



The Future of 34th Avenue Open Street

Office of Street Improvement Programs
October 2021



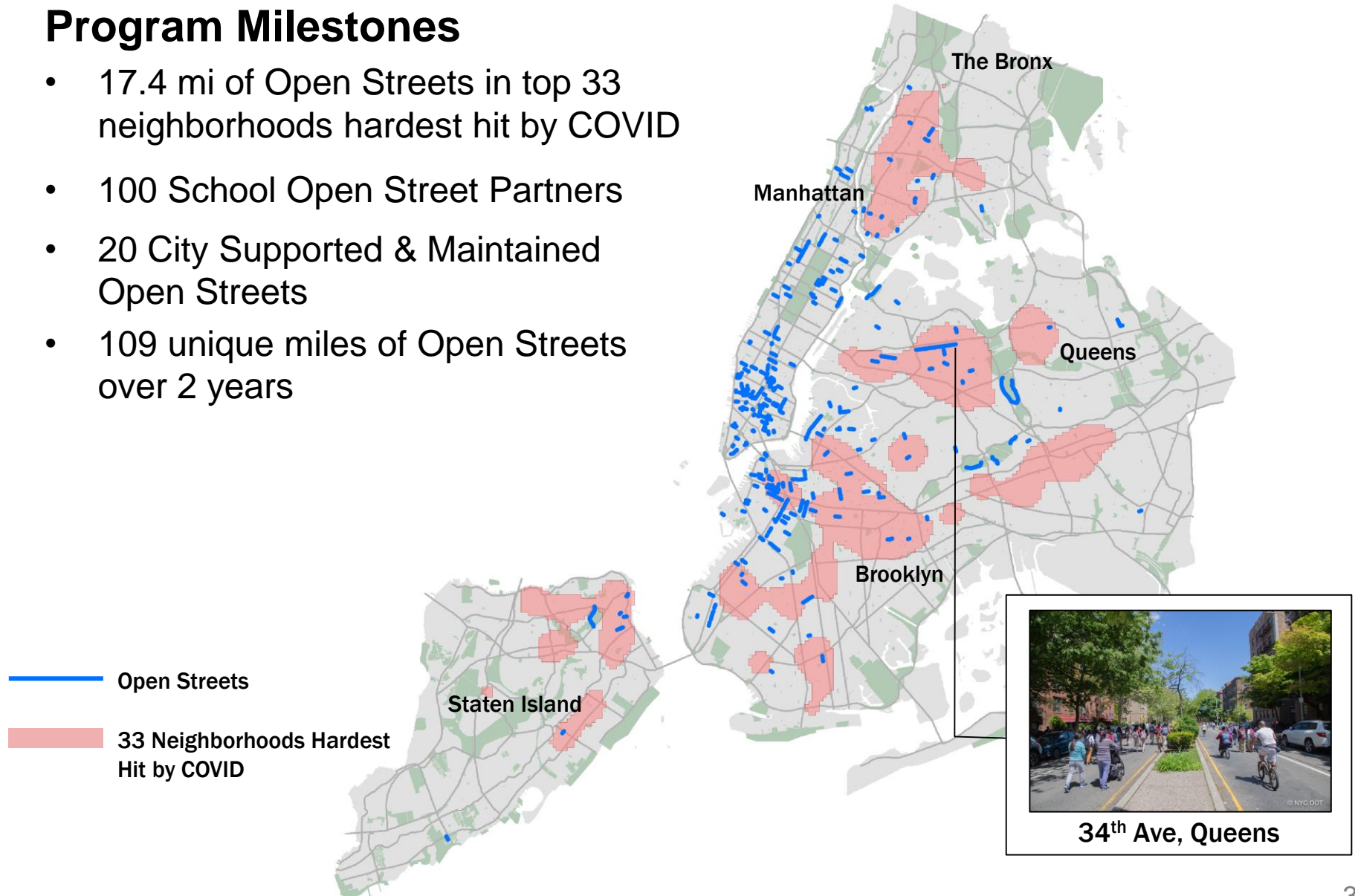
Open Streets & 34th Ave

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DOT Open Streets

Program Milestones

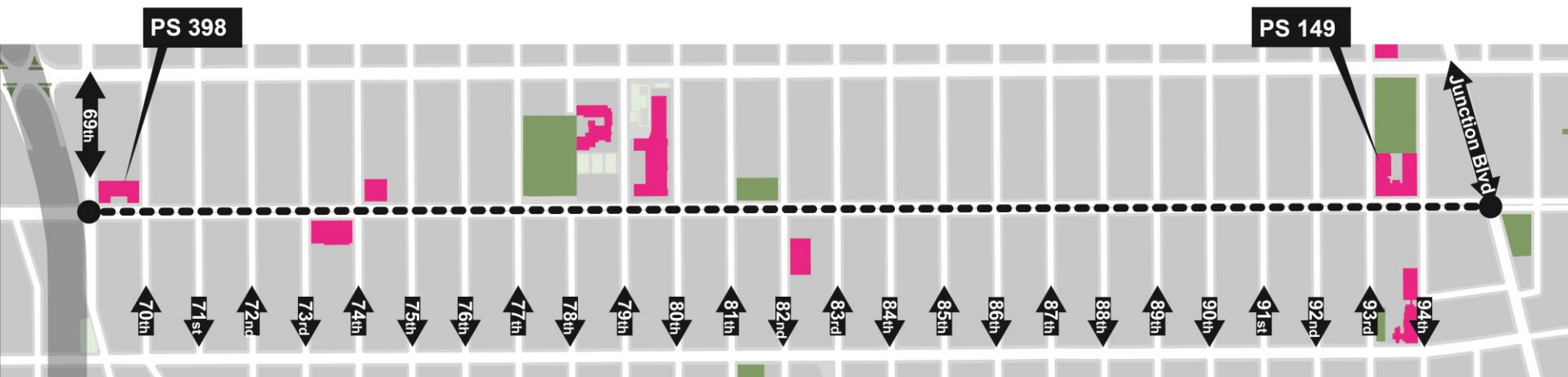
- 17.4 mi of Open Streets in top 33 neighborhoods hardest hit by COVID
- 100 School Open Street Partners
- 20 City Supported & Maintained Open Streets
- 109 unique miles of Open Streets over 2 years



34th Ave Open Street

26 Blocks, 1.3 Miles

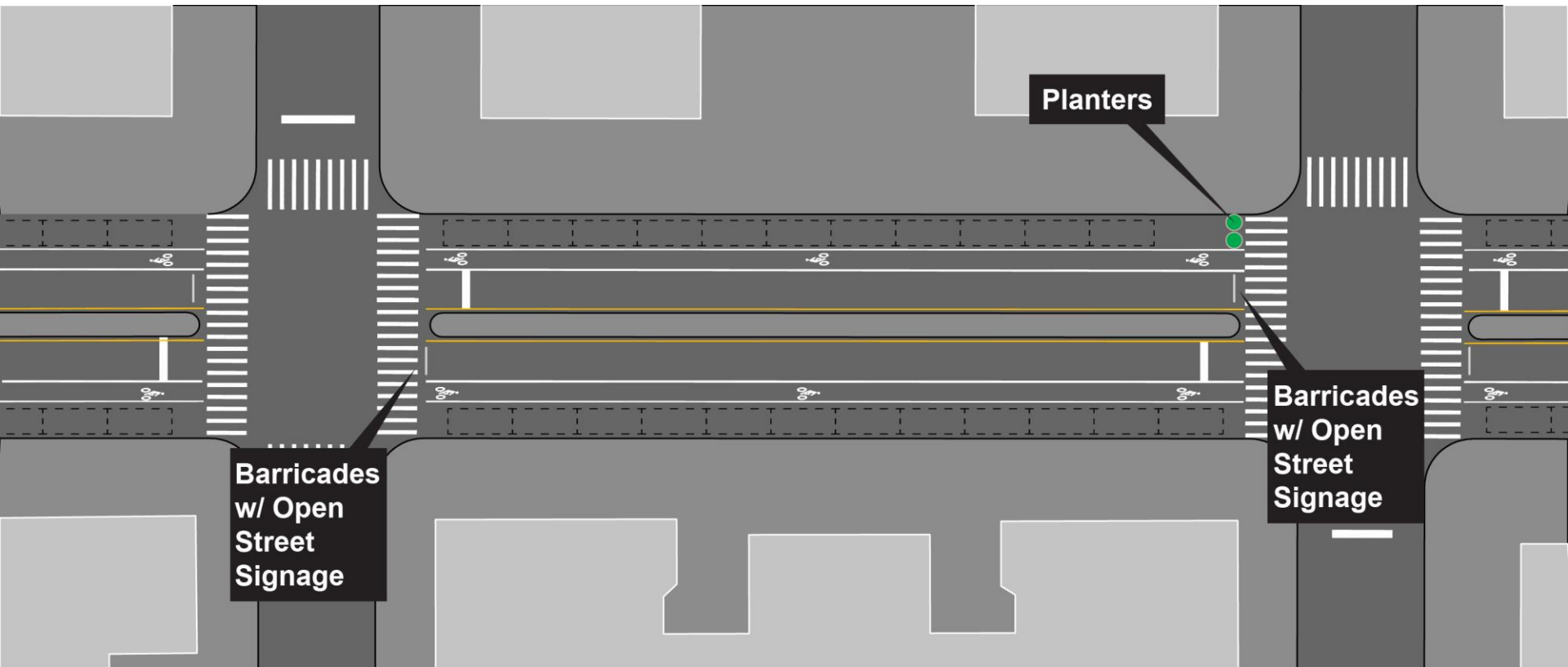
69th Street to Junction Blvd



Limited Local Access, Every Day, 7am – 8pm

Temporary Full Closures, M-F, at PS 149 & PS 398

34th Ave Current Operations



34th Avenue Open Street Coalition



Ongoing Programming

End of Summer Schedule for 34th Avenue

~ August 2021 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 3PM - Baile Folklórico / Mexican Dance lessons 3PM - Kids Arts and Crafts	16 11AM - NORC Staywell Exercise Class 12PM - Food Distribution by Community CSOC	17 9AM - Salsa Lessons 9AM - NORC Garden Club 10:30AM - ESL Conversation Club	18 9AM - Zumba Class 10AM - NORC Staywell Exercise Class	19 8:30 AM - Yoga Class 9:30AM - Introduccion a la Tecnologia 10:30AM - ESL Conversation Club 2PM - Street Lab (at 87th and 34th)	20 10AM - NORC Tai Chi for Arthritis 3PM - Family Bike Ride 5PM - Gardening at PS149	21 10 AM - 1 PM Gardening at PS145 79 th St. & 34 th Ave.
22 3PM - Baile Folklórico / Mexican Dance lessons 3PM - Kids Arts and Crafts	23 11AM - NORC Staywell Exercise Class 12PM - Food Distribution by Community CSOC 3PM - Tie Dye (Bring your own White Shirts!)	24 9AM - Salsa Lessons 9AM - NORC Garden Club 10:30AM - ESL Conversation Club 3PM - Slime Making	25 9AM - Zumba Class 10AM - NORC Staywell Exercise Class 3PM - Fashion Show	26 8:30 AM - Yoga Class 10:30AM - ESL Conversation Club 3PM - Races	27 10AM - NORC Tai Chi for Arthritis 3PM - Family Bike Ride	28 10 AM - 1 PM Gardening on 34th Ave Median at 69 th Street 7 - 9:30 AM - JH Mile Race (Starts at PS149 to Travers Park)
29 All Day - Peoples Festival	30 11AM - NORC Staywell Exercise Class 12PM - Food Distribution by Community CSOC 3PM - Potato Sack Races (Bring your own laundry bag) and Tug-of-War.	31 9AM - Salsa Lessons 9AM - NORC Garden Club 10:30AM - ESL Conversation Club 2PM - Tabling 3PM - Chess and Dominoes	1	2	3	4

Event Locations:

- **Black:** 93rd St. and 34th Ave.
- **Red:** 90th St. and 34th Ave.
- **Blue:** 77th St. And 34th Ave.
- **Green:** Different Locations

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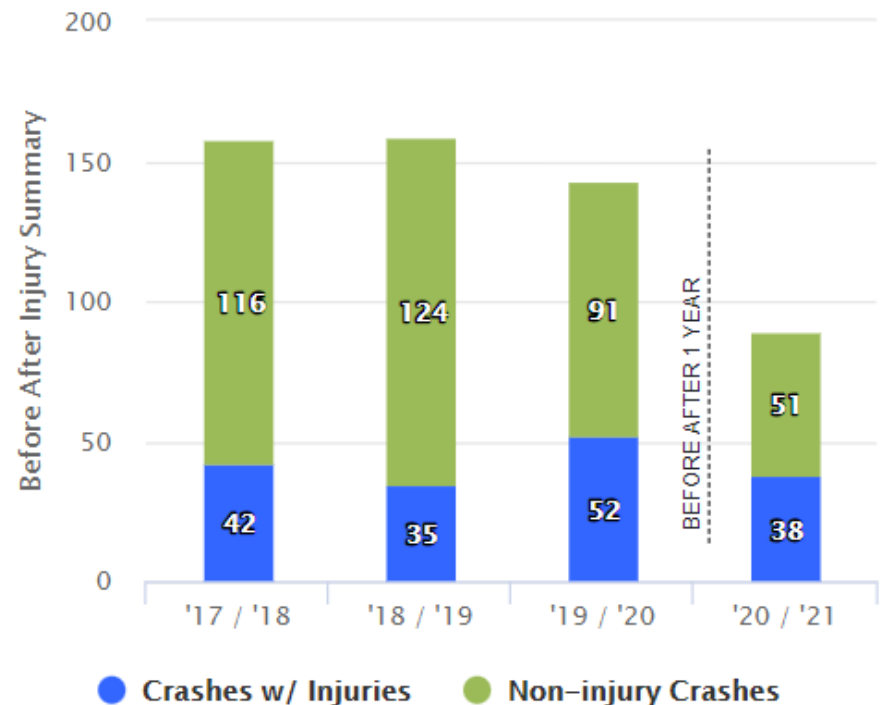
Maintenance + Operations: CCC



Safety Impacts on 34th ave

Traffic Crashes on 34th Avenue

- Crashes with Injuries:
 - 3 year Average Before: 43
 - After: 38
- Pedestrian Injuries:
 - 3 year Average Before: 11
 - After: 7
- Total Injuries:
 - 3 year Average Before: 56
 - After: 43



Community Engagement

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Recent Timeline: DOT Public Engagement on 34th Ave

2018

- Summer: Community calls for safety improvements on 34th Ave
- October: Walkthrough with CEC 30
- Fall/Winter: PTA meetings along the 34th Avenue corridor

2019

- Winter 2018/19: Outreach for corridor redesign begins
- Spring: Meetings with 9 School Administrations/PTAs, Community Board 3
 - Request for: traffic calming measures, safer crossings, slow vehicular traffic, divert vehicles off avenue during arrival and dismissal, better bike infrastructure
- Summer/Fall 2019: Analysis for traffic calming measures
- Fall/Winter 2019: Continued outreach to schools/PTAs, local residents, Community Board 3, Elected Officials

2020

- March: COVID shutdown
- May: 34th Avenue Open Street Launches
- Fall: Outreach to community, elected officials and CB on future of Open Street

2021

- Winter 2020/21: Community Listening and Info Sessions & Public Survey Launch
- February/March 2021: 34th Ave design workshops
- June 2021: Community Board Report back on Outreach
- Continued Outreach to Schools/PTAs
- Ongoing Traffic Data Collection

Who took the survey

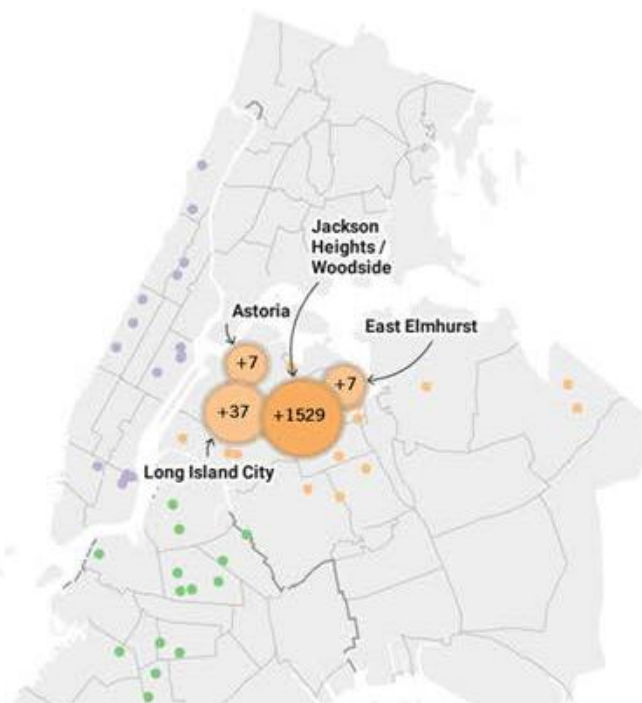
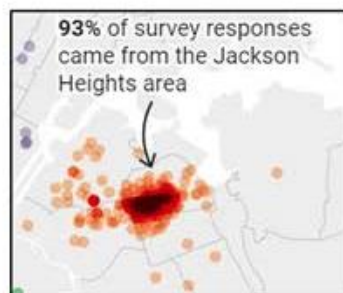
2,212

Community Survey Responses:

- **93%** of survey responses were local to the Jackson heights neighborhood
- Nearly a third (**27%**) of participants who took the survey listed 34th Ave as the closest intersection to their home
- **90%** of participants say they live nearby, close in proximity to 34th Avenue

Grouped Responses by Borough

BROOKLYN
MANHATTAN
QUEENS



Response to survey question: "What is the closest intersection to your home?"
Results from 1,632 out of 2,212 (74%) participants that provided a valid home intersection

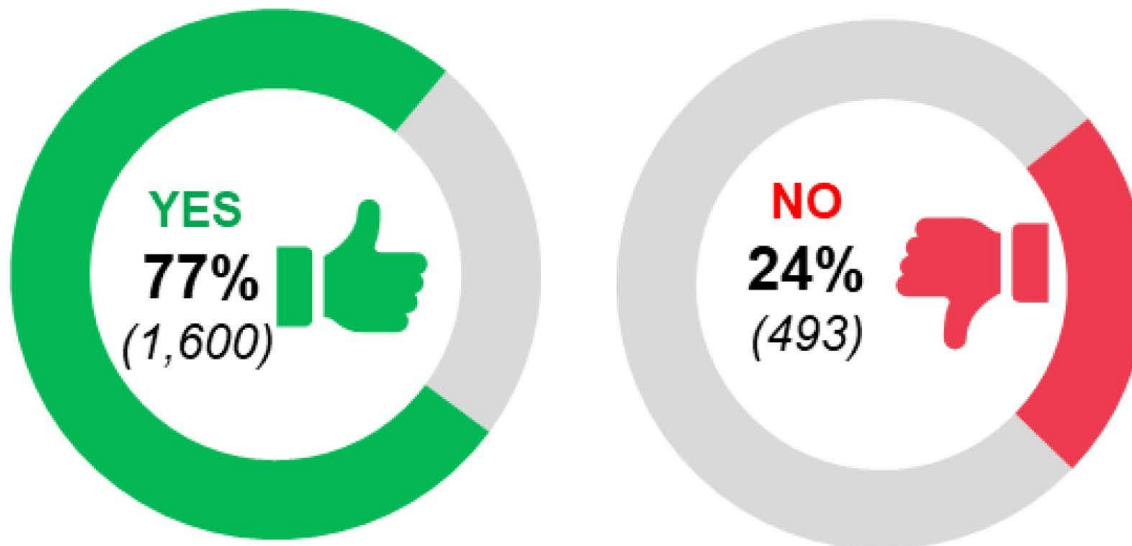
Relationship to 34th Avenue (Select all that apply)

I live nearby	(1,997)	90%	
I shop/run errands nearby	(862)	39%	
I visit friends and/or family here	(607)	27%	
I visit here for recreation, school, etc.	(259)	12%	
I work nearby	(248)	11%	
I'm just passing through	(226)	10%	
I visit nearby medical facilities	(194)	9%	
I attend nearby religious services	(97)	4%	
First time visiting today	(5)	<1%	

Would you like to see permanent changes?

Visioning – The Future of 34th Avenue

» Would you like to see permanent changes to make 34th Ave a pedestrian and/or cycling priority corridor?



Data Notes
(x) Number of Responses
Displayed % Values Rounded
Based on 2212 responses unless otherwise noted

Design Considerations

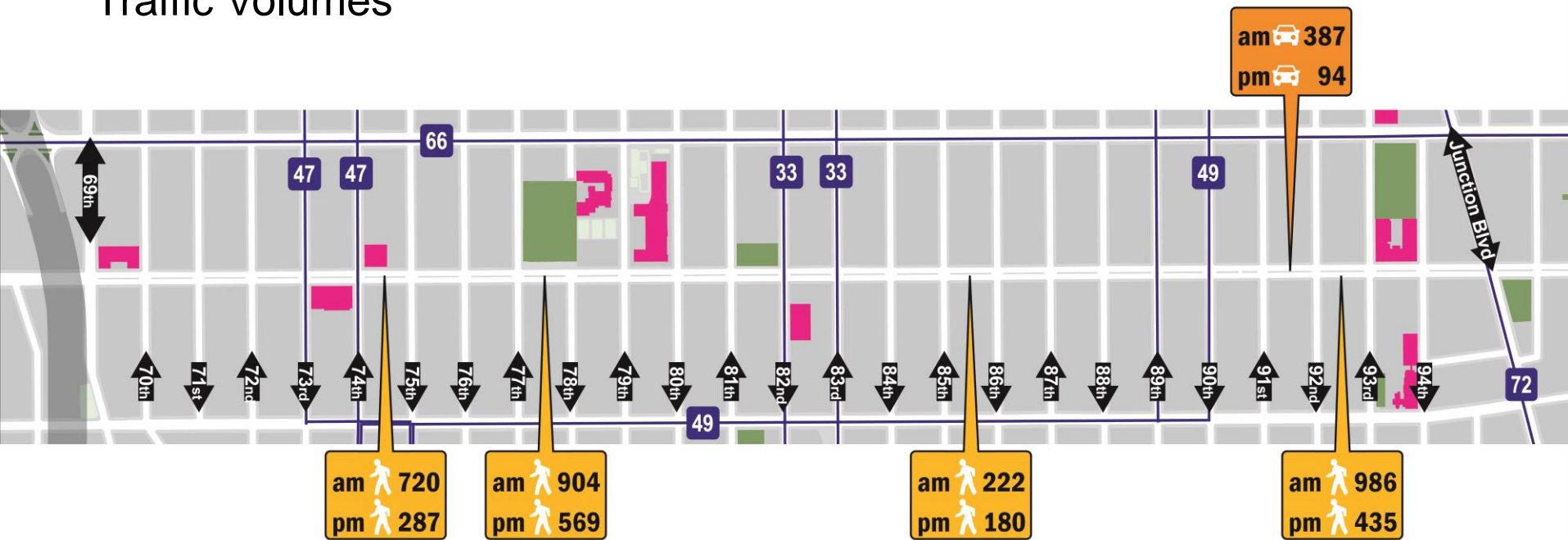
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Design Considerations – Transportation Network

Bus Routes & Ridership

Bicycle & Pedestrian Priority

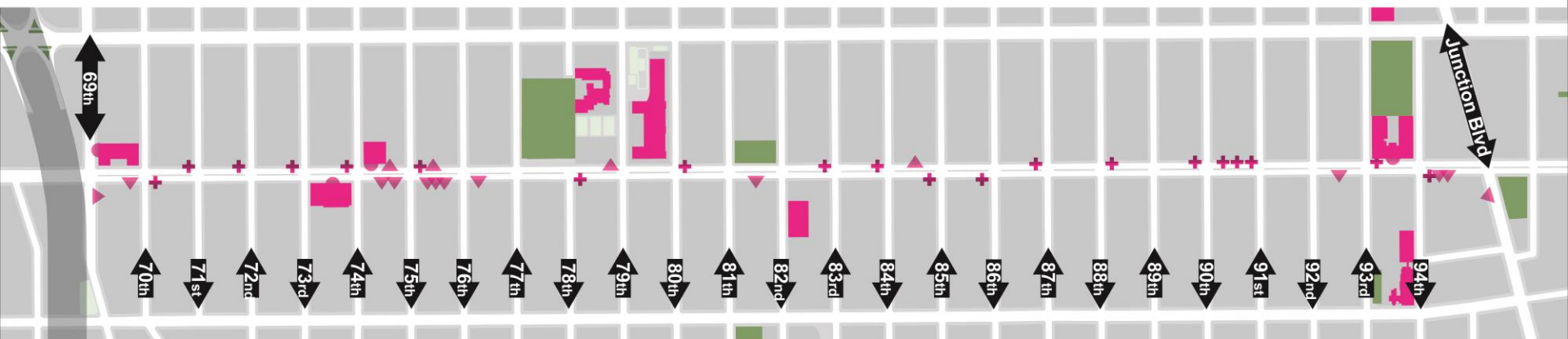
Traffic Volumes



AM/PM Spot Check Counts: Vehicles, Fall 2020 & Peds, Fall 2021

Design Considerations - Access

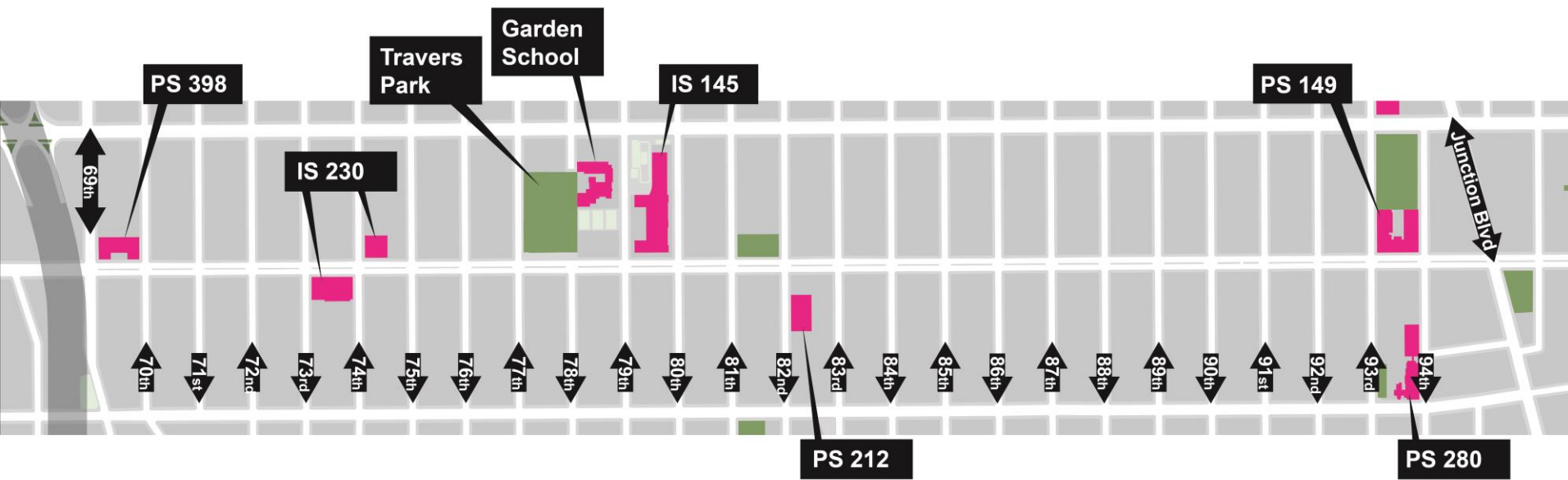
Maintain Critical Vehicular Access



- ▼ Driveways
- + Fire Hydrants
- Deliveries
- Pick-Up/Drop-Off

Design Considerations - Schools

7 Schools Less than a block from 34th Ave



Enhance Safety

Access to Public Space

Events & Programming

Design Proposal*

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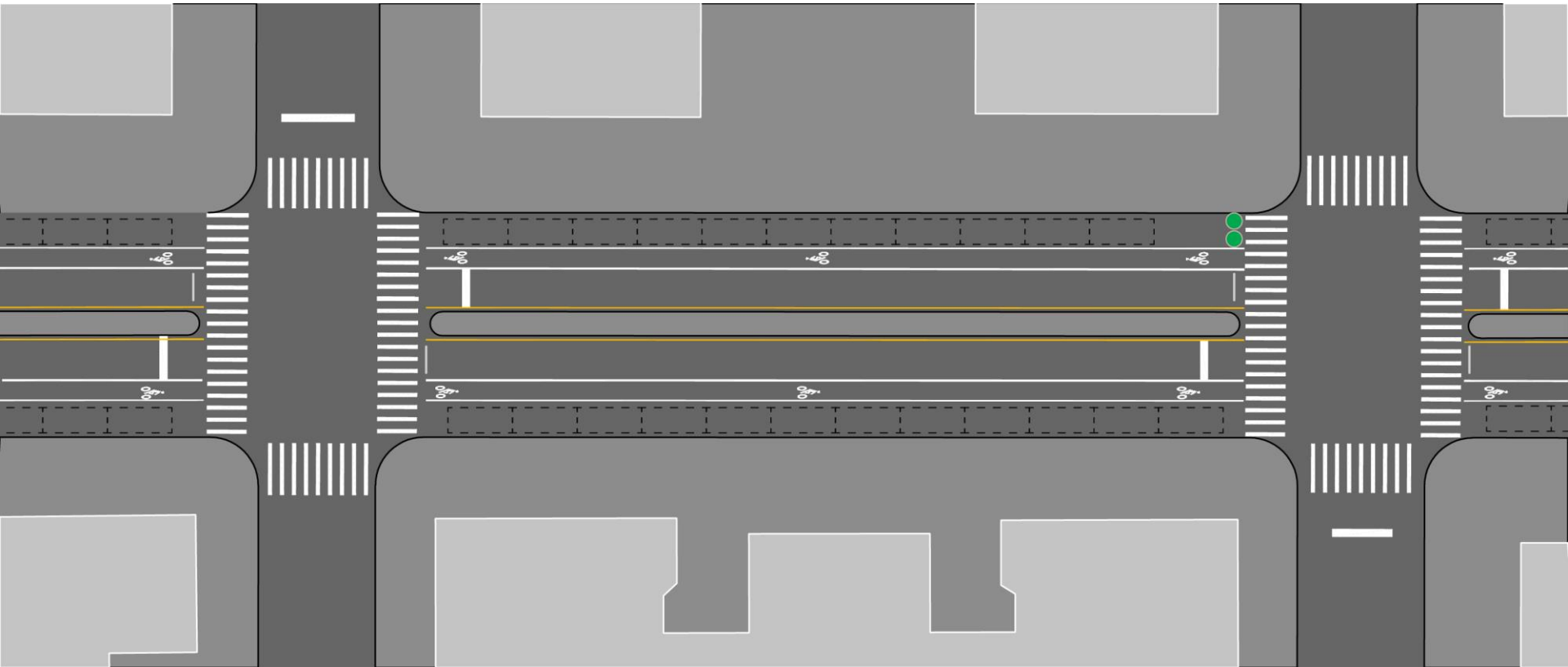
* Exact design details still in development

Project Goals

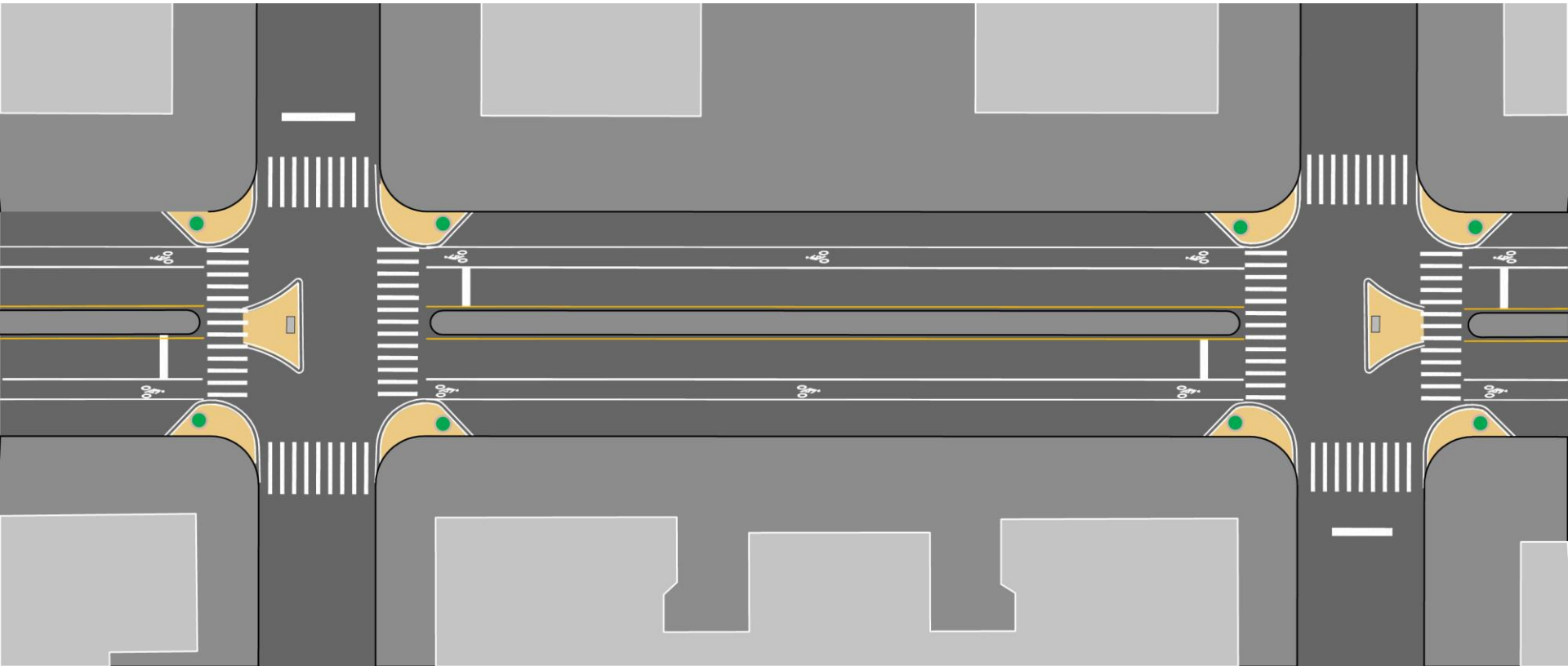
- Ensure that each block has at least the public space benefits it has today
- Make the street more engineered for local access and less reliant on French barricades
- Add car-free spaces where appropriate, along with shared spaces that could be made car-free for events



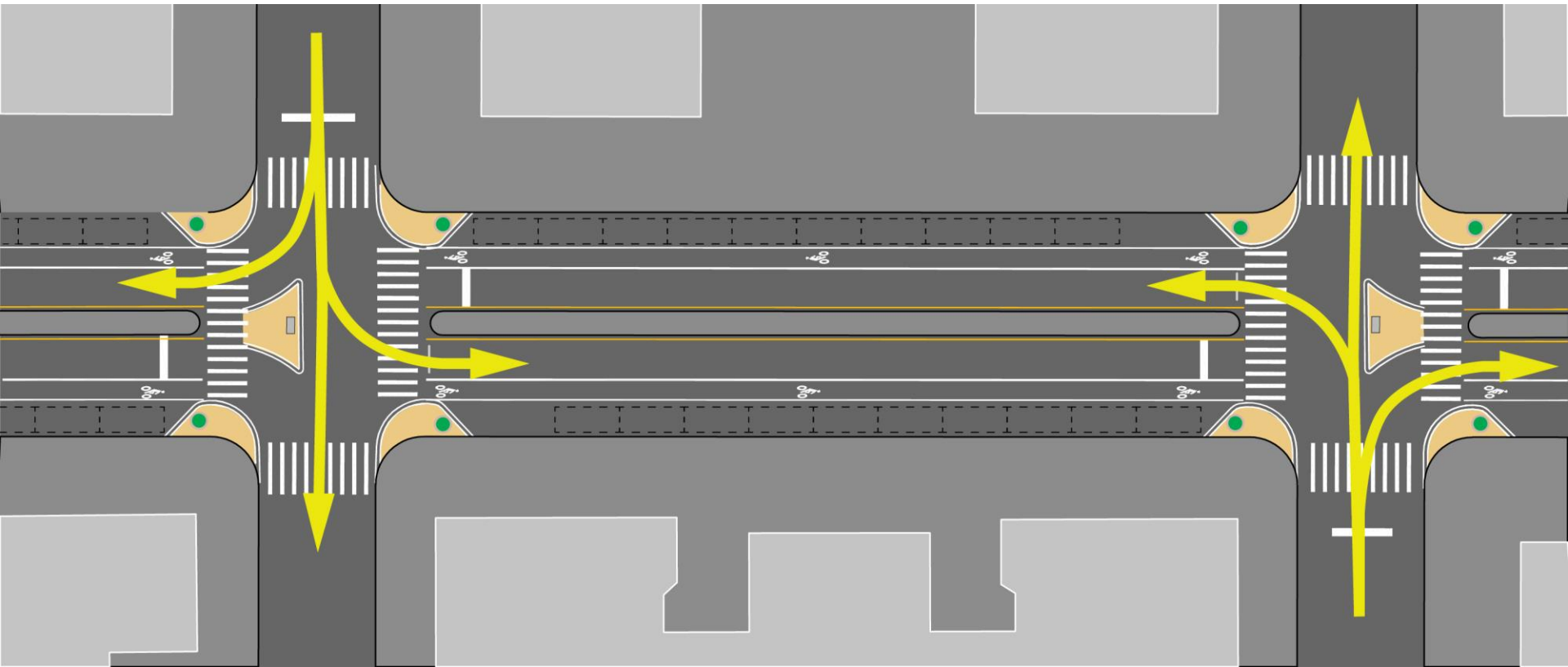
Existing Conditions



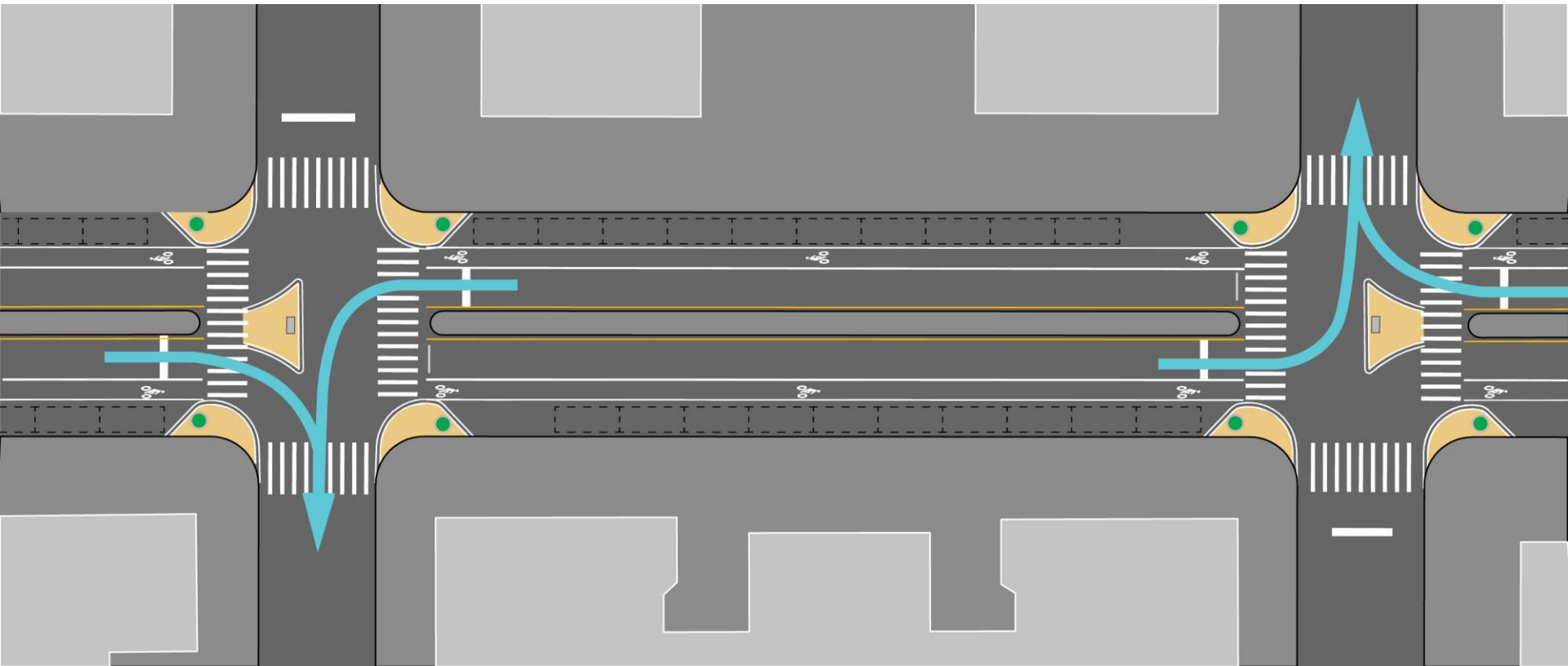
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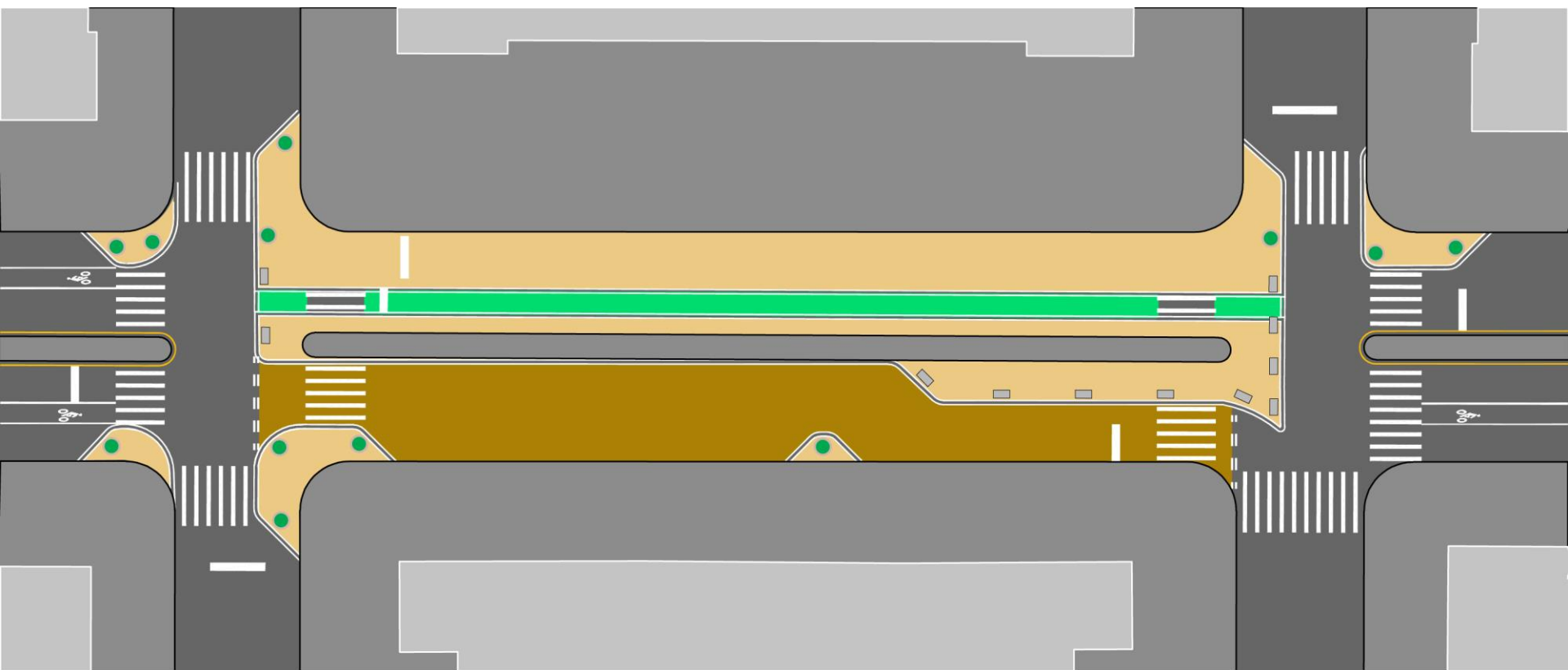
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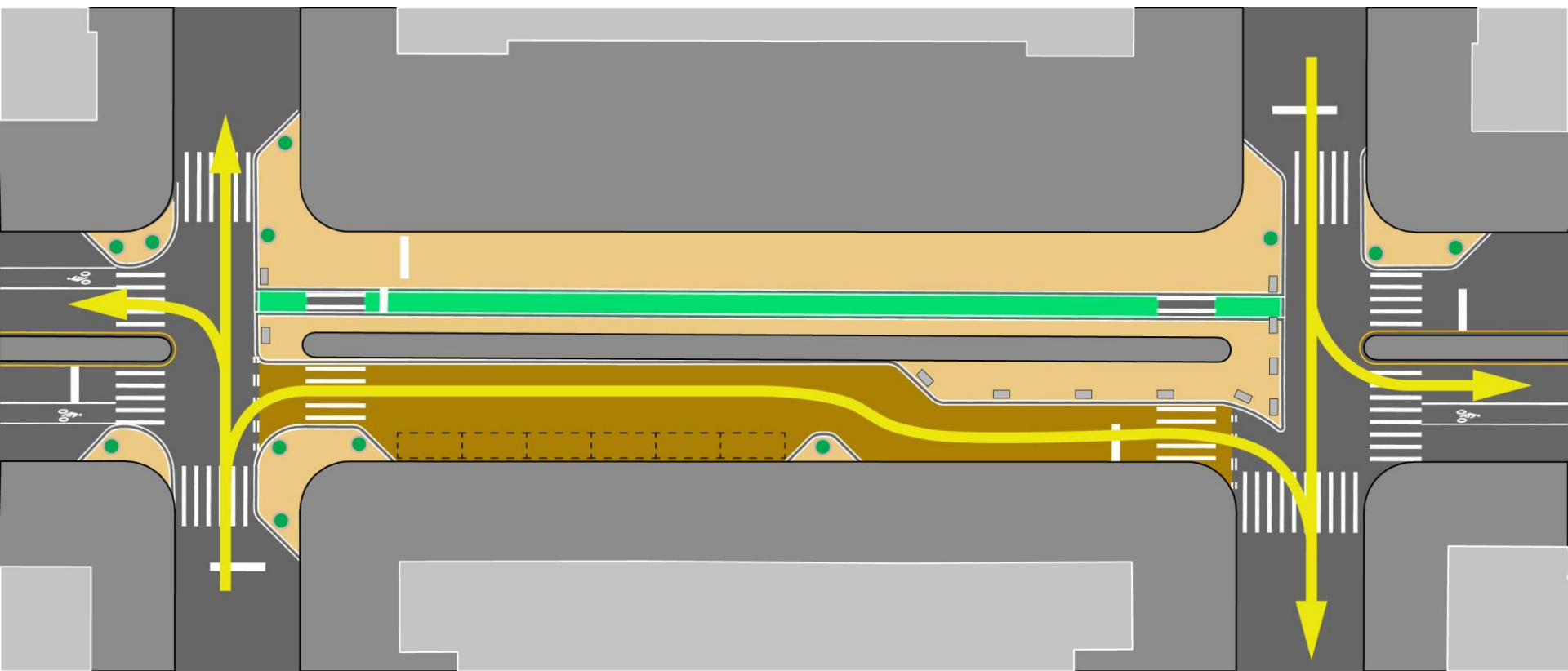
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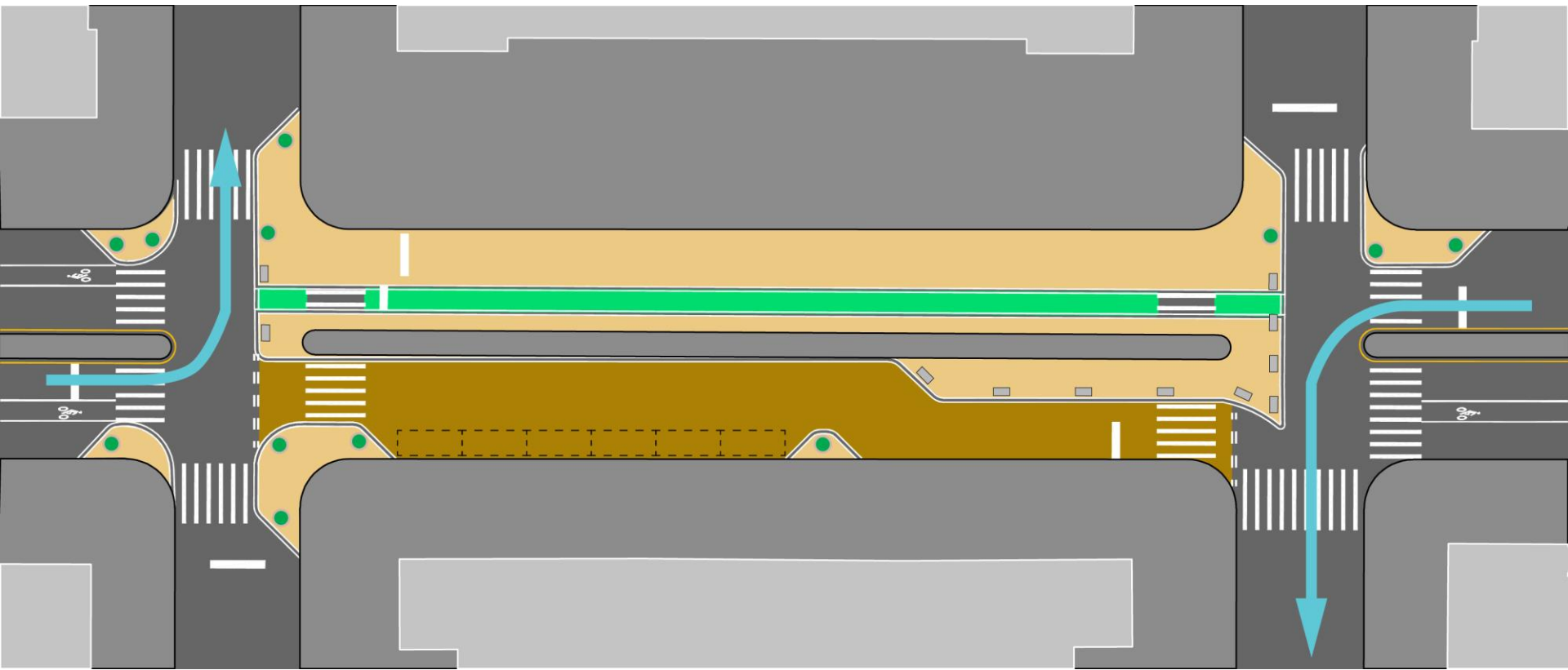
Plaza Blocks/Shared Blocks



Plaza Blocks/Shared Blocks- Operations



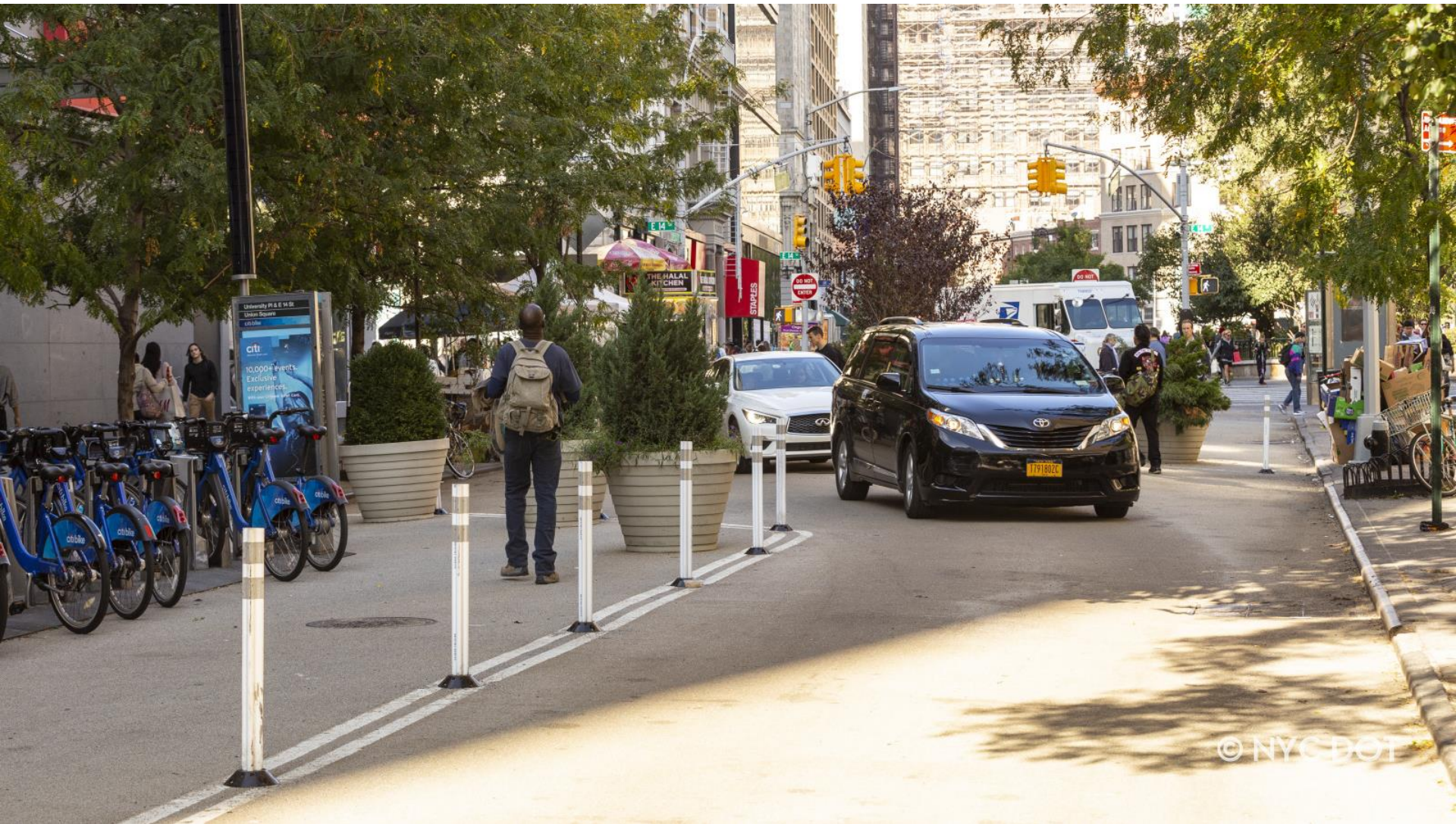
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Pedestrian Plazas

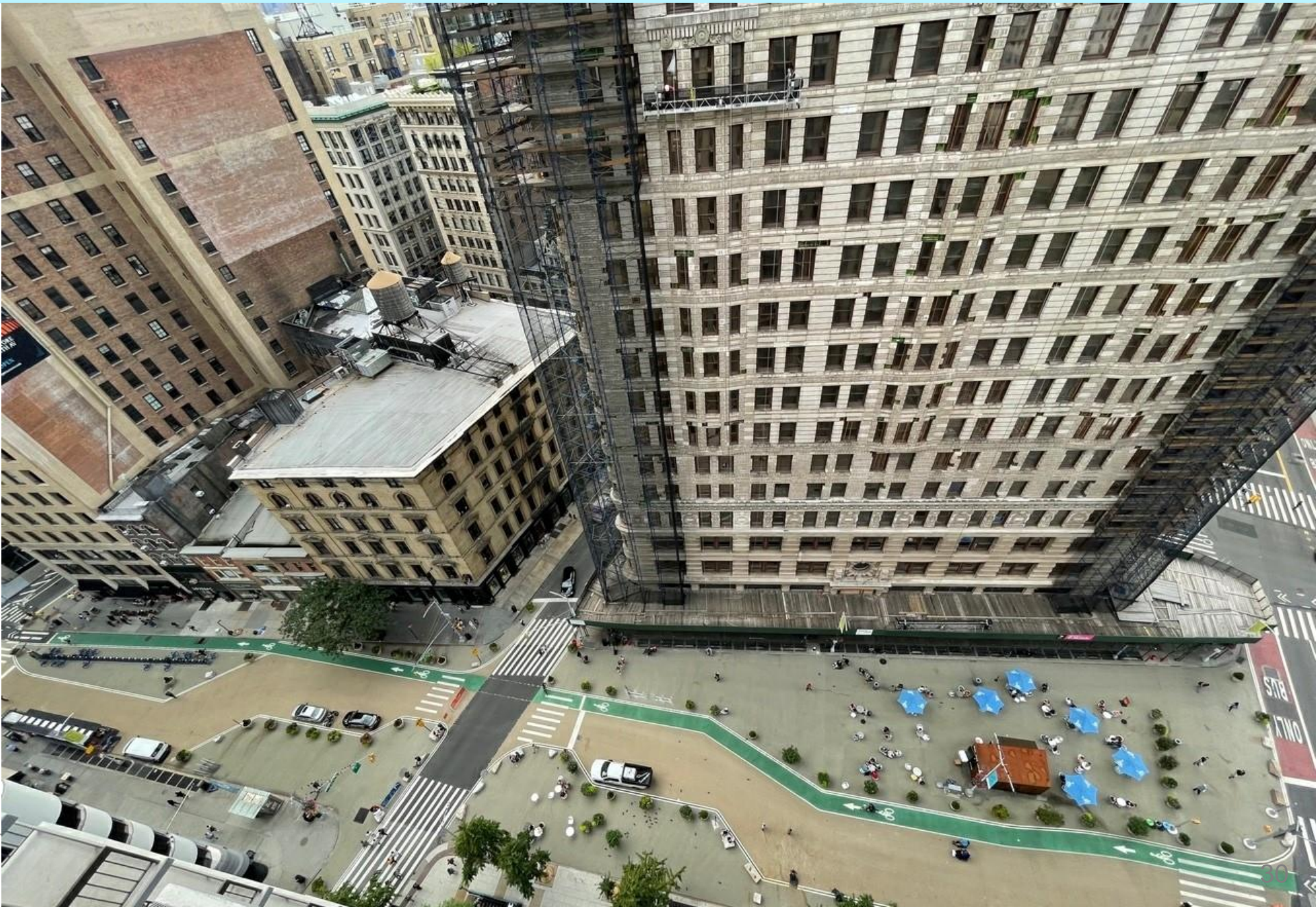


Shared Streets



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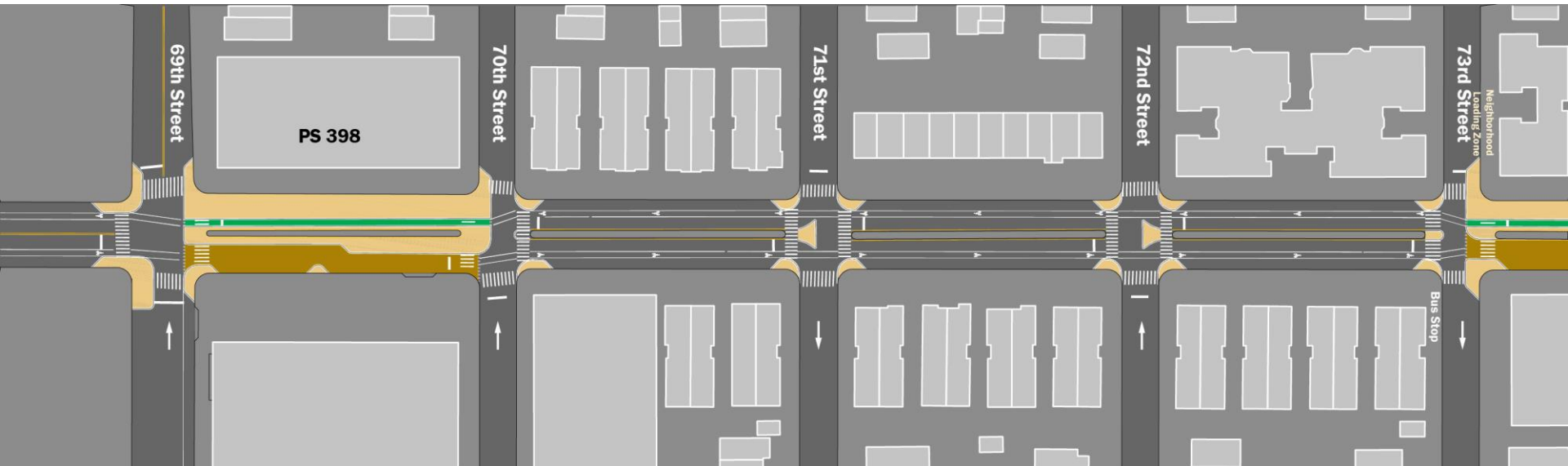
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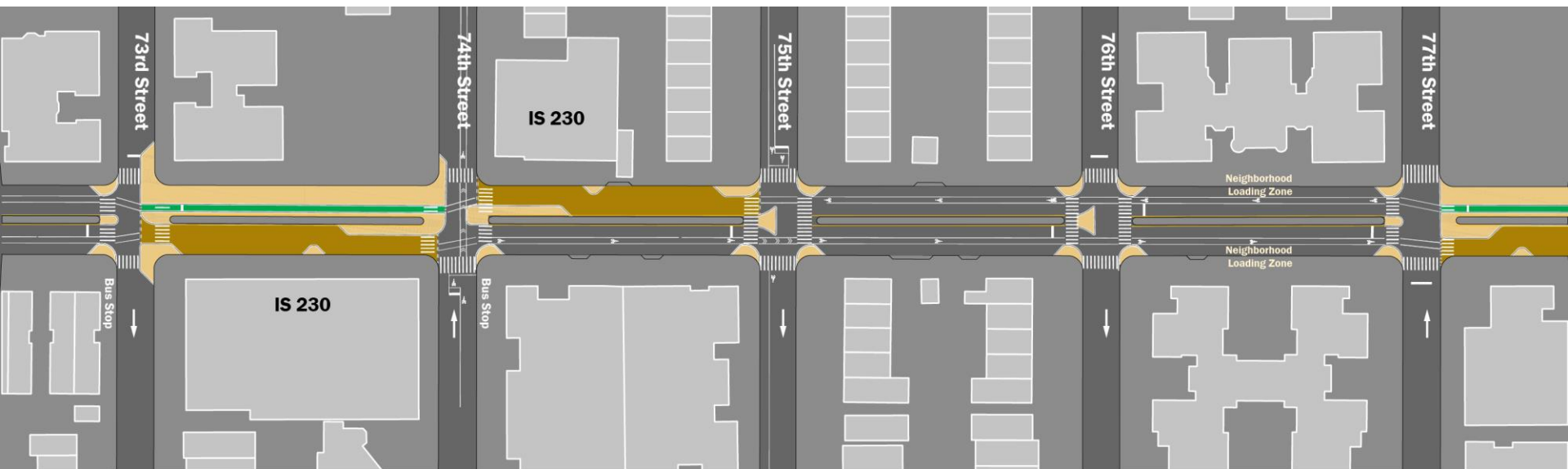
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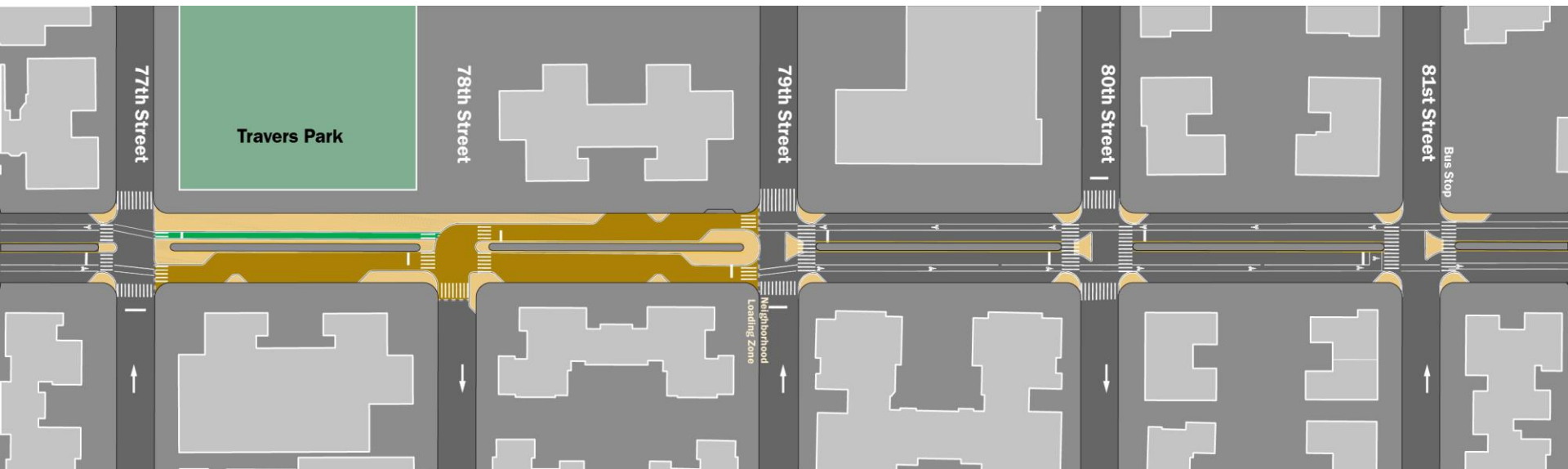
69-73 blocks



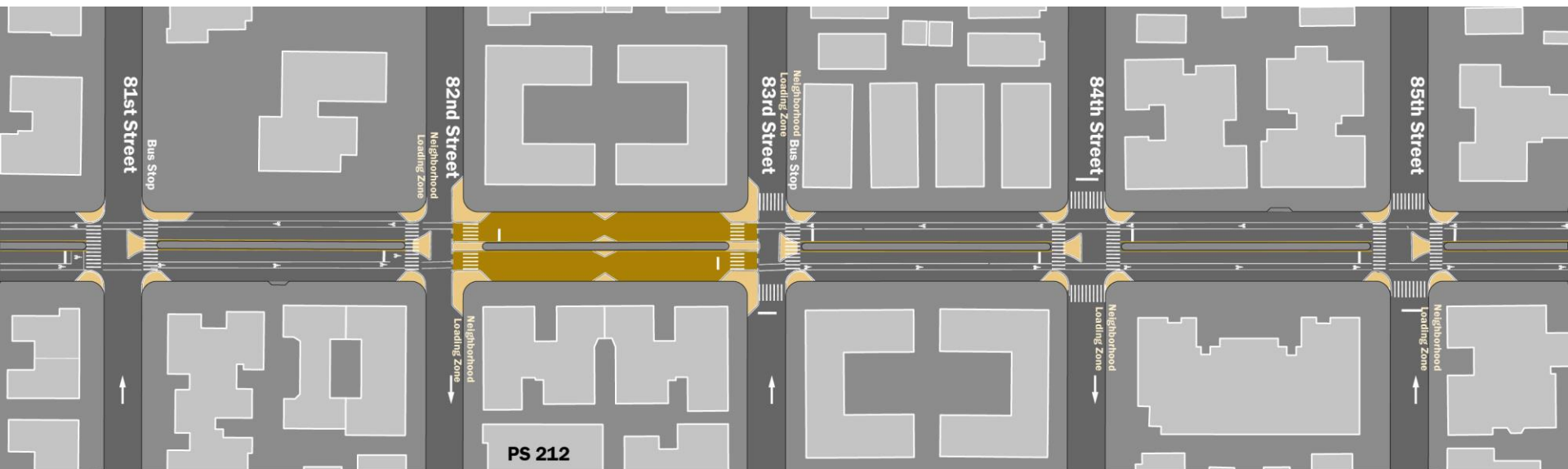
73-77 blocks



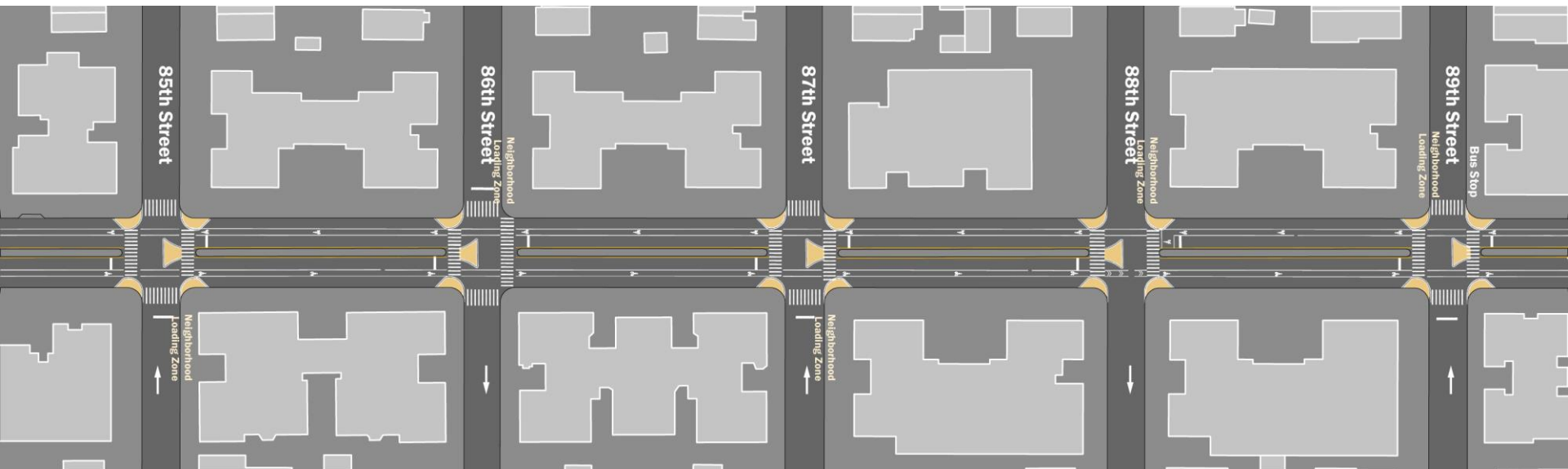
77-81 blocks



81-85 blocks



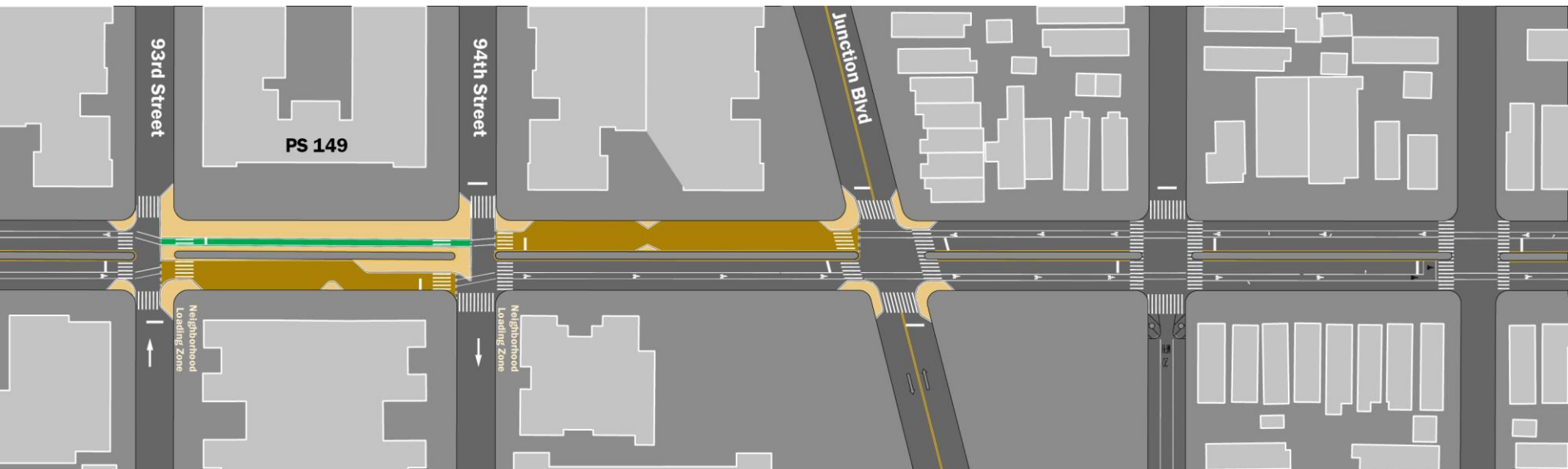
85-89 blocks



89-93 blocks



93-97 blocks



Next Steps

2021

- **October 2021:** Presentation of design proposals at CB3
- **Fall 2021:** Interagency Coordination:
 - MTA/NYCTA on Junction bus stop relocation
 - FDNY
 - NYPD
 - Sanitation
- **Fall/Winter 2021:** Incorporate feedback and finalize design proposal

2022

- **Spring 2022:**
 - Implement Corridor Improvements
 - Monitor Improvements
 - Ongoing Public Engagement on Design and Capital Improvements

Q & A

Thank you!



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