

#### **Water Street Corridor**

Making Improvements and Taking Steps Toward Transformation









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# Water Street Corridor :: Project





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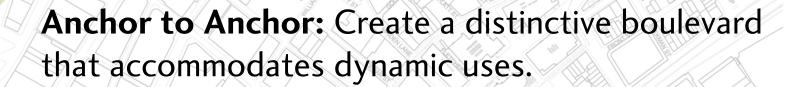
### Water Street Corridor:: 2009/2010:: ADNY/Starr Whitehouse & FX Fowle

Existing Conditions Goal & Principles Anchor to Anchor Water to Water Day to Night

Creating a new Vision & Identity

Study completed - May 2010

### **Principles**



**Water to Water:** Activate open space and the riverfront network.

**Day to Night:** Extend the hours of Water Street and engage pedestrians.



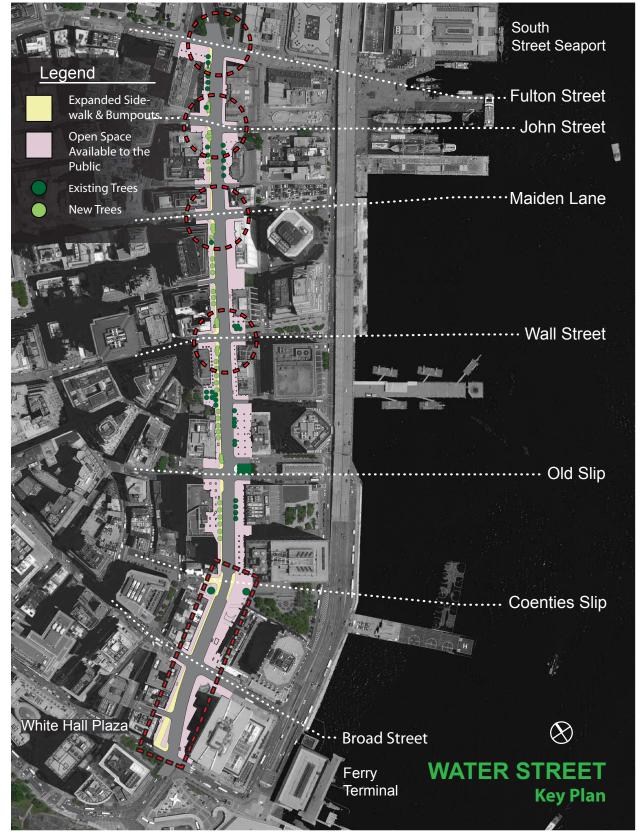


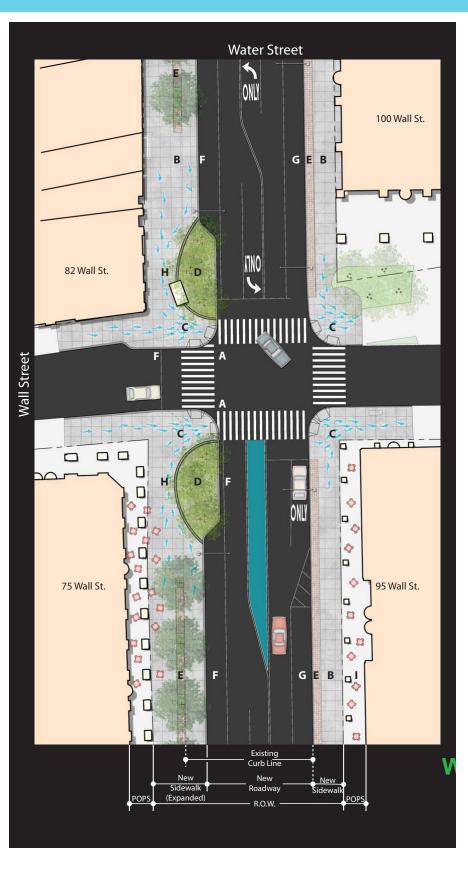
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Starr Whitehouse/ADNY



### Water Street Corridor:: 2011/2012:: EDC/RBA





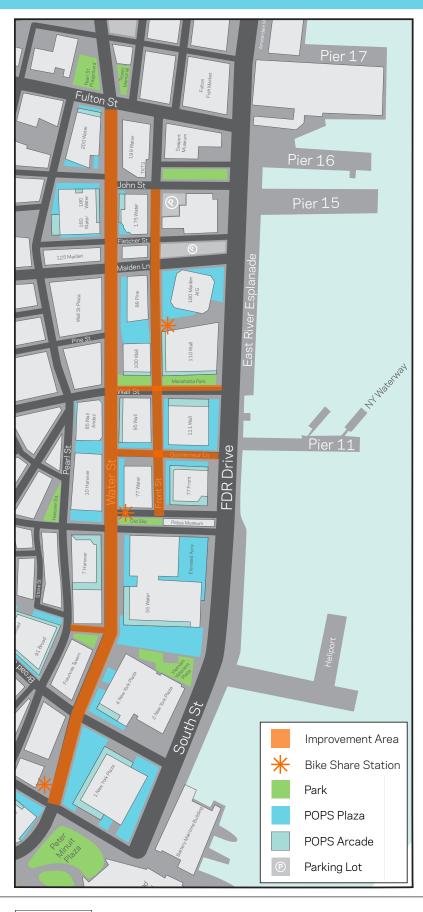
Develop plan for capital reconstruction & amenities

Kickoff with DOT - July 2011 Study completed - Fall 2012

EDC/RBA



### Water Street Corridor:: 2013:: City Hall - DOT - DCP - EDC - ADNY



#### Goals

- Implement interim and longer-term improvements to create a more vibrant, visually-cohesive, pedestrian-friendly Water Street corridor
- Enhance existing streetscape and open spaces and strengthen east-west linkages between the downtown core and waterfront
- Set the foundation for long-term transformation of the area

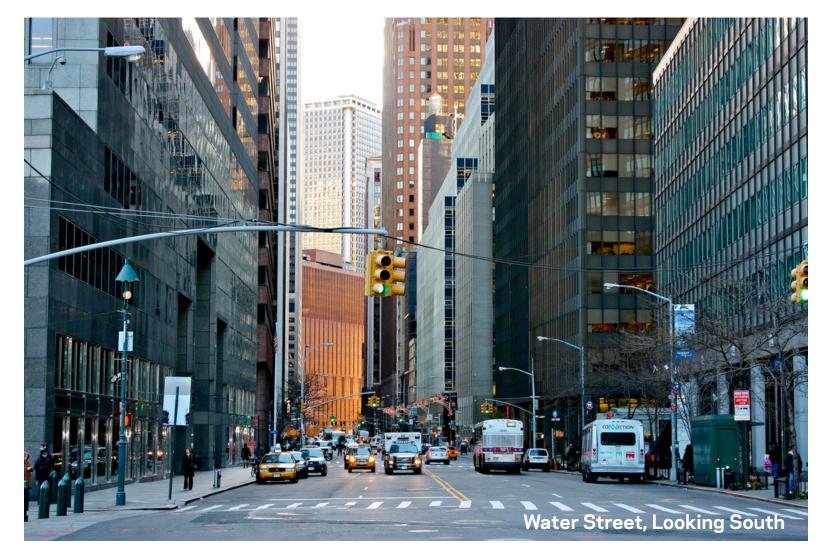
#### **Objectives**

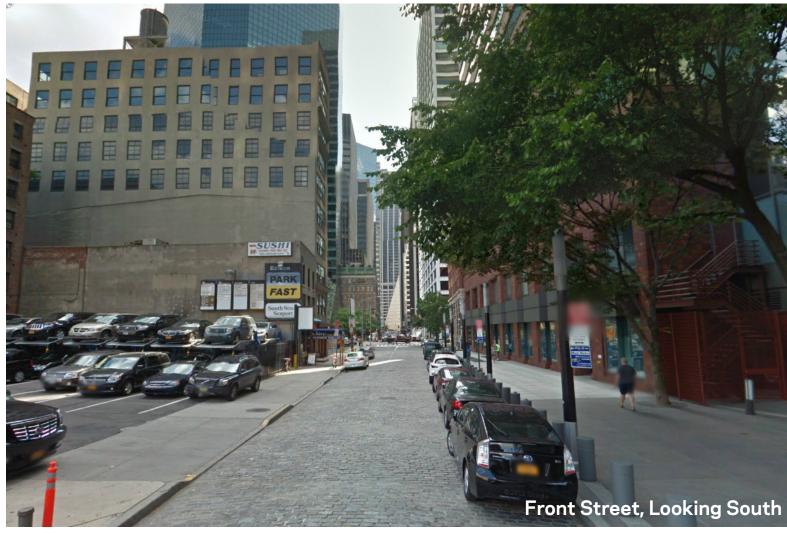
- Post-Sandy Rapid Response Coordination
- Pedestrian Safety Improvements and Curb Regulation Modifications
- Temporary Public Spaces and East-West Linkages
- Streetscape Design Toolkit Installation



Water Street Corridor Goals

### Water Street Corridor:: Assessment:: Previous and Current Streetscape





Corporate and retail façades
Large-scale buildings
Four travel lanes and two parking/loading lanes

Mix of historic and corporate character Small- and large-scale buildings One travel lane and two parking/loading lanes



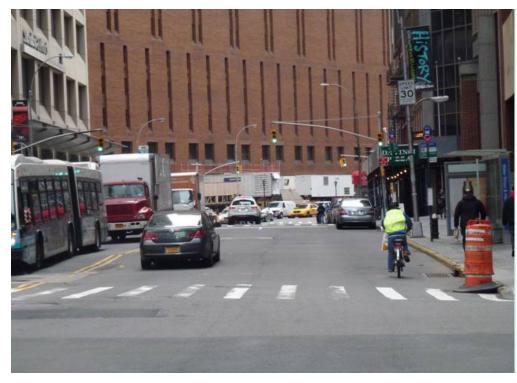
## Water Street Corridor:: Assessment:: Previous and Current Streetscape



Long Pedestrian Crossings



Heavy Pedestrian Volumes



Low S/B traffic volumes



Underutilized curb space



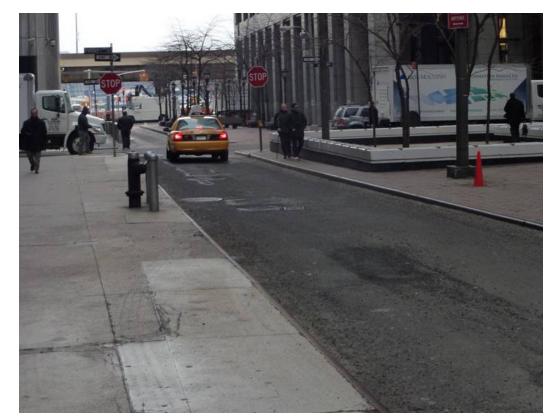
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Inconsistent Paving & Lack of Amenities



Loading Docks



Uninviting waterfront access



Underused POPS



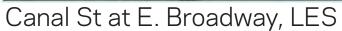
# Water Street Corridor:: Rapid Response Toolkit

- -Pavement Marking
- -New Signage
- -Painted and/or Textured Surfaces
- -Flexible Delineators
- -Curb Regulation Modifications







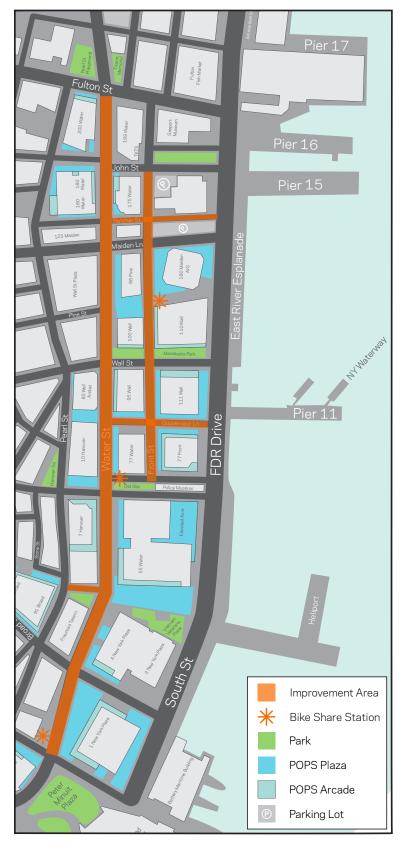




Allen Street

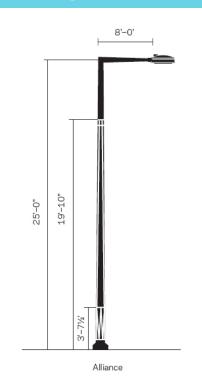


# Water Street Corridor:: Streetscape Design Toolkit





Lighting







Pedestrian Improvements



Tree Planting



Benches



Movable Tables/Chairs

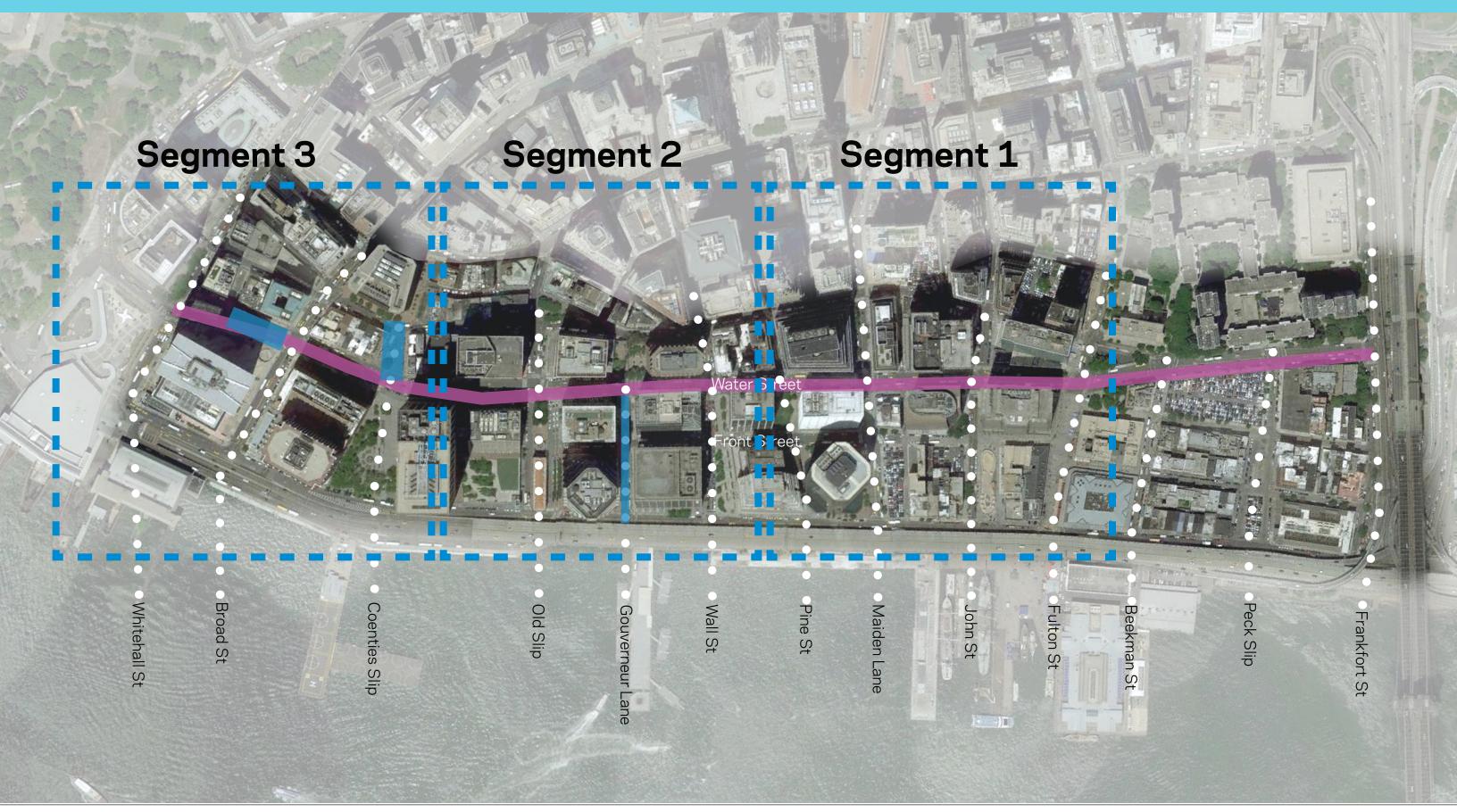


Wayfinding



Water Street Corridor Design Elements

## Water Street Corridor:: Overview





Site Overview

# Water Street Corridor:: Segment 1:: Wall St to Fulton St



Painted neckdowns improve crosswalk alignment

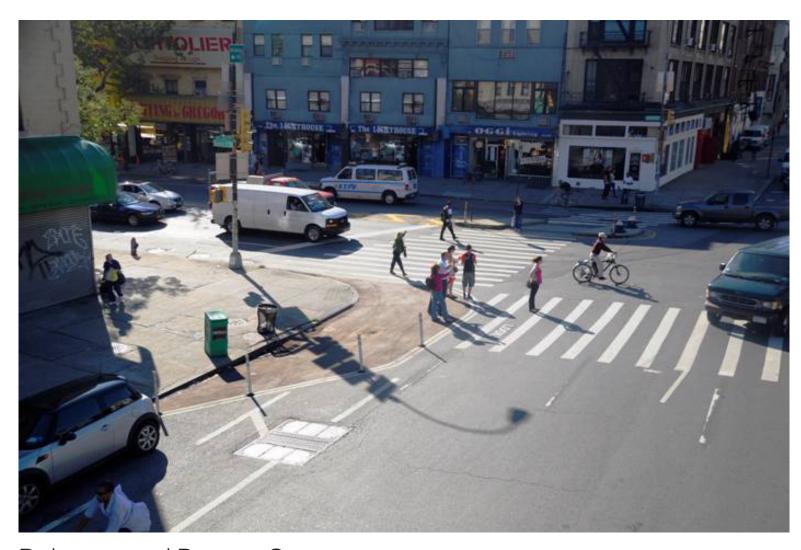
Fulton St area to be determined



# Water Street Corridor:: Segment 1:: Improved Crossings



Whitehall Street and Bridge Street



Delancey and Bowery Streets



## Water Street Corridor:: Segment 2:: Coenties Slip to Wall St

Painted neckdowns reduce crossing distances and improves crosswalk alignment



Low S/B vehicle volumes allow for lane drop at Old Slip

Maintain existing number of travel lanes north of Old Slip

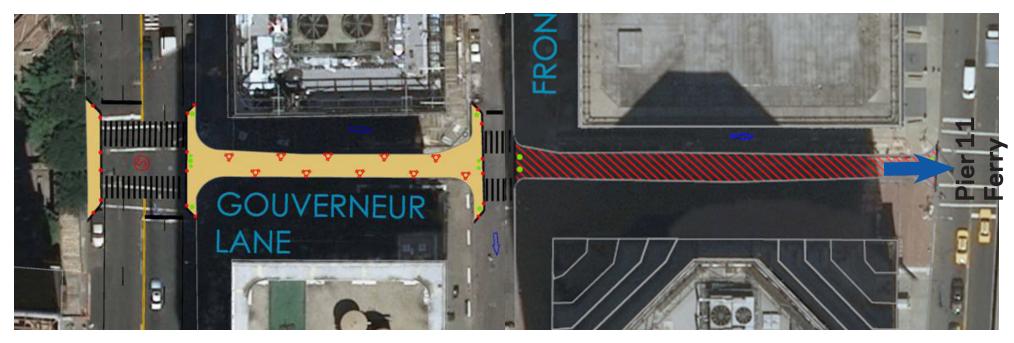
Enhanced gateway to waterfront and ferry



# Water Street Corridor:: Segment 2:: Gouverneur Lane



Gouverneur Lane





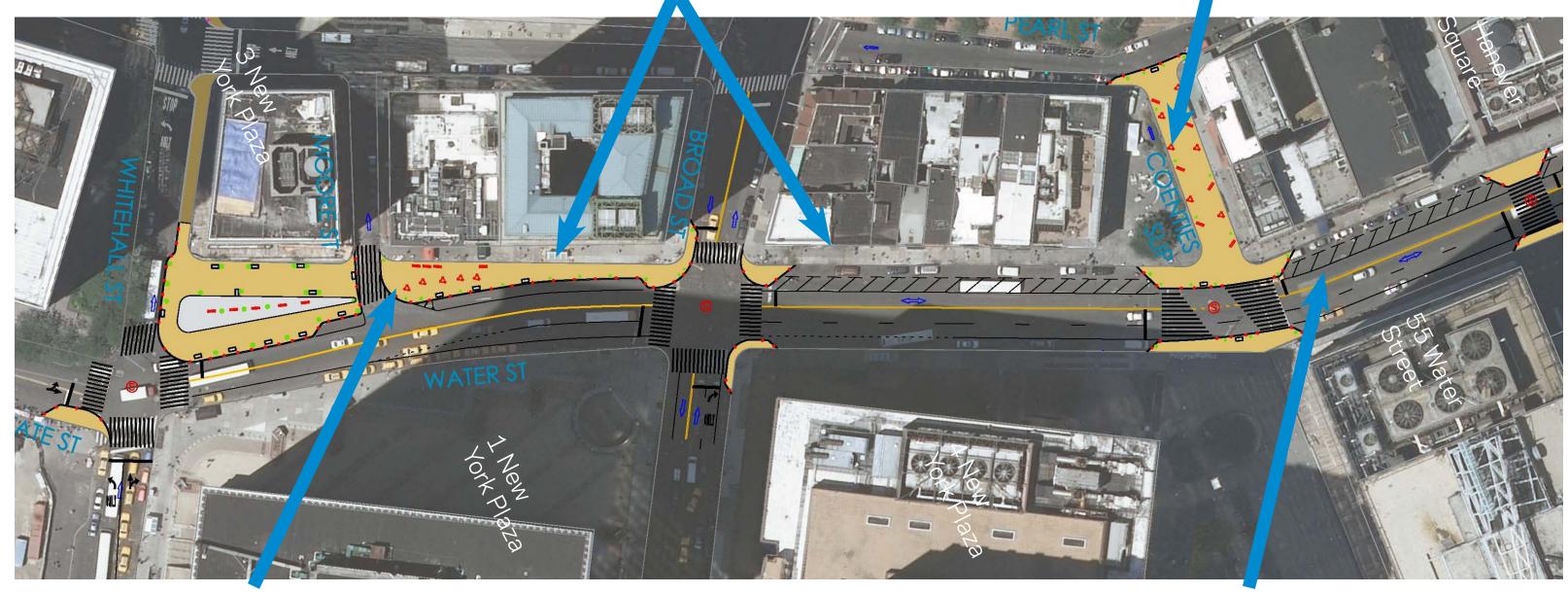
Delancey Street



## Water Street Corridor:: Segment 3:: Whitehall to Coenties Slip

Existing bus stops moved to nearside of intersection and existing truck loading moved to far side of intersection

Closed low volume slip improves mobility along pedestrian desire lines

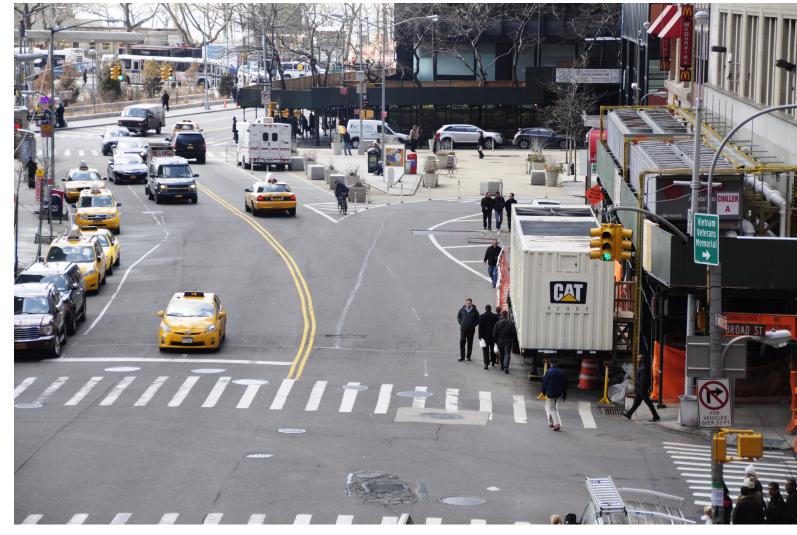


Extend existing plaza space at Whitehall north to Broad into underutilized roadway

Single moving lane organizes and controls traffic around corner



# Water Street Corridor:: Segment 3:: Public Spaces:: Existing



Water and Whitehall Street



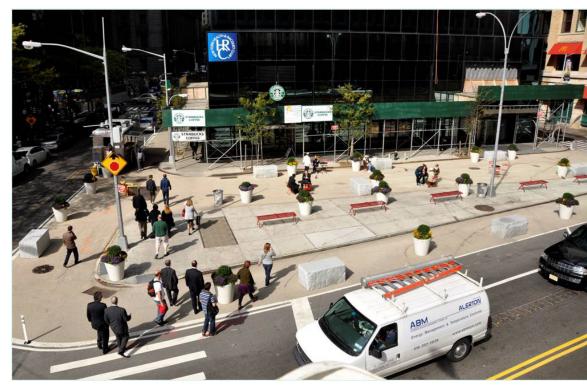
Coenties Slip



# Water Street Corridor:: Segment 3:: Public Spaces:: Proposed







Water and Whitehall Plaza



Madison Square - Fifth Avenue and Broadway



## Water Street Corridor:: Corridor-wide:: Curb Regulations

#### Curb Regulations

- Adding metered parking at underutilized curbs
- Combining express bus stops where appropriate
  Adding midday loading/standard weekend parking at time of day bus stops







## Water Street Corridor:: Corridor-wide:: Tree Planting

#### Tree Planting

- Coordinate with DPR to evaluate current tree conditions during spring
   Determine where to plant
   Identify new locations based on improved geometry and new curb regulations



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**Tree Planting Water Street Corridor** 

# Water Street Corridor:: Corridor-wide:: CityBench

#### CityBench

- -4 Existing CityBenches installed on Water Street
- -Examining potential additional locations, especially at bus stops along the corridor

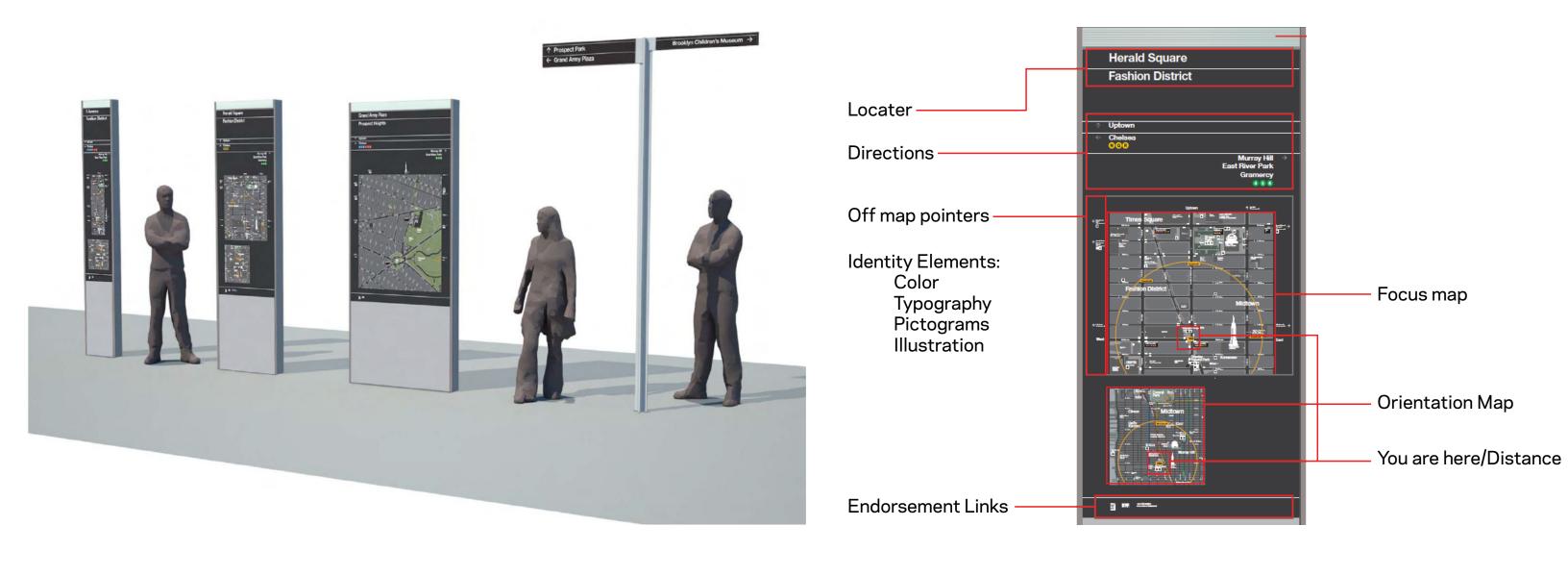






CityBench

# Water Street Corridor:: Corridor-wide:: Wayfinding:: Overview



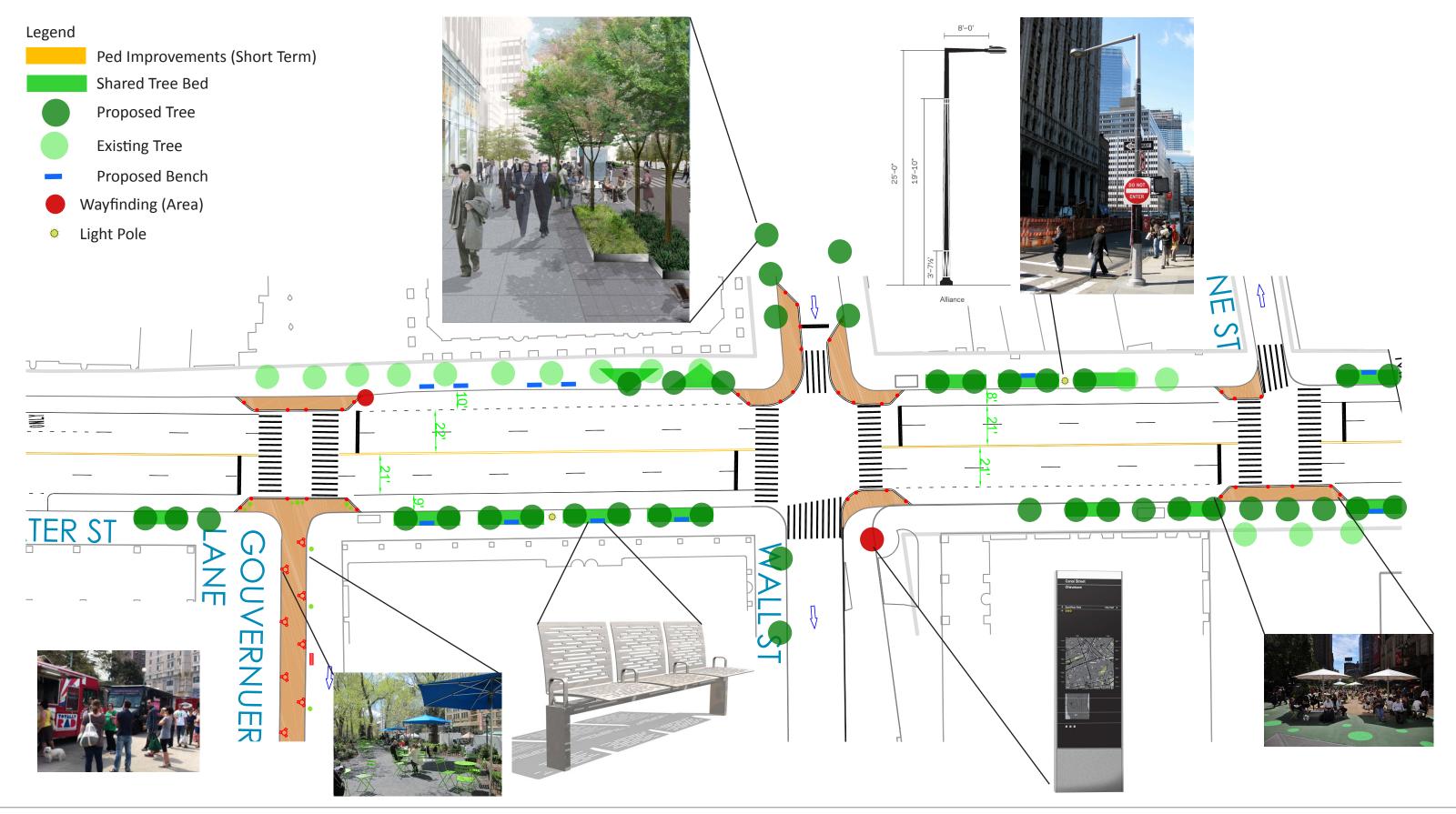


# Water Street Corridor:: Corridor-wide:: Wayfinding:: Preliminary Locations





# Water Street Corridor:: Conceptual Application





# Water Street Corridor:: Questions - Next Steps











Questions / Next Steps

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