

7 AVE SOUTHBOUND 65 ST TO 84 ST

School Safety Improvements

Presentation for CB 10 | April 1, 2019





Project Area

- Local Truck Route adjacent to Gowanus Expressway
- Project area used by students accessing local schools
- Two pedestrian fatalities, two school-age pedestrian injuries, and one school-age bicyclist injury in project area (2012-2016)



Crash Data 2012-2016

- 160 total injuries
- 11 severe injuries
- 2 pedestrian fatalities

7 Ave SB - 65 St to 84 St, BK

Injury Summary, 2012-2016 (5 Years)

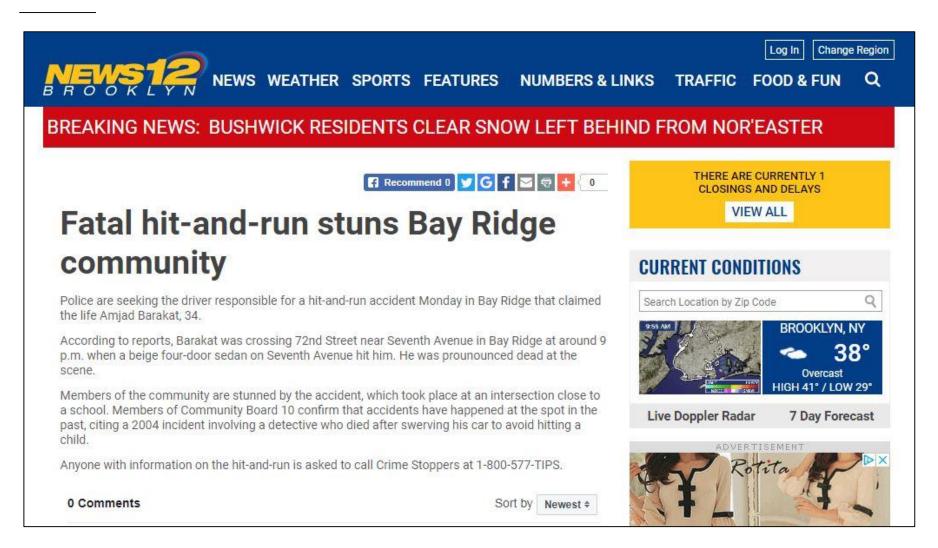
	Total	Severe	Fatalities	KSI
	Injuries	Injuries		
Pedestrian	20	2	2	4
Bicyclist	8	3	0	3
Motor Vehicle Occupant	132	6	0	6
Total	160	11	2	13

Fatalities, 01/01/2012-12/31/2019: 2

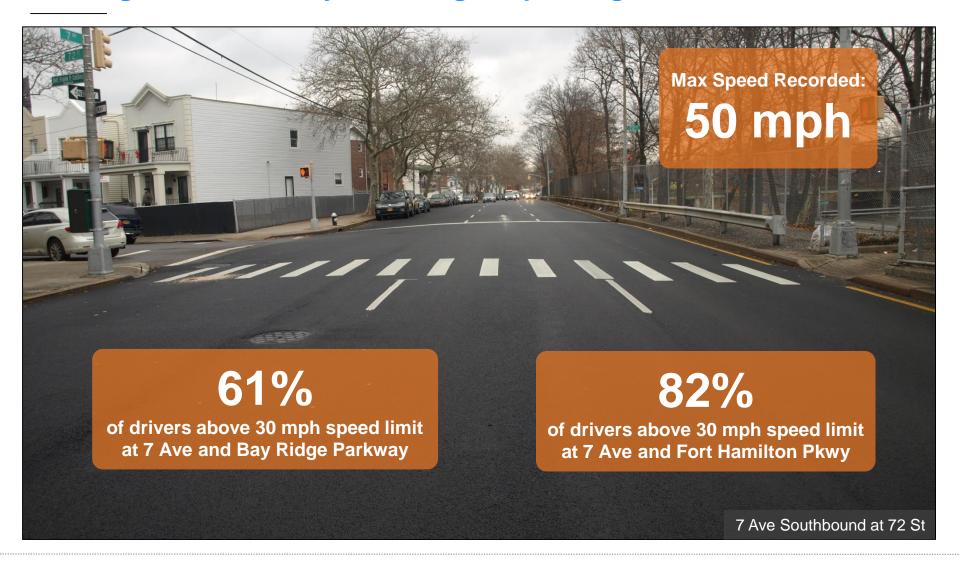
Total Injuries School

MCKINLEY PARK

2012 Pedestrian Fatality at 72 St



Existing: Wide Roadway Encourages Speeding



Existing: High Volumes of Student Pedestrians









Existing: Failure to Yield to Pedestrians









Existing: Crosswalk Encroachment









7 Ave Southbound, 67 St to 79 St

Proposal: Reduce Speed Limit to 25 mph

- Existing speed limit on 7 Ave Southbound from 67 St to 79 St is 30 mph
- Driving at or below 25 mph improves drivers' ability to avoid crashes
- Pedestrians struck by vehicles traveling at 25 mph are half as likely to die as those struck at 30 mph
- Investigating reducing speed limit on 7 Ave Southbound to 25 mph, consistent with local streets



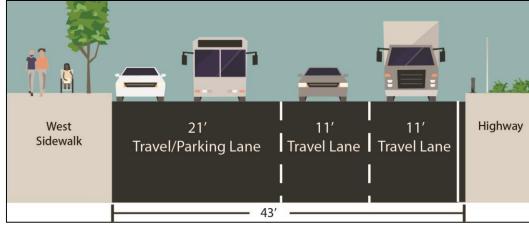


7 Ave Southbound, 67 St to 79 St

Proposal: Reconfigure Roadway to Reduce Speeding



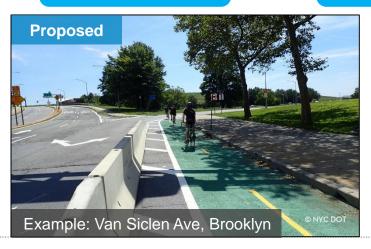


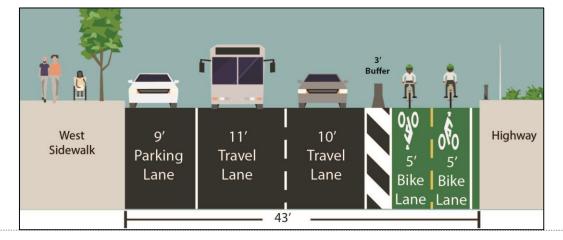


Tightening roadway reduces speeding

Dedicated space for cyclists provides predictability

No parking impact





7 Ave Southbound, 67 St to 79 St

Proposal Detail: Two-way Protected Bike Lane





Evaluation of Lane Removal

Congested Lane

700 vehicles per hour or above

Existing (3 lanes)

 334 vehicles per lane at busiest time of day (1,002 vehicles total)

Proposal (2 lanes)

 501 vehicles per lane at busiest time of day (1,002 vehicles total)

*Maximum Recorded Peak Volume (AM & PM) at 7 Ave Southbound, between Bay Ridge Ave and Ovington Ave

700 Vehicles per Hour 501 Proposal Max Lane Volume 334 Existing Max Lane Volume

7 Ave at Ovington Ave and Bay Ridge Pkwy

Proposal Detail: Pedestrian and Bicycle Head Start





1. Add new crosswalk and left turn traffic calming

2. Add Leading
Pedestrian/Bike
Interval (LPI/LBI) for
pedestrians and new
bicycle signals for
crossing Ovington
Ave and Bay Ridge
Pkwy

3. Existing LPIs for pedestrians crossing 7

Ave



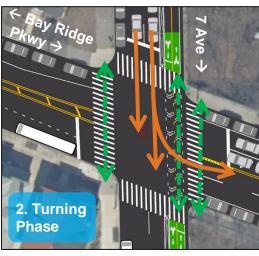


7 Ave at Ovington and Bay Ridge Parkway

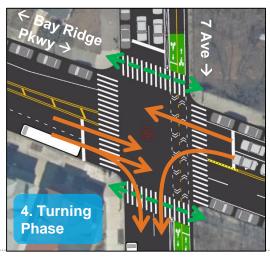
Proposal Detail: Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI)

- Ovington Ave and Bay Ridge Parkway currently have LPIs for pedestrians crossing 7 Ave
- Proposal adds additional LPIs for pedestrians and bicycles crossing Ovington Ave and Bay Ridge Parkway
- Proposal adds bicycle signals at Ovington Ave and Bay Ridge Parkway







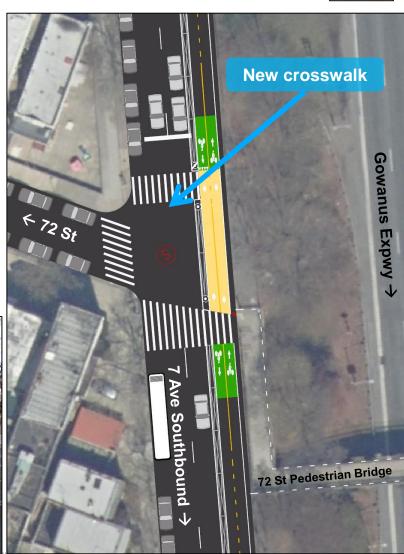


7 Ave at 72 St

Proposal Detail: Improve Access to Pedestrian Bridge

- New crosswalk improves pedestrian accessibility to 72 St Pedestrian Bridge
- New shared space reduces crossing distance and improves visibility





Ft Hamilton Pkwy, 79 St to 84 St

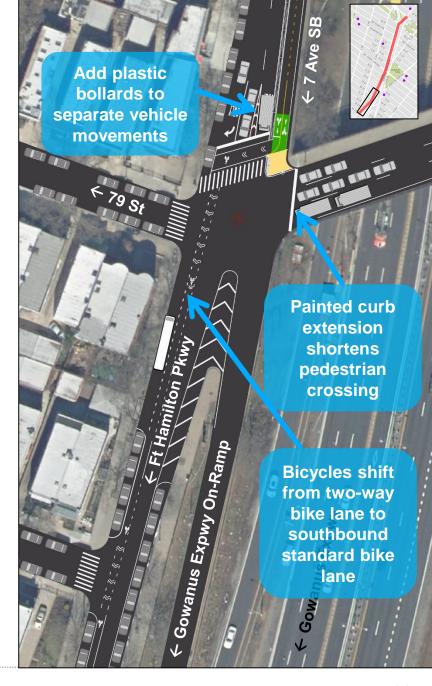
Proposal: Southern Bike Connection

 Connect proposed protected bicycle lane on 7 Ave to bike lane on Fort Hamilton Pkwy south of 84 St







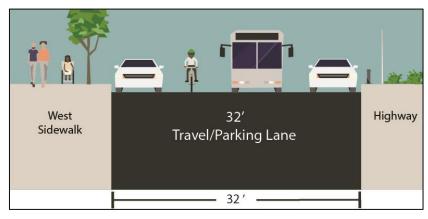


Ft Hamilton Pkwy, 79 St to 84 St

Proposal Detail: Organize Wide Roadway





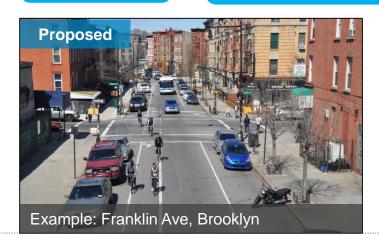


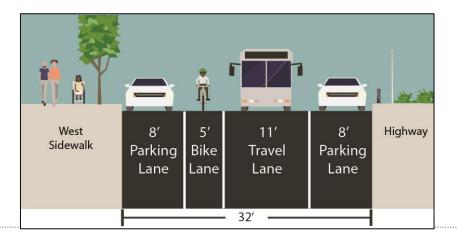
Organize travel lanes

Dedicated space for cyclists provides predictability

Connect bicycle network

No parking impact





Ft Hamilton Pkwy at 83 St

Proposal Detail: Reduce U-Turns and Speeding

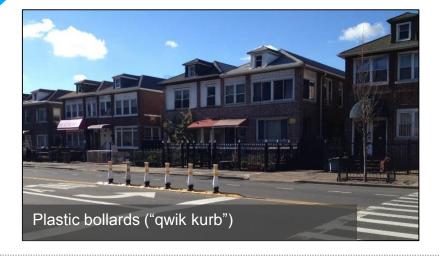




Add plastic bollards to separate vehicle movements

Add parking lane stripe to reduce speeding

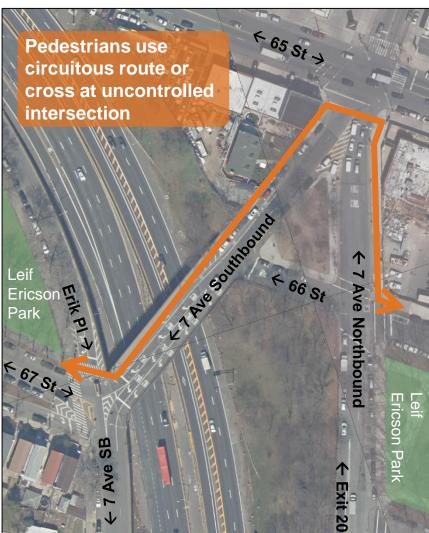




7 Ave, 65 St to 67 St

- **Existing: Poor Connections Across Highway**
- Wide roadway encourages speeding
- Poor pedestrian connection across Gowanus Expressway
- Leif Ericson Park Greenway has no eastbound connection
- Bicyclists cannot connect to bike lanes on 7 Ave north of 65 St





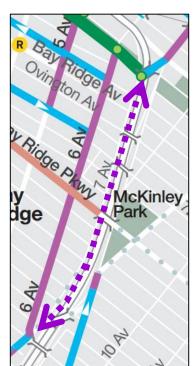
7 Ave, 65 St to 67 St

create safer, shorter pedestrian

and bicycle connections

Proposal: Improve Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections

New crosswalks and pedestrian space on bridge





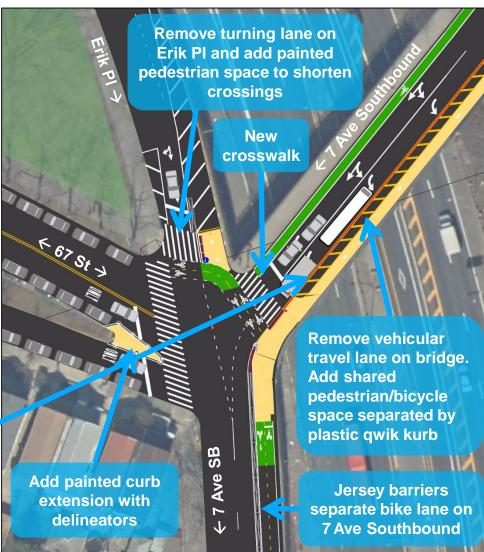


7 Ave Southbound and 67 St

Proposal Detail: Organize Complicated Intersection

- Add new pedestrian connections
- Shorten pedestrian crossings
- Add new bicycle connections
- Remove turning lane on Erik PI to calm vehicles exiting highway
- Separate two eastbound legs of 67 St with painted curb extension



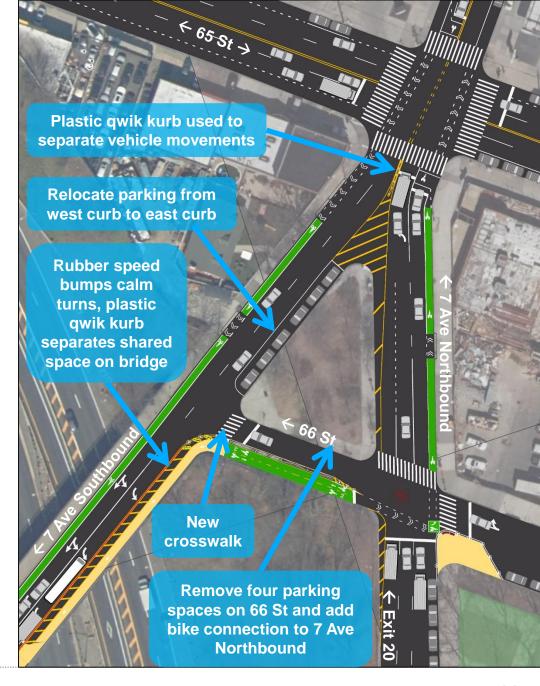


7 Ave, 65 to 66 St

Proposal Detail: Improve Connections

- Add new pedestrian connections
- Improve connections to schools, parks and open space
- Add new bicycle connections





Summary

- Improved pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular safety
- Reduced speeding
- Improved connections to parks and open space

