108 STREET AT HORACE HARDING EXPRESSWAY

School Safety Improvements

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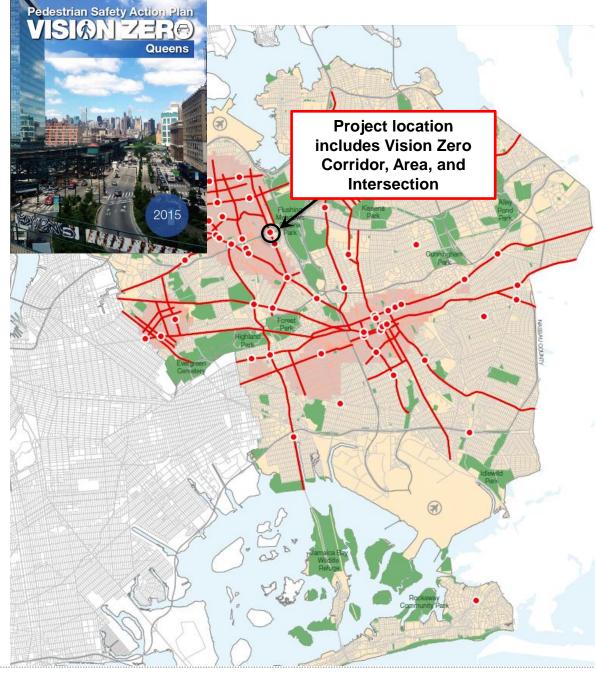
Queens Priority Geographies

Vision Zero

- Multi-agency effort to reduce traffic fatalities in NYC
- Borough Action Plans released in 2015
- Priority Intersections, Corridors, and Areas identified for each borough

108 Street

- Priority Corridor
- Priority Area
- Priority Intersection at Horace Harding Expressway North Service Road



PROJECT AREA



108 STREET: EXISTING CONDITIONS



PROPOSAL: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISLAND

Pedestrian safety islands have been shown to*

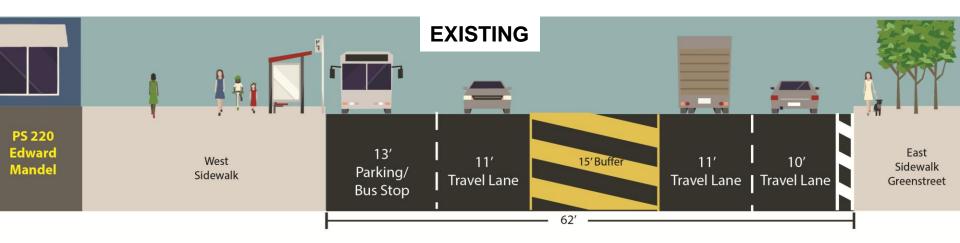
- Decrease pedestrian crashes by 46%
- Reduce vehicle crashes by 39%

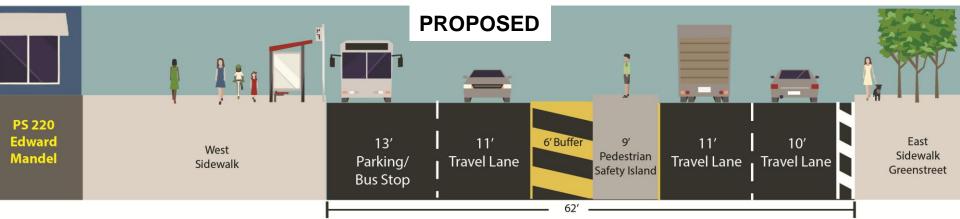


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*Source: US Department of Transportation FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasures - Medians and Pedestrian Crossing Islands in Urban and Suburban Areas http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/provencountermeasures/fhwa_sa_12_011.htm

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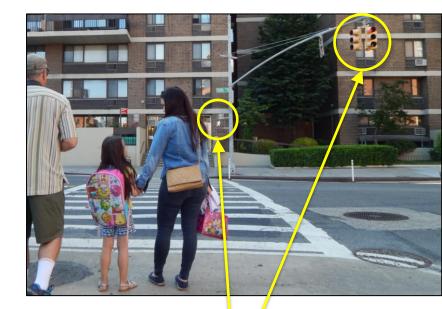




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PROPOSAL: LEADING PEDESTRIAN INTERVAL

- Study for an LPI at both the Horace Harding Expressway North and South Service Roads at 108 Street
- Pedestrians are given a 7 second (minimum) head start to cross the street
- Pedestrians can establish right of way in the crosswalk and are more visible to turning vehicles
- Mitigates failure to yield crashes between turning vehicles and pedestrians



Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs) give pedestrians a 7+ second head start

SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

 Construct pedestrian safety island in the south crosswalk at 108 St at the Horace Harding South Service Road in front of PS 220

 Investigation of Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) at 108 St and the Horace Harding Expressway North and South Service Roads

• No changes in traffic capacity or loss of parking

BENEFITS OF PROPOSAL

- Provides a safer, shorter pedestrian crossing distance in front of PS 220
- Increases pedestrian visibility
- No changes in traffic capacity or loss of parking



THANK YOU!

Questions?





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