Baychester Avenue

Vision Zero Priority Corridor

2016



Presented to Community Board 12 by Office of Research, Implementation and Safety on May 12, 2016

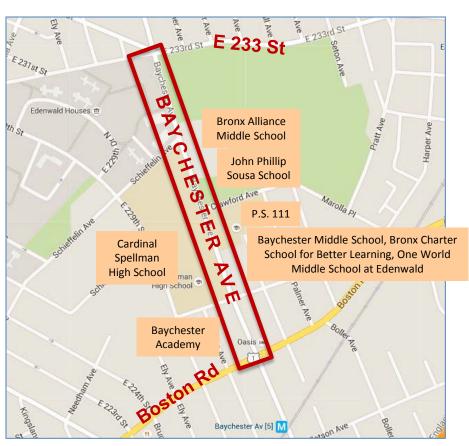


Project Location

- Project Limits: E 233rd St/Grenada Pl Boston Rd
- Seton Falls Park
- Five schools, single family housing, NYCHA
- Community request for safety improvements



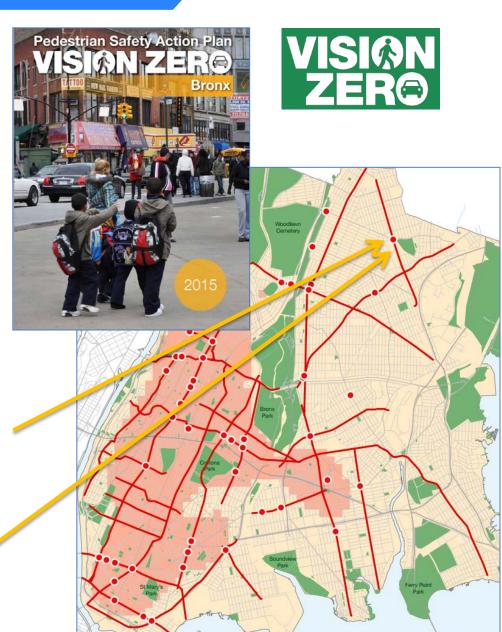
Existing Conditions:
School dismissal at Crawford Ave and Baychester Ave



Safety Need: Vision Zero

Vision Zero

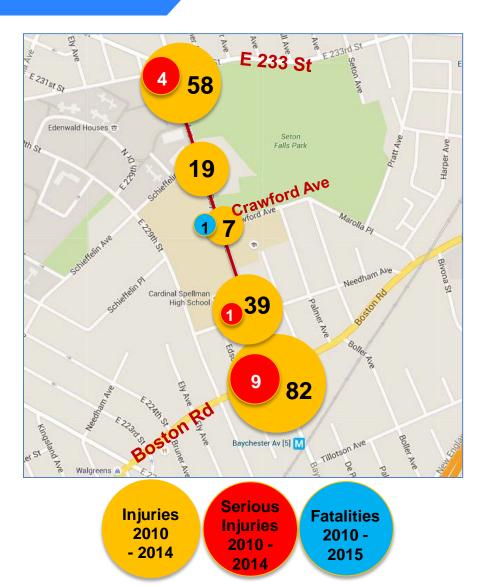
- Multi-agency effort to reduce traffic fatalities in NYC
- Borough Action Plans released in 2015
- Priority Intersections, Corridors, and Areas identified for each borough
 - Baychester Ave identified as a Priority Corridor for the Bronx with 7.9 Pedestrian Killed or Severely Injured (KSI) per mile
- Baychester Ave & E 233rd St identified as a Priority Intersection for the Bronx with 4 Pedestrian KSI



Safety Data: 2010-2014

- 17 Severe Injuries
 - 4 pedestrians
 - 13 motor vehicle occupants
- 1 Pedestrian Fatality
- High rate of youth involved in crashes
- Predominant types of motor vehicle crashes:
 - Rear End (29%)

	Total Injuries	Severe Injuries	Fatalities	KSI
Pedestrian	28	4	0	4
Bicyclist	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Occupant	182	13	0	13
Total	210	17	0	17



Existing Conditions: Baychester Ave

- Two travel lanes in each direction
- Parking on both sides of street
- 60' wide roadway
- Long distances between pedestrian crossings
- Local truck route
- Illegal u-turns along corridor

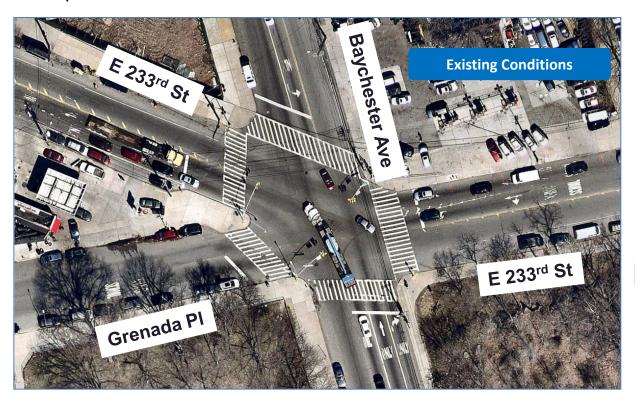


Existing Conditions: Wide crossing distance at Schieffelin Ave



Existing Conditions: E 233 St/Grenada Pl

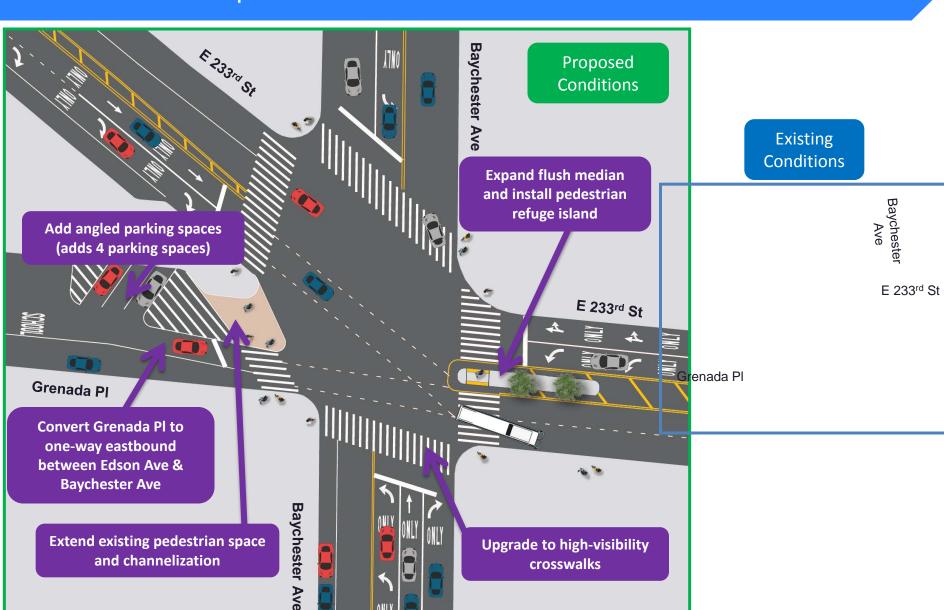
- Vision Zero Priority Intersection (4 pedestrian KSI 2010-2014)
- 2012 safety project installed neckdown on E 233rd St & Grenada PI; traffic calming on E 233rd St
- Long distances for pedestrians to cross, difficult to cross in one signal
- Skewed intersection with five approaches
- 18 possible vehicle movements



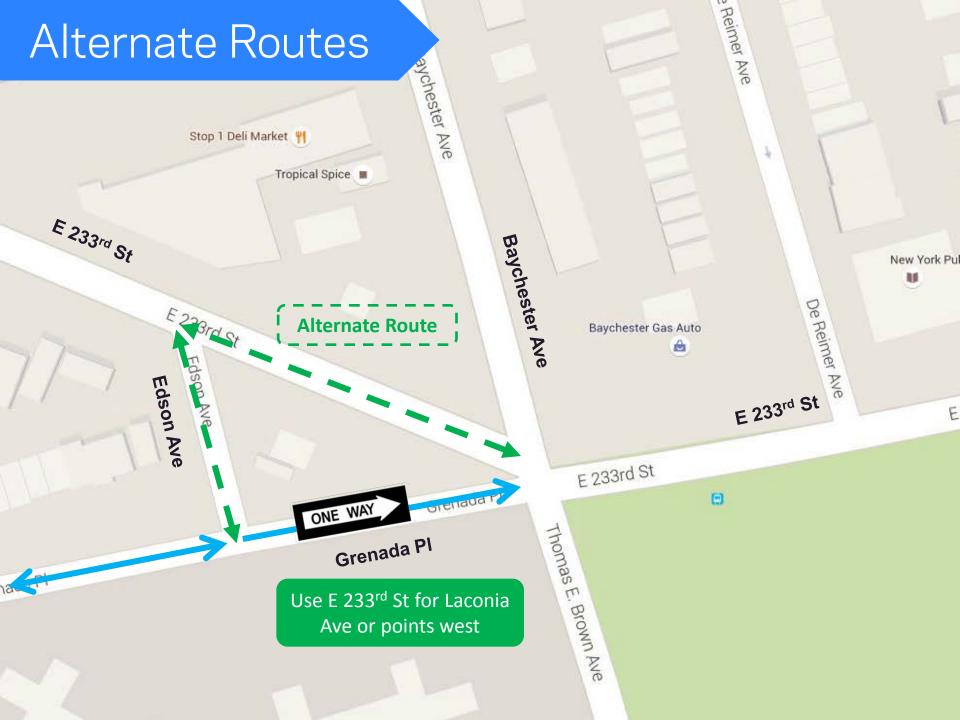


Existing Conditions: E 233rd St & Grenada Pl

Corridor Proposal Details: E 233rd St/Grenada Pl

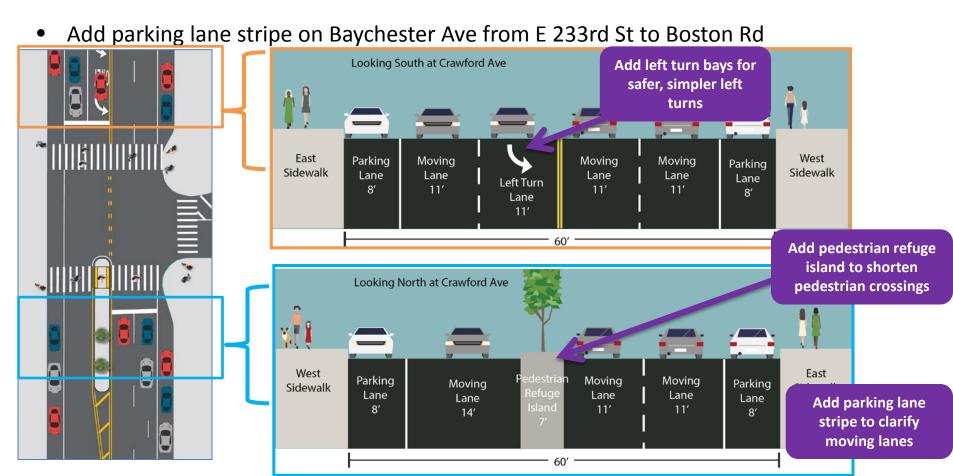


ONLY



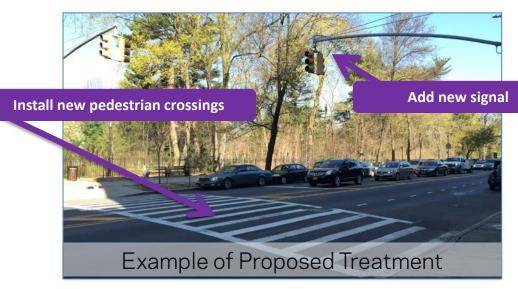
Corridor Proposal Details: Pedestrian Islands

- Install pedestrian refuge islands & left turn bays
 - At Schieffelin Ave & Baychester Ave adjacent to Bronx Alliance Middle School, John Phillip Sousa School
 - At Crawford Ave & Baychester Ave adjacent to Baychester Middle School, Cardinal Spellman High School, P.S. 111 Seton Falls, Bronx Charter School for Better Learning, One World Middle School at Edenwald



Corridor Proposal Details: Signal Improvements

- Add midblock signals with pedestrian crossings
 - Between Schieffelin Ave and Crawford Ave on Baychester Ave in front of John Phillip Sousa School
 - Between Crawford Ave and Needham Ave on Baychester Ave in front of Baychester Middle School and Cardinal Spellman High School
- Added leading pedestrian interval at Baychester Ave & Boston Rd to provide pedestrian-only walk time before vehicles receive a green light (installed Spring 2015)

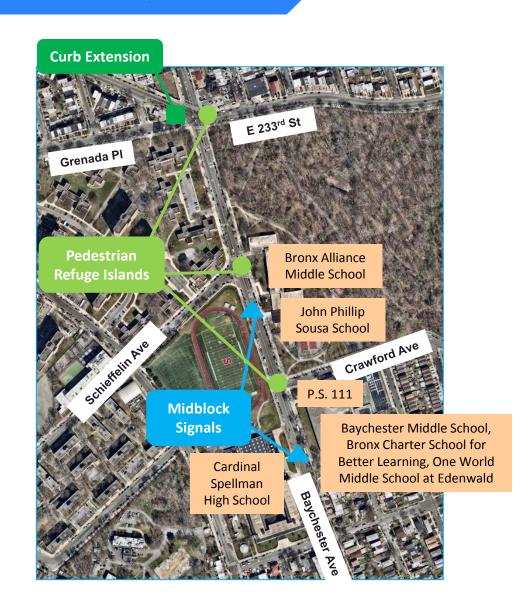


Example of Proposed Conditions: Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn



Summary & Benefits of Proposal

- Creates new safe opportunities for pedestrians to cross the street
- Safer, shorter pedestrian crossings
- Parking lane stripe clarifies moving lanes
- High visibility crosswalks make pedestrians more visible to drivers
- Intersection redesign at E 233rd St simplifies complex intersection, responds to community request for safety improvements







Contact:

Bronx Borough Commissioner's Office at (212) 748-6680 or kkalb@dot.nyc.gov