# Accessible Pedestrian Signals Town Hall Meeting

May 14, 2025





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# <u>Agenda</u>

- Meeting Logistics
  - Edmund Asiedu Accessibility Coordinator
- Introduction
  - Joshua Benson Deputy Commissioner, Traffic Operations
- APS Program Update
  - James Celentano Deputy Executive Director of Signals and Street Lighting, Traffic Operations
- APS Tutorial
  - Lukas Franck Member, APS Advisory Committee
- Q&A

# **Federal Court Mandate**

- October 2020: Court found NYC in violation of the ADA for not providing meaningful access to the City's pedestrian grid by failing to install APS at the majority of signalized intersections
- December 2021: Court ordered City to install APS at signalized intersections in two Phases
  - Phase 1: By the end of calendar year 2031, NYC must equip at least 10,000 signalized intersections with APS according to the below annual targets:
    - 2022: 400 intersections
    - 2023: 500 intersections
    - 2024: 700 intersections
    - 2025 2026: 900 intersections/year
    - 2027 2031: between 1,000 to 1,200 intersections/year
  - Phase 2: Between 2032 through the end of calendar year 2036, City must equip all remaining signalized intersections with APS

#### **Overall APS Installation Statistics – 1**

As of April 30, 2025:

- 2025 219 thus far, target of 900
- 2024 862, target of 700
- 2023 887, target of 500
- 2022 520, target of 400

2025 Installs by Borough:

- Bronx 46
- Brooklyn 57
- Manhattan 31
- Queens 44
- Staten Island 41

### **Overall APS Installation Statistics – 2**

As of April 30, 2025:

- 25% of all intersections completed (13,861 total)
- 79% of all public request intersections completed (586 total)
- 23% of all LPI intersections completed (6682 total)
- 80% of all EPP intersections completed (801 total)

Installations by Borough:

- Bronx 36% complete
- Brooklyn 17% complete
- Manhattan 23% complete
- Queens 23% complete
- Staten Island 67% complete

# **Current Installation Methods**

- New Signal Construction: Every intersection that has a traffic signal installed for the first time includes APS.
- Street Improvement Projects: Certain NYCDOT bike lane, plaza, and sidewalk projects which impact traffic signals trigger APS construction.
- Capital Projects: Certain projects by other agencies or private developers which impact traffic signals trigger APS construction.
- "In-House" Staff: For locations where no digging and/or sidewalk work is required, a dedicated team of NYCDOT staff electricians will install APS.
- APS Contract:
  - Split into 3 borough-based contracts.
  - Each contract is responsible for at least 100 installations per year per borough, scaling up to meet court mandated targets.

#### **APS Tutorial**

Lukas Franck – Member, APS Advisory Committee

# <u>Q & A</u>

- 1. Questions received via email
- 2. Questions entered via chat
- 3. Verbally asked questions

#### **Thank You!**

