

Broadway Bus Priority

Presentation to Queens CB3

Tuesday, May 19, 2026



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Background

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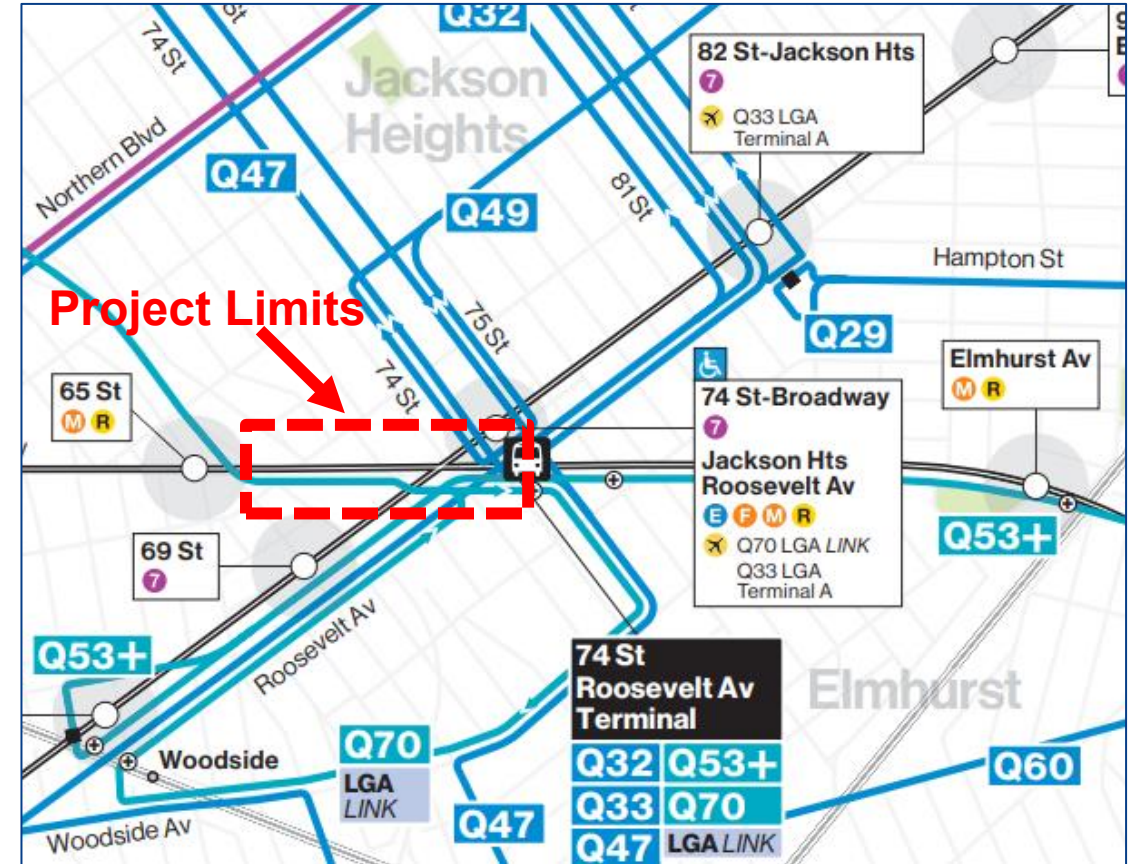
Project Background

Broadway Bus Service

- Nearly 9,000 riders use the Q70-SBS daily
- Bus speeds are as slow as 2.7mph
- Buses deal with heavy congestion on Broadway and are often stuck behind double parked vehicles

Planning for the Future

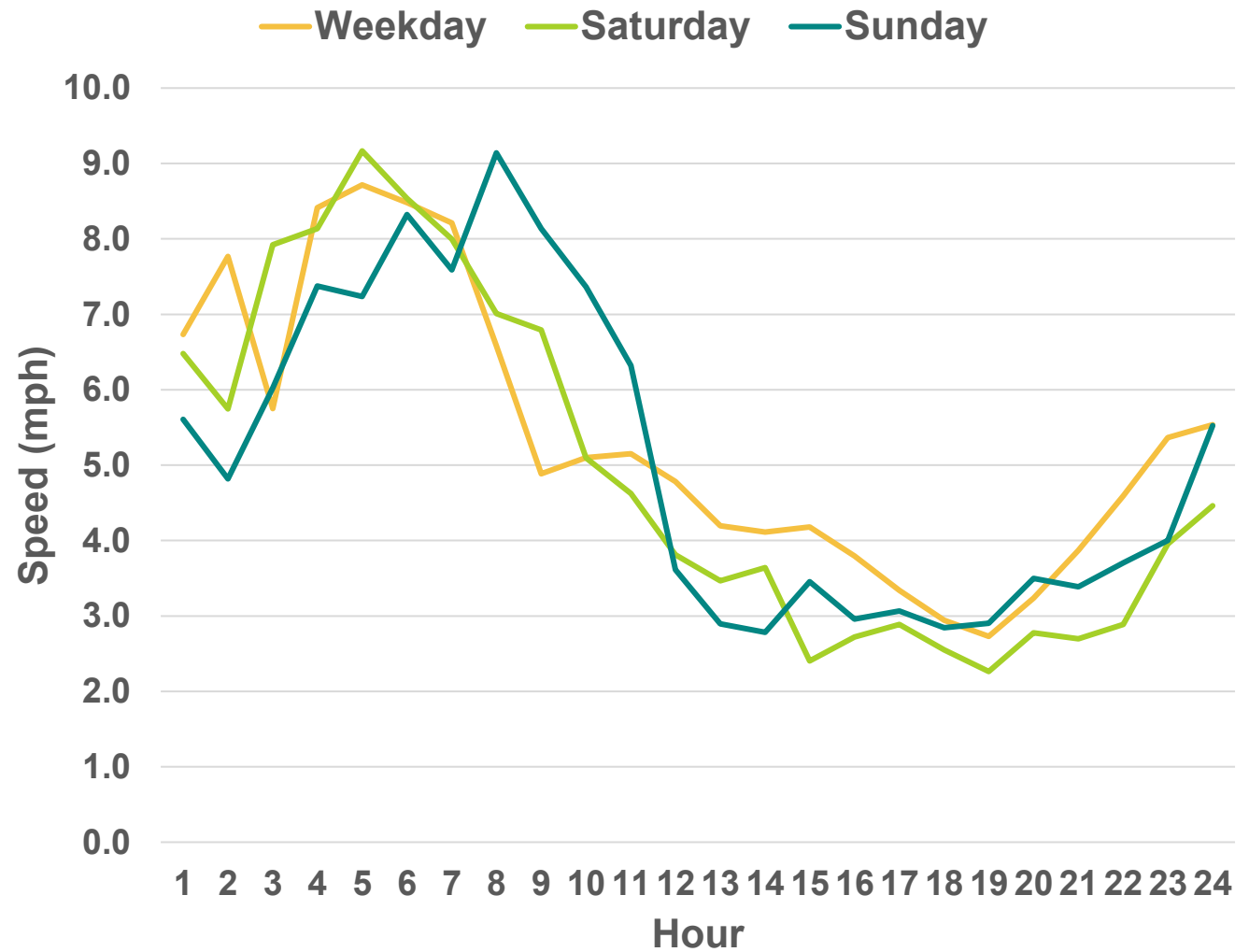
- NYC DOT has been coordinating with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) to improve the Q70-SBS as part of the LaGuardia Access project
- The FIFA World Cup will bring additional visitors to NYC
- Improving transit connections from LaGuardia Airport to Jackson Heights during a period of heightened travel demand is important for airport workers, residents, and tourists



Bus Speeds

- Eastbound bus speeds begin to decline around 8 AM and remain slow until ~ 10 PM on all days.
- Weekday bus speeds average 4.5 mph. PM peak speeds average 3.1 mph, slowing to 2.7 mph between 6 PM and 7 PM.
- Speeds remain slow on weekends with buses traveling as slow as 2.3 mph
- Congestion and double parking contribute to slow bus speeds

Q70-SBS EB Speeds on Broadway

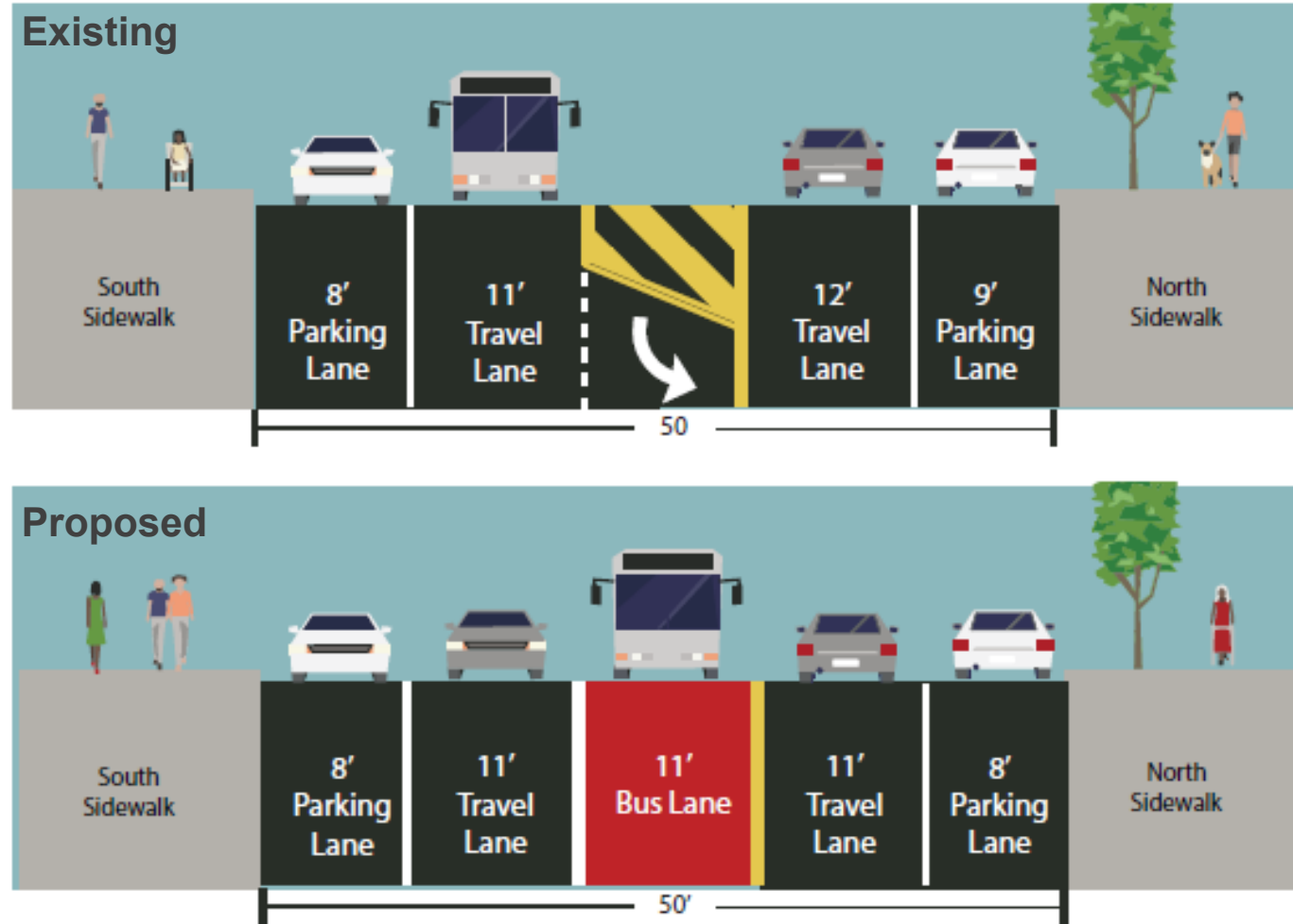


Proposal

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Proposal: Center Running Bus Lanes

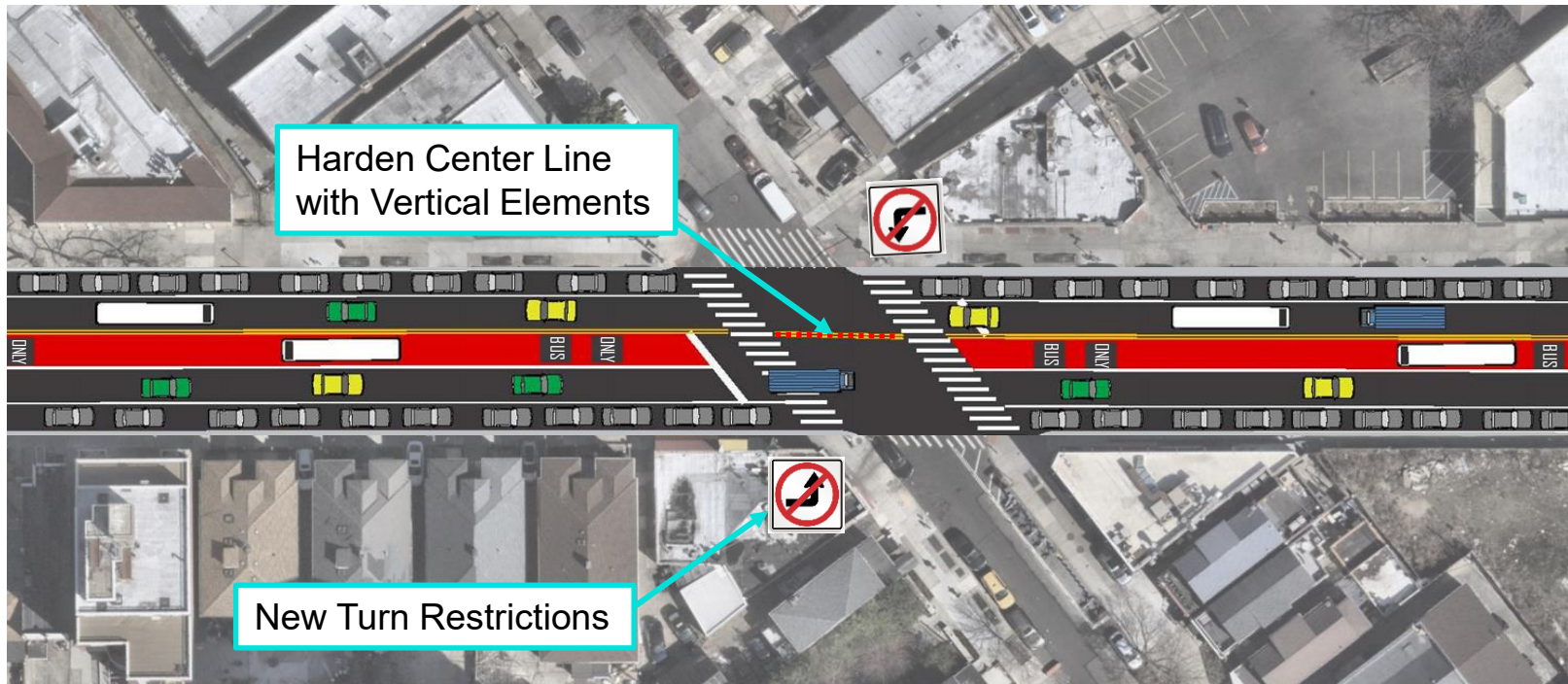
- The project will:
 - Convert channelized median and left turn bays in to a 24/7 eastbound center-running bus lane between the BQE and Roosevelt Ave.
 - Retain one travel lane in each direction for general traffic.
 - Improve turns on to Broadway at 73rd Street through minor parking removal.
 - Ban left turns at 72nd Street.
 - Update curb regulations to encourage turnover and reduce double parking on Broadway and adjacent side streets.



Proposal: Left Turn Restriction

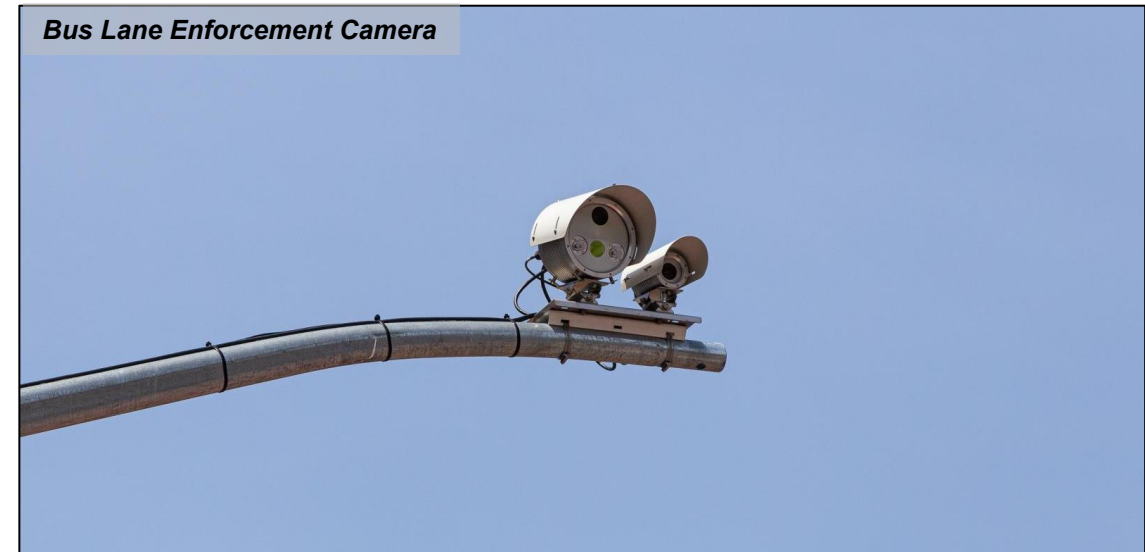
At 72nd St:

- Restrict left turn from Broadway onto 72nd St, in both the eastbound and westbound directions
 - Keeps the eastbound bus lane clear and keeps westbound traffic moving without delay
- Add Vertical Elements and Signage to help enforcement



Enforcement

- Stationary cameras will be installed alongside bus lane implementation
 - These help capture vehicles driving in the bus lane
- Traffic Enforcement Agents will be deployed during the World Cup
- Ongoing close coordination with NYPD to enforce bus lanes beyond World Cup



Expected Benefits

- **Transit performance gains**
 - Faster, more reliable buses with fewer blockages
- **Traffic flow and loading improvements**
 - More curb space, reduced double-parking, clearer lane use
- **Improved access**
 - Access-A-Ride and emergency vehicles can utilize bus lanes



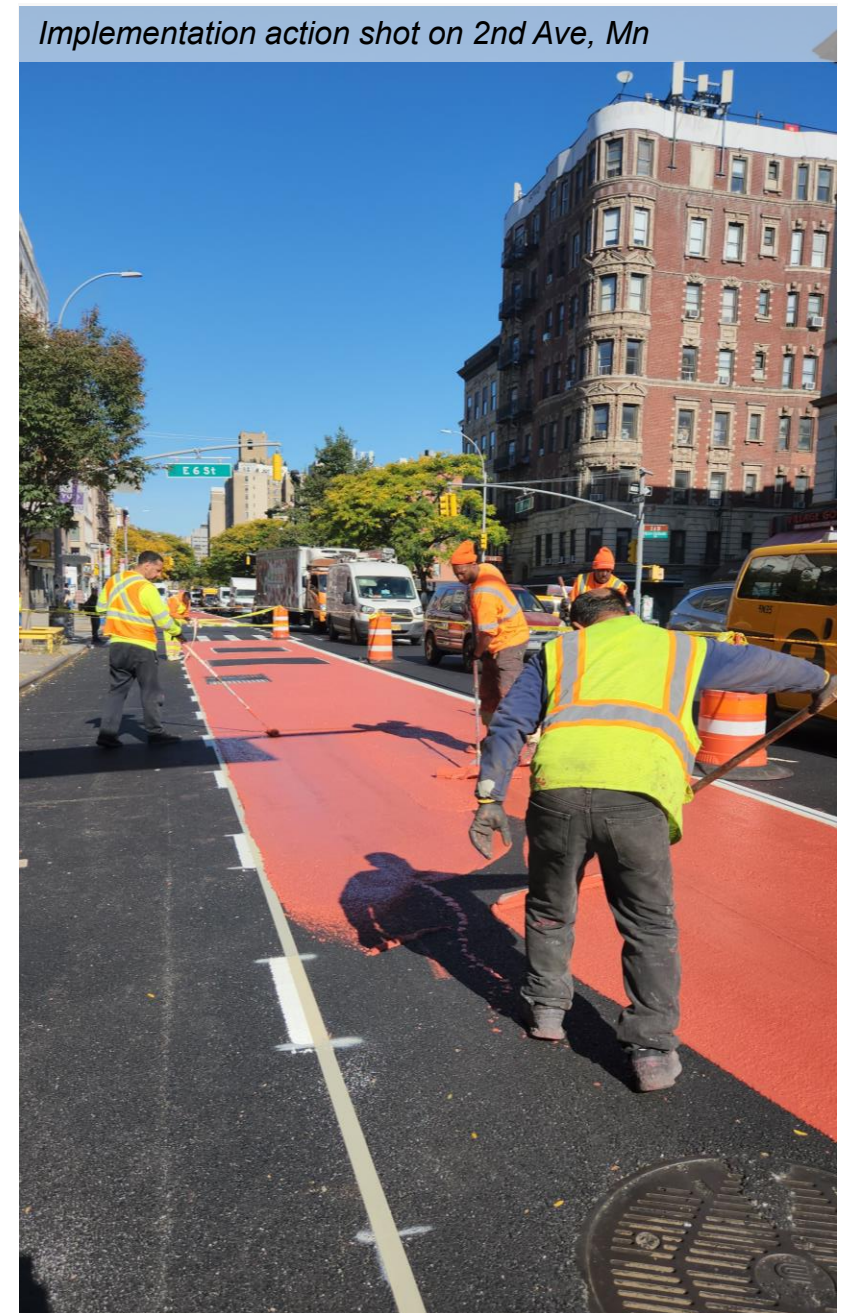
Center-running bus lane installed on E 161st Street in the Bronx. Bus speeds increased 43% post-implementation.

Next Steps

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- **Late May/Early June:** implementation begins
- **Mid June:** bus lanes expected to be operational
- **Post-implementation:** ongoing monitoring and evaluation
- **Fall/Winter:** engagement on potential alterations and additional street design improvements in larger neighborhood



Thank You!

Questions?



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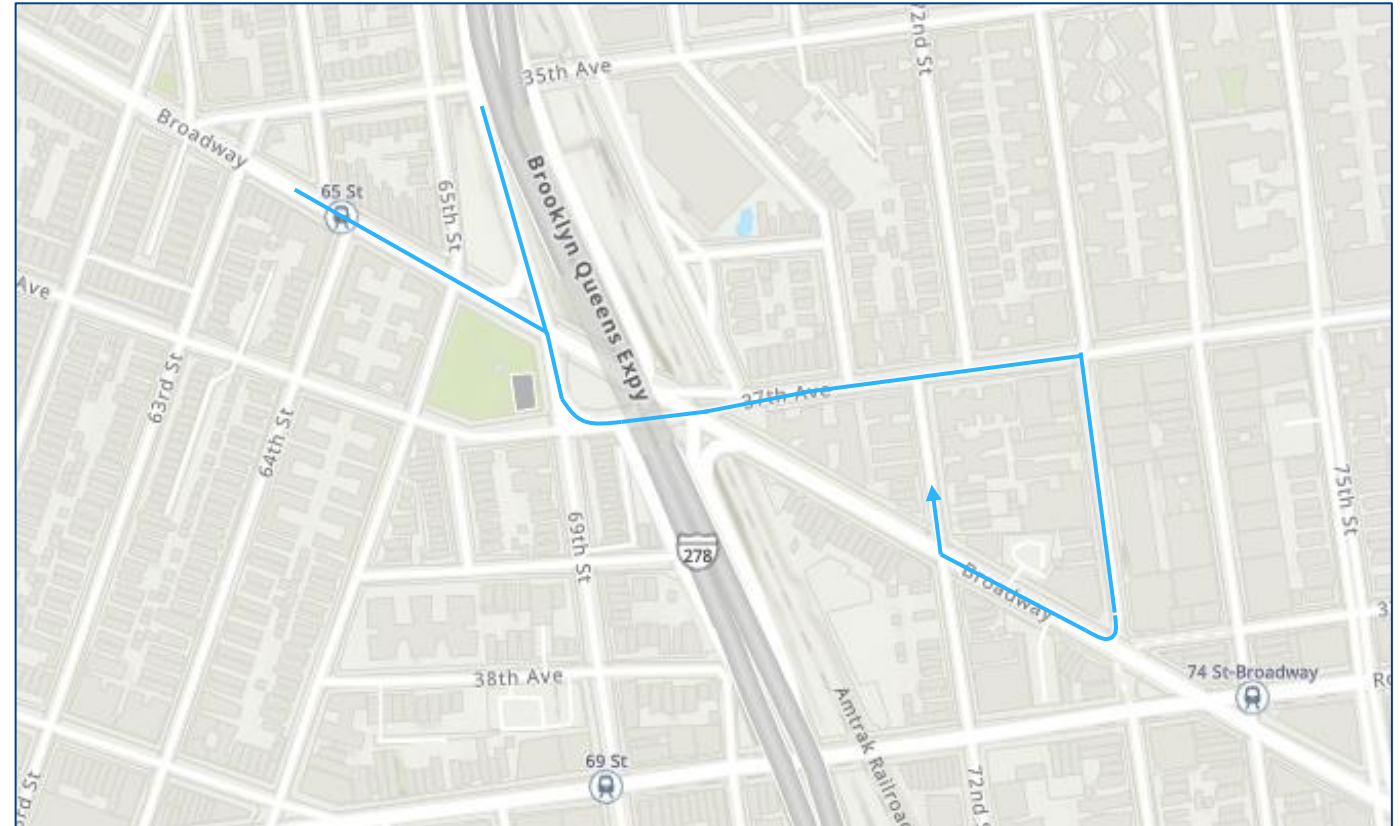


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Appendix: Left Turn Restrictions

Eastbound Broadway

- Local access from Broadway to 72nd Street still maintained but only via right turns.
- Currently left turns from Broadway do not have a dedicated left turn phase.
- Routing will be safer for all road users by removing unprotected left turns across heavily congested Broadway.
- 37th Ave will serve as primarily alternative route from EB Broadway/SB BQE to 72nd b/w Broadway and 37th Ave.



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Westbound Broadway

- Local access from Broadway to 72nd Street still maintained but only via right turns.
- Currently left turns from Broadway do not have a dedicated left turn phase.
- Routing will be safer for all road users by removing unprotected left turns across heavily congested Broadway.
- Access to 72nd Street b/w Broadway and Roosevelt will be provided by 69th and EB Broadway.

