integrate a 'Friends of' group for the parks to help maintain (more proactive effort to do this, especially w/ surrounding neighbors) Fear of displacement: [getting] price out. "They are squeezing us like an orange" White population influx. We don't want to discriminate but we should all have access Undocumented, fear of deportation 	 NYCHA open space [is] not being used properly Hoyt Evergreen space: what's happening? Where did playground go? Confusion about relationship between mischief and fences. People want more info to make informed votes. Seperating childrens' playspace from adult chilling space and only fencing the former

PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

OBJECTIVE 3: Expand educational, cultural, and recreational programming in public open spaces

General Comments

SPANISH GROUP	ENGLISH GROUP
 [Need] spaces that gather people to share info (i.e., what stores to go, what places to avoid like spaces/ stores that cater to the white community. Parks with programming could be that space. 	 Need more integrated thinking Programming run by public in Maria Hernandez, might come with improvements to comfort station

OBJECTIVE 4: Better promote open space programming

General Comments

SPANISH GROUP	ENGLISH GROUP
No feedback	 Outreach is key. The outreach through CBOs doesn't always work. Need more direct [outreach in places like] laundromats, schools, Tony's Pizzeria. Parks partnerships with schools. Ask what parents and students want. Same with churches. Billboard, post at entrance to park. They are locked. Most people don't how to [post] / it's complicated.

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

OBJECTIVE 6: Improve public safety in parks and public spaces

General Comments

SPANISH GROUP	ENGLISH GROUP
Fear of falling and of getting robbed	 Have locking gates during closed times Have a volunteer to open or close the parks

OBJECTIVE 7: Improve sanitation in parks and open spaces

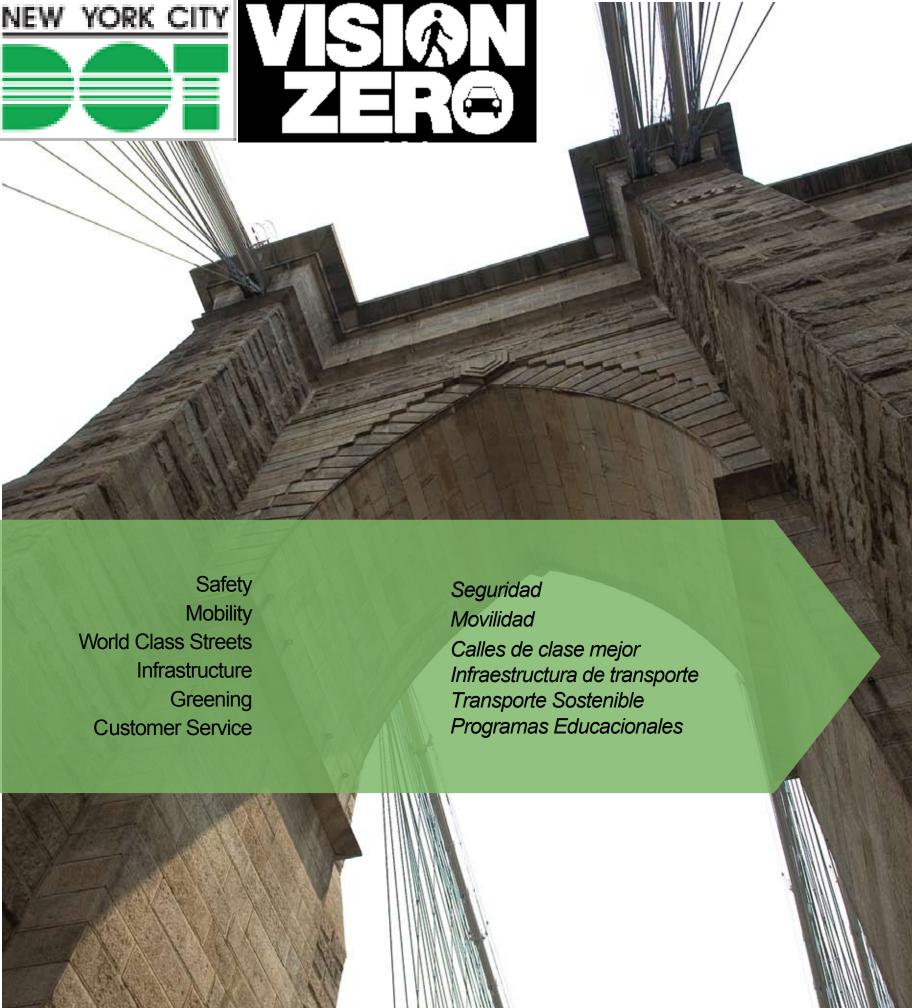
General Comments

SPANISH GROUP	ENGLISH GROUP
Address drug users. Children and others [are] being exposed to contaminated materials	No feedback

OBJECTIVE 8: Improve overall maintenance of parks and playgrounds

General Comments

SPANISH GROUP	ENGLISH GROUP
 More light is needed in parks like Hope, Bushwick and Linden. Low quality lighting can keep people away from open spaces Youth must visit the parks [and we] must teach them about park admin, schools. Must have unity. Parks need more signage 	 Upgrade old play equipment if it cant be maintained Need better control over existing open spaces, including NYCHA lots, to stop illegal dumping and bring back lost assets (such as playgrounds) There are also "kids in motion." How do people find this info if they don't have computers? Could there be a photo of the playground associate with contact info on the bulletin board? [There is] no CPI parks in western part of neighborhood, no person there. Parks has outreach coordinators and they are understaffed. Could Friends of groups from outreach teams ask people what they'd like to see? NYCHA issues: could do community policing better, spotlights are common with no communication. Need more officers from Bushwick. Digital divide issue: parks doesn't do print info. The parks should have info in the space and people to engage with.





- DOT 2014 project design banned 5 turns following 2 fatalities. Following a third fatality, NYCT rerouted the B26 and Q58. Intersection still confusing.
- 2015: DOT/DDC Wyckoff Ave (HWK876), received Vision Zero (safety) funding
- DOT 2016 project proposes to greatly simplify the Myrtle/Wyckoff/Palmetto intersection.

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- 2015: DOT / DDC Wyckoff Ave (HWK876), recibió el financiamiento Vision Zero (seguridad)
- El proyecto DOT 2016 propone simplificar la intersección Myrtle / Wyckoff / Palmetto



By removing approaches and turns from the intersection, it is a simpler and safer place

Al eliminar los enfoques y vueltas de la intersección, es un lugar más simple y más seguro

Only 8 turn movements would remain 3 for private vehicles, 5 for buses

Sólo quedaban 8 movimientos de giro 3 para vehículos privados, 5 para autobuses

