



DYCKMAN STREET PLAZA PROPOSAL

Public Space Unit . June 2021



NYC DOT PUBLIC SPACE



Open Streets



StreetSeats



Plaza Program



Open Restaurants

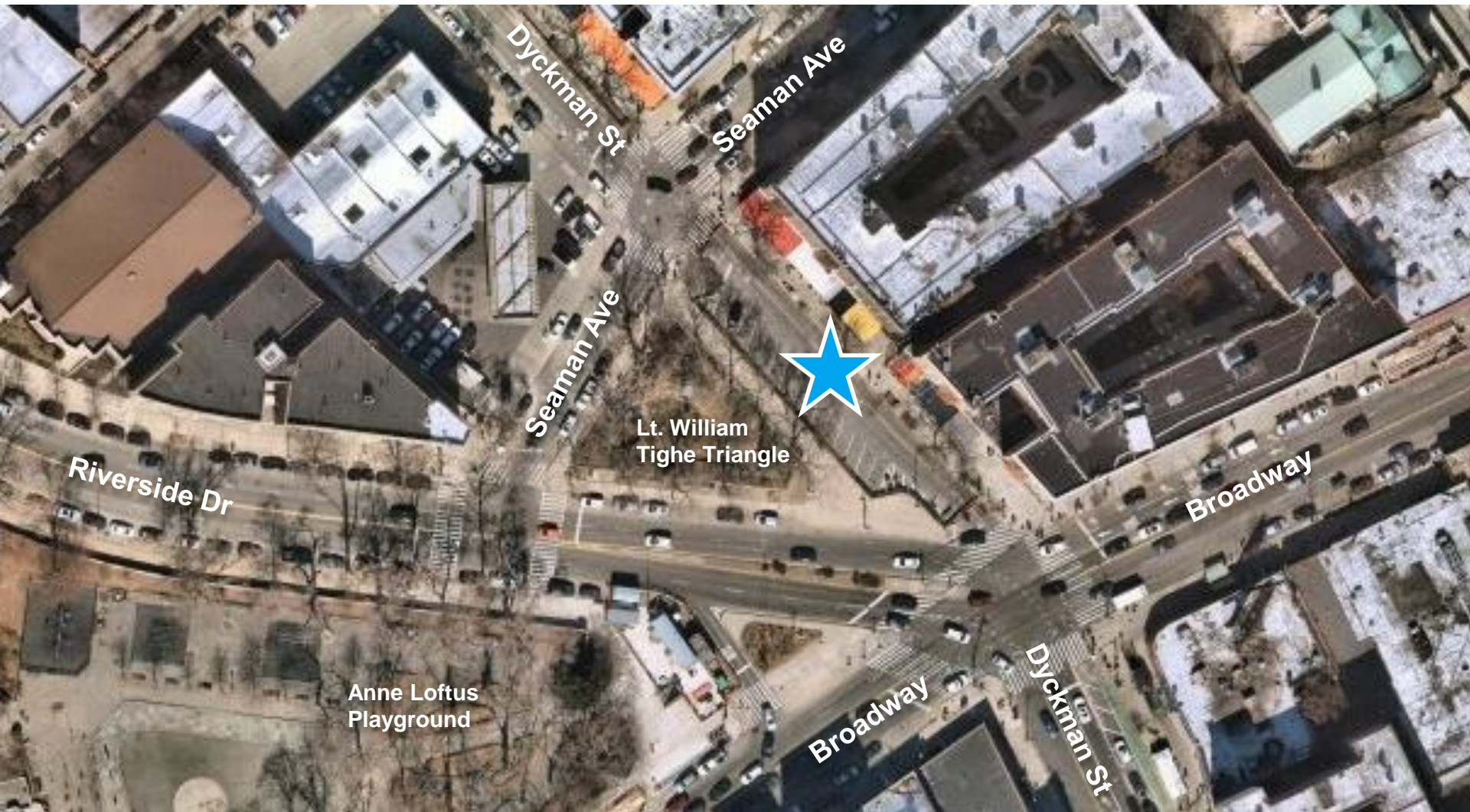


29-Day Concessions

Dyckman Street

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NYC PLAZA PROGRAM APPLICATION



DYCKMAN STREET

- In May 2020, the segment of Dyckman Street between Seaman Ave and Broadway was designated a NYC Open Street.
- *Open Street: Restaurants* was created to support economic recovery in response to the pandemic.
- In July 2020, the location joined the Open Street: Restaurants program.
- Of all the citywide locations participating in the program, Dyckman Street has been one of the most well used and actively managed.



EVOLUTION

- In November 2020, Dyckman Gardens, the organization overseeing the Dyckman Open Street, applied to the NYC Plaza Program.
- In April 2021, the location was accepted to the NYC Plaza Program, initiating the planning process.
- The proposed plaza builds on the success of the Open Street.
- NYC DOT has been engaging the community to identify issues and opportunities.



COMMUNITY PARTNER

- Dyckman Gardens Corporation is a conglomeration of local businesses that formed in 2020 to oversee the management of the Dyckman Open Street
- Dyckman Gardens is a non-for-profit organization that will maintain the new public space amenities, and help ensure public programming in the plaza.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

1. Congressman Adriano Espaillat
2. Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez
3. Assemblywoman Carmen De La Rosa
4. Washington Heights BID
5. Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance
6. Inwood Merchant Association
7. Dyckman Auto Leasing & Sales Inc
8. Martin Collins (Inwood resident)

Restaurants within proposed plaza block:

1. Dyckman Bar & Kitchen
2. Il Sole Restaurant
3. The Park View
4. Papasito Mexican Gril & Agave Bar
5. Sa'Tacos
6. Café Tabú

NYC Plaza Program + Dyckman Street

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PLAZA PROGRAM

To create high quality public space in underutilized roadway, particularly in low to moderate income neighborhoods that lack open space. Plazas aim to enhance:

- Local Economic Vitality
- Pedestrian Mobility and Access to Public Transit
- Safety For All Street Users
- Added Value:
 - Bolster Civic Engagement
 - Enhance Public Safety



Bogardus Plaza, Manhattan



Diversity Plaza // Nepalese Earthquake Vigil



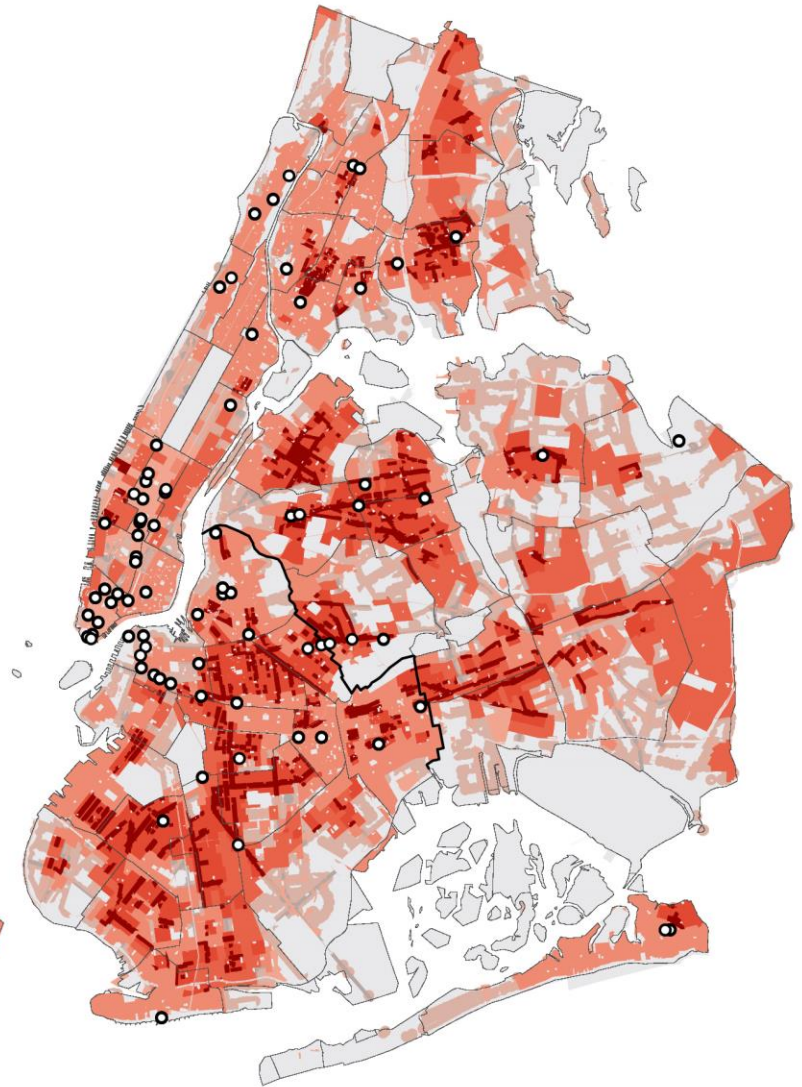
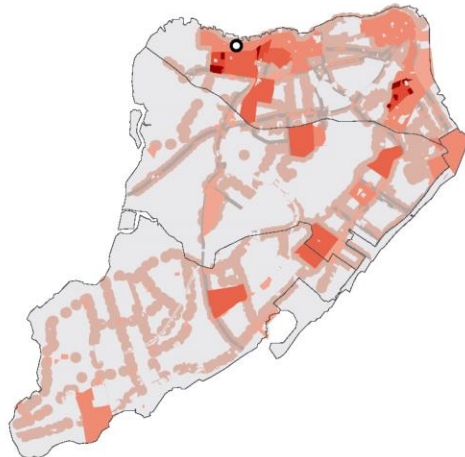
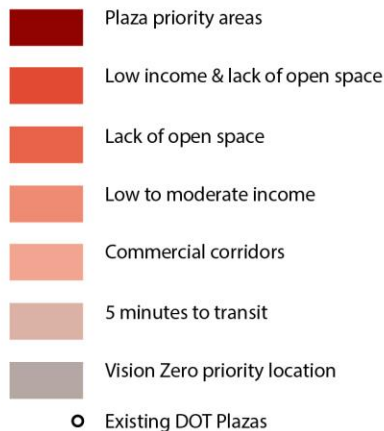
Flatiron Plaza // Typical Day



82 Plazas currently in development, construction, or complete, of those

66 Plazas open to the public

3 Plazas located within **CB12's district**



DOT PLAZAS: PLAZA DE LAS AMERICAS (MN)



MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

The maintenance partner would be responsible for basic maintenance tasks including litter removal, snow clearance, furniture maintenance, and horticultural care.



PROGRAMMING

- Partners are encouraged to program their plazas, particularly with community organizations and events.
- Site would be listed in SAPO (Street Activity Permit Office) as a plaza and not a street.
- Any organization can apply for a SAPO permit to program the new plaza.



Ave C Plaza // ArtBuilt Studio



Parkside Plaza // UNI Project

PLAZA RULES + SIGNAGE

- New Plaza rules have recently been passed and are part of the Administrative Code.
- With every new Plaza we install rules signage.



Planning Process: Community Engagement

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Online survey (April 2021)

- 565 responses
- Dissemination via flyers, social media, and one in-person deployment

2. In-person workshop @ Dyckman St (May 15th)

3. Virtual design workshop (May 18th)

Goals:

- Learn how people have used the Open Street;
- Identify issues and opportunities;
- Discuss design solutions to increase street safety and expand public space amenities and gather programming ideas.



ONLINE SURVEY: FINDINGS



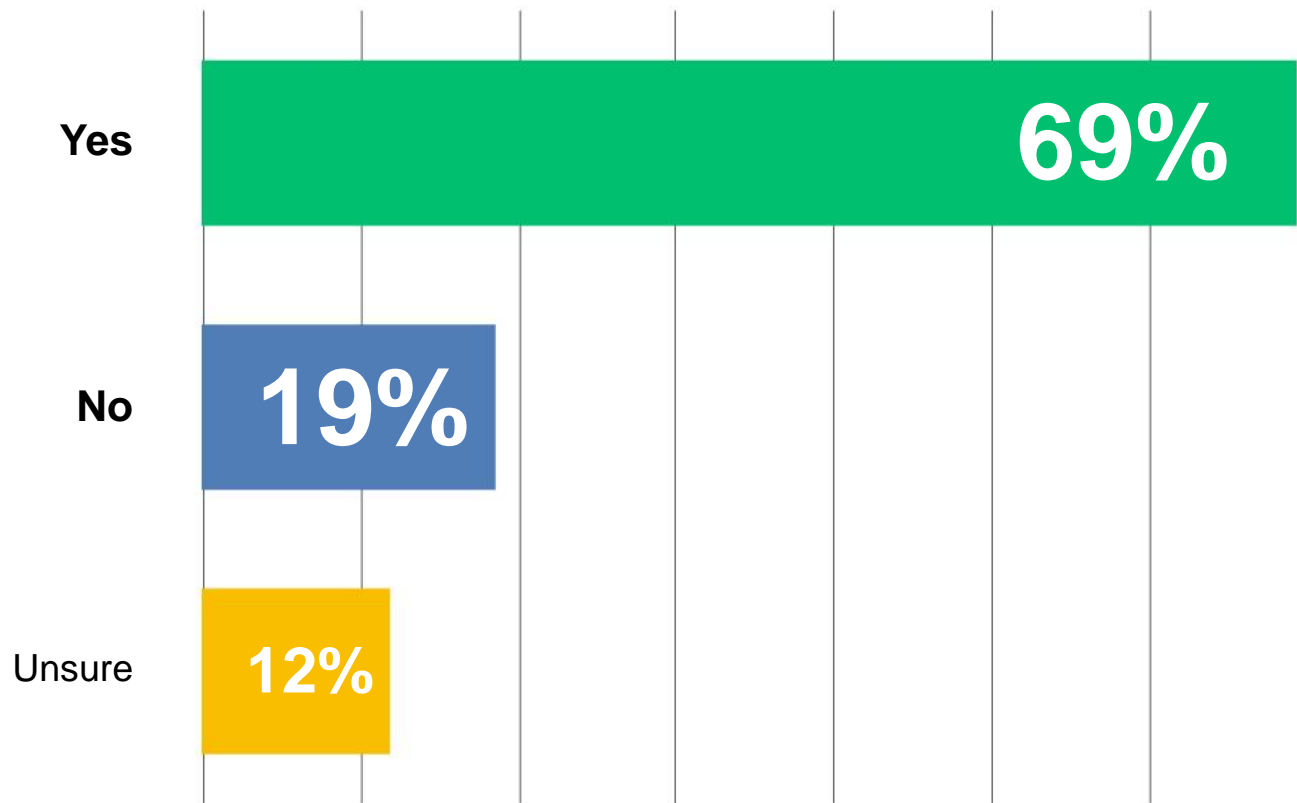
80% of respondents identified as residents

45% of respondents visit the Open Street daily



35% of respondents visit the Open Street several times a week

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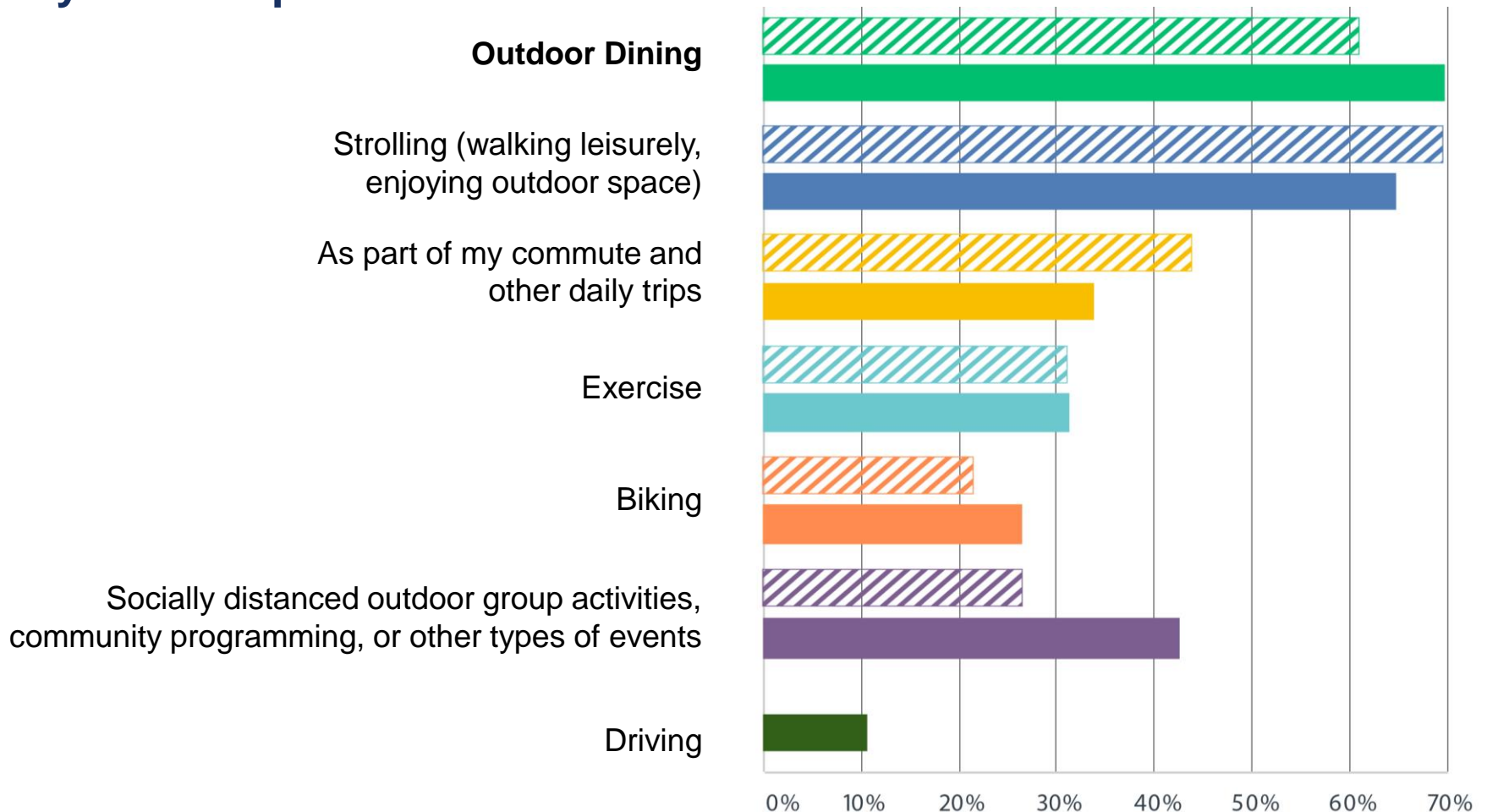
Would you like to see a plaza on Dyckman St between Broadway and Seaman Ave?



ONLINE SURVEY: FINDINGS

2020-2021 usage 
Aspirational usage 

Activities that respondents performed & want to perform on the Dyckman Open Street



WORKSHOPS

Bilingual staff & outreach material in Spanish and English

In-person design workshop @ Dyckman St

Saturday, May 15th, 11 AM to 3 PM

Virtual design workshop

Tuesday, May 18th, 6:30 PM - 8 PM



WHAT WE LEARNED

Top Concerns

1. Safety & quality of life issues created by dirt bikes and drag racing
2. Speeding vehicles
3. Vehicles double parking or illegally parked
4. Long-term privatization of the public space
5. Noise issues from different sources

Highlighted Opportunities

1. Positive reception to the idea of installing a public plaza.
2. Extending the 2-way bike lane through the public plaza.
3. Requests for a larger vision for Dyckman Street, such as creating a pedestrian and bike boulevard to connect the Hudson River Greenway to the new plaza.
4. Positive reviews on Dyckman Gardens maintenance work for the Open Street.



WHAT WE LEARNED

Top Proposed Improvements

1. Protected bike lane (either 1-way or 2-way) and other bike infrastructure (e.g., signage and bike parking)
2. Planters and greening
3. Public seating
4. Public Art
5. Safer intersections

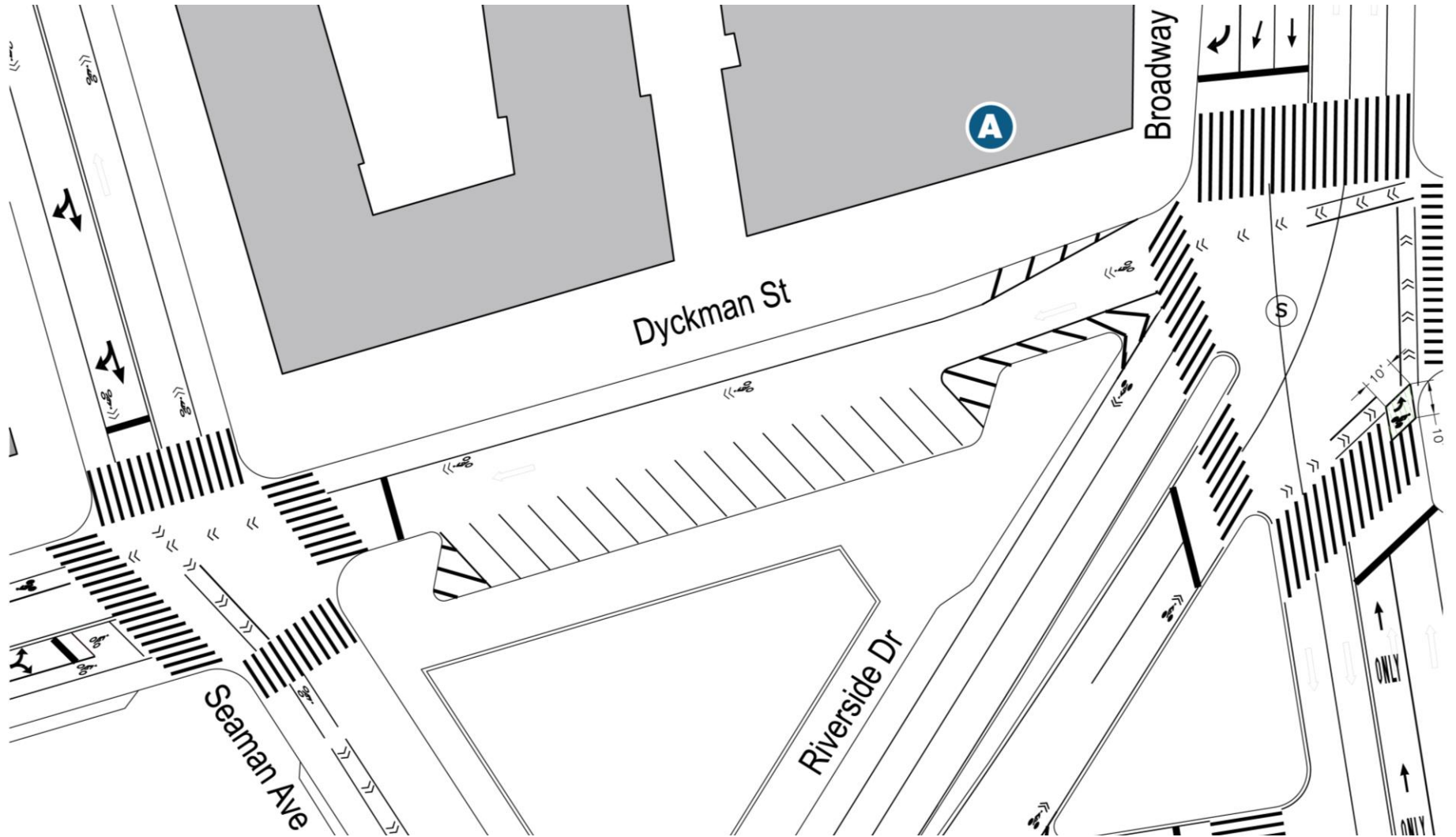
Programming Ideas

1. Multi-cultural programming
2. Family-oriented events (e.g., games for children)
3. Art and crafts
4. Educational activities
5. Music and theatre performances
6. Food-oriented events (e.g., food festival and farmer's market)
7. Board games and Domino

Plaza Proposal

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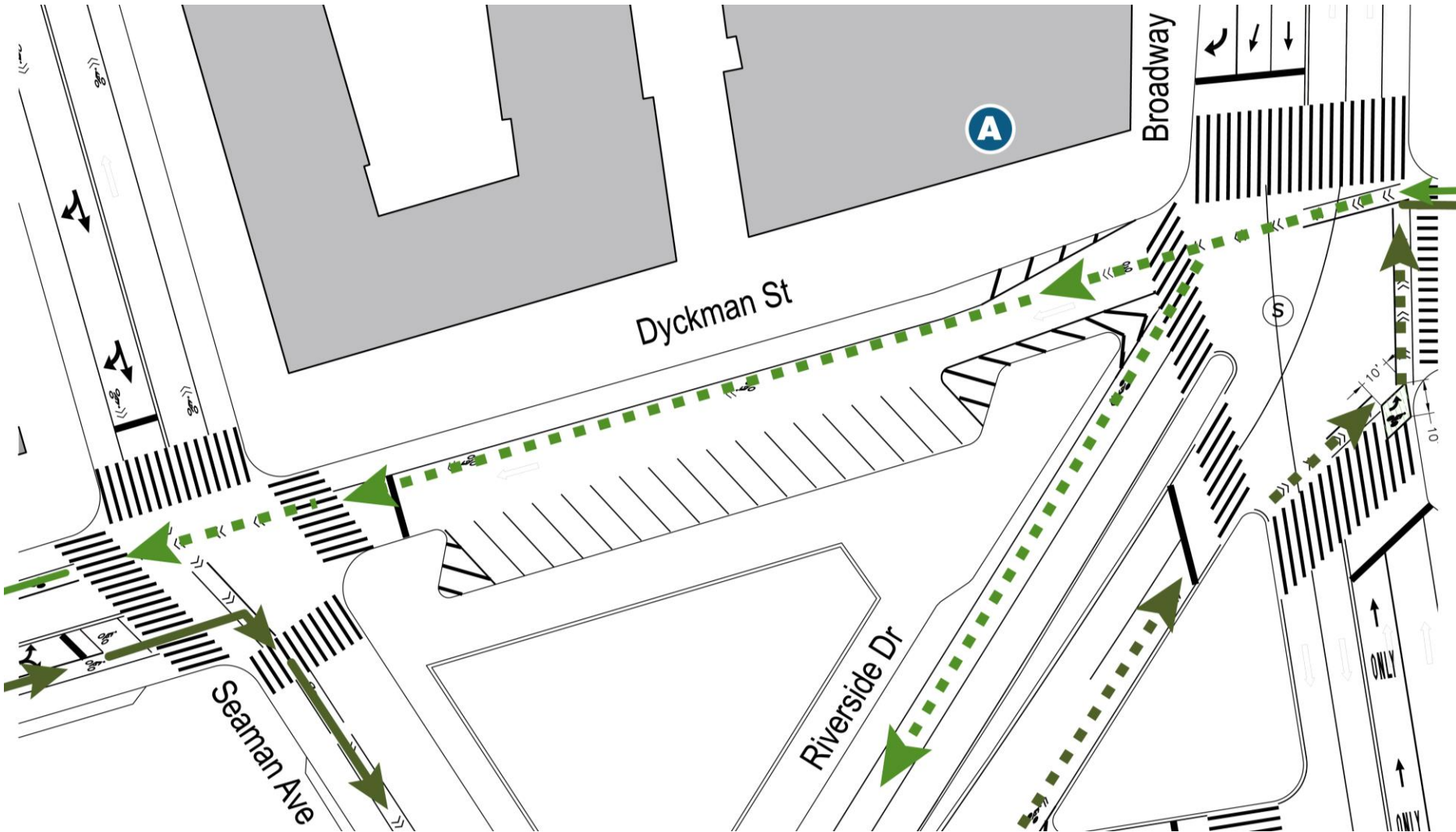
EXISTING DESIGN



DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

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Bike Facility

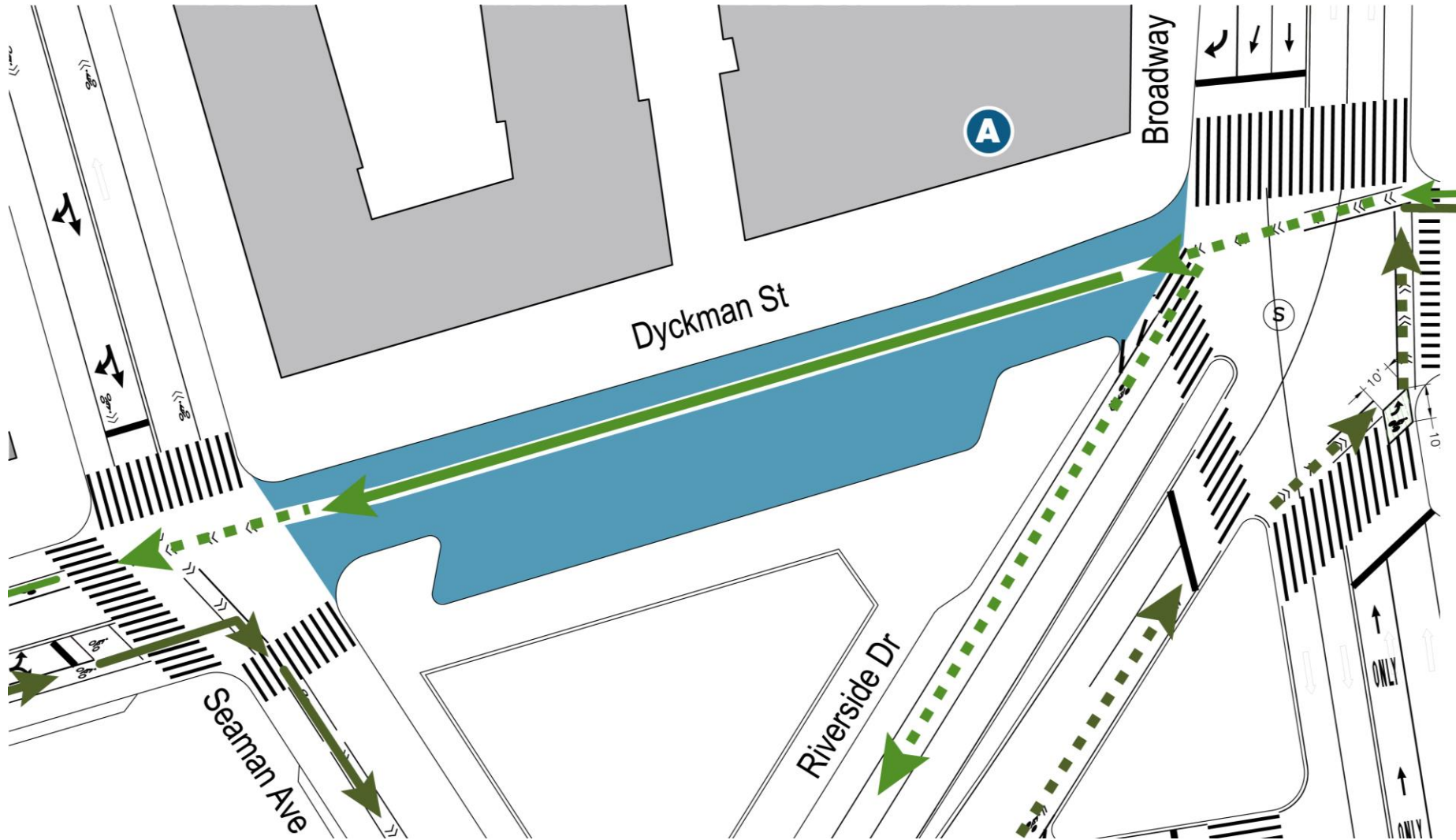
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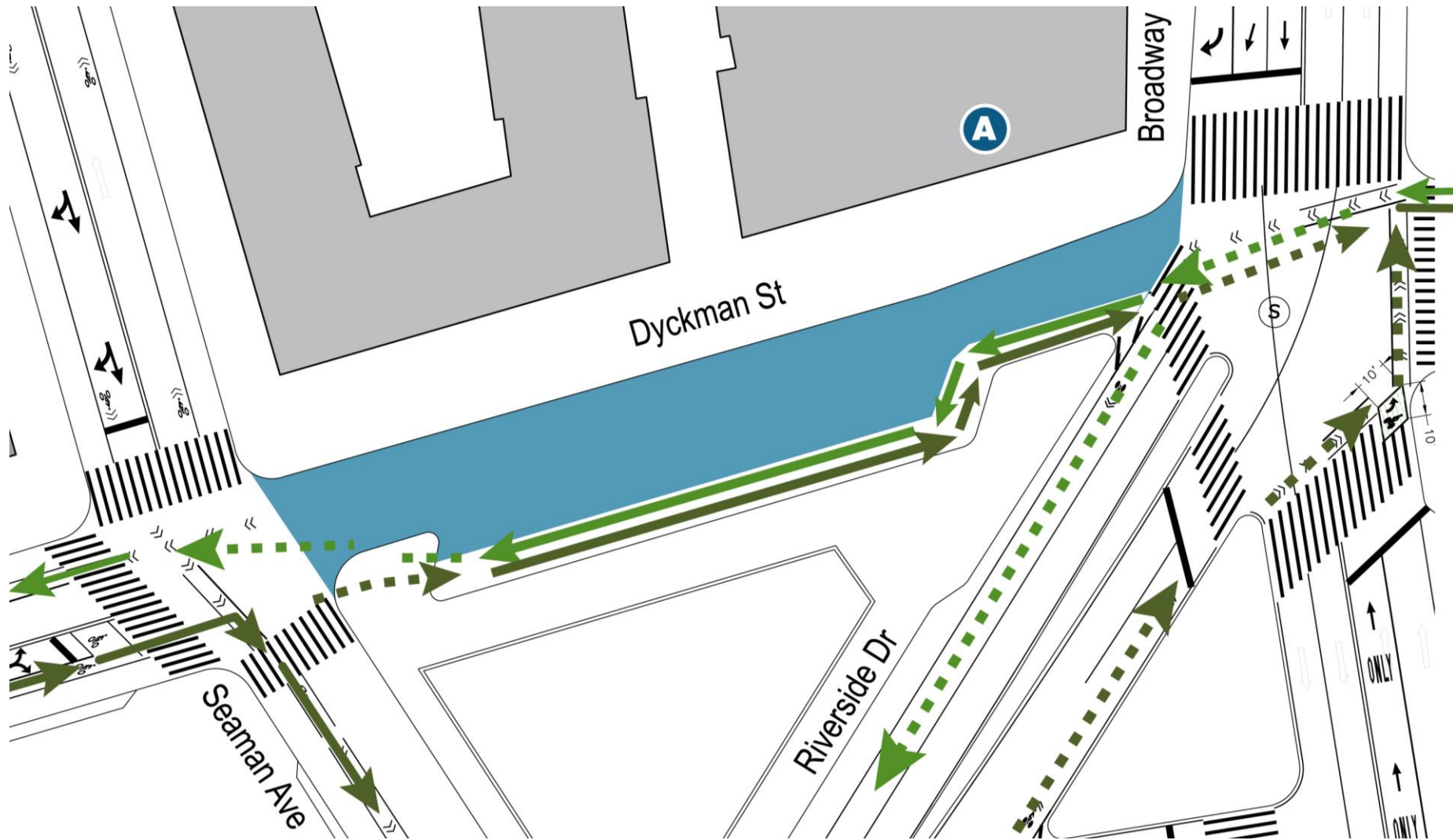
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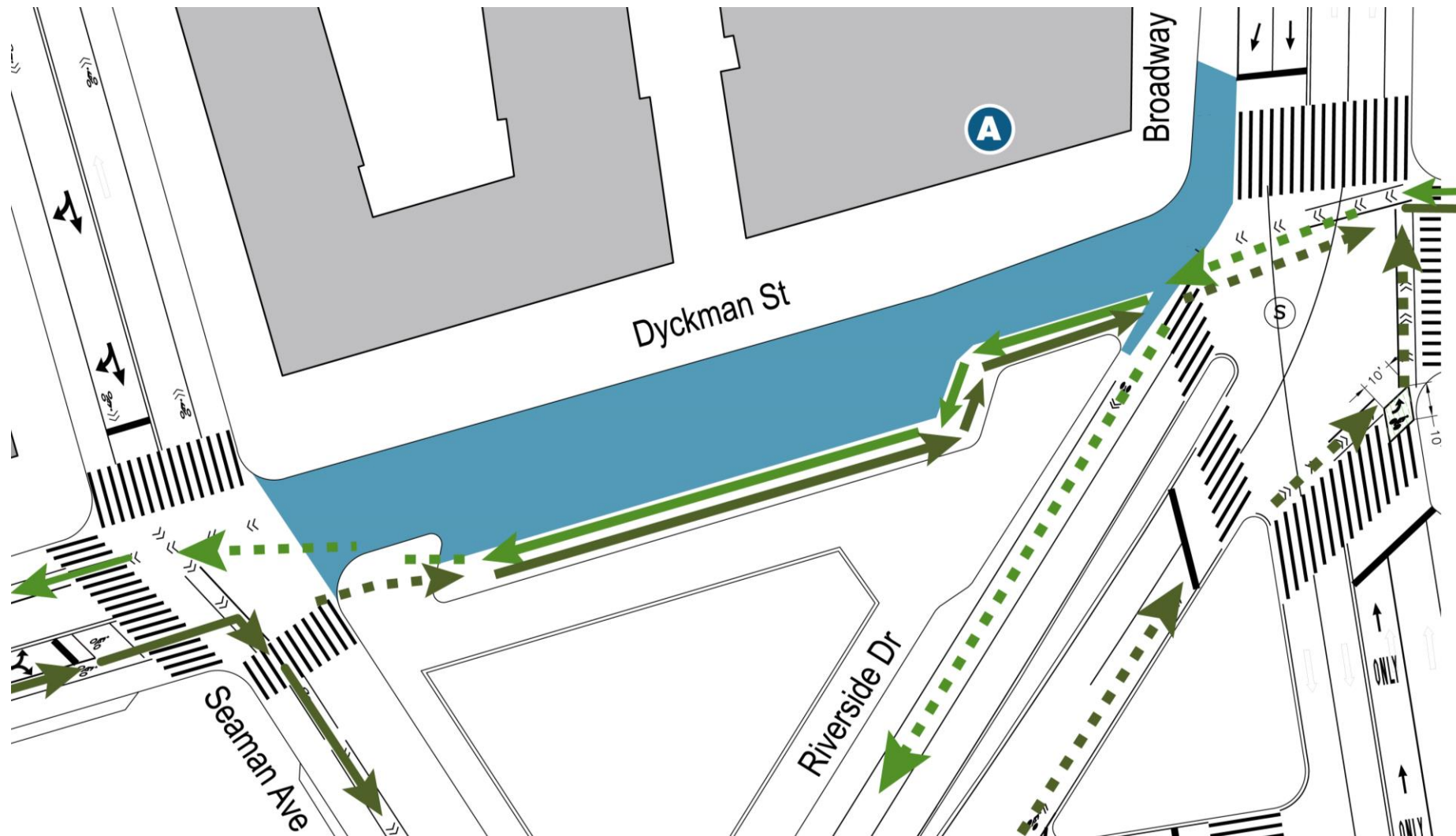
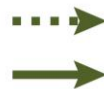


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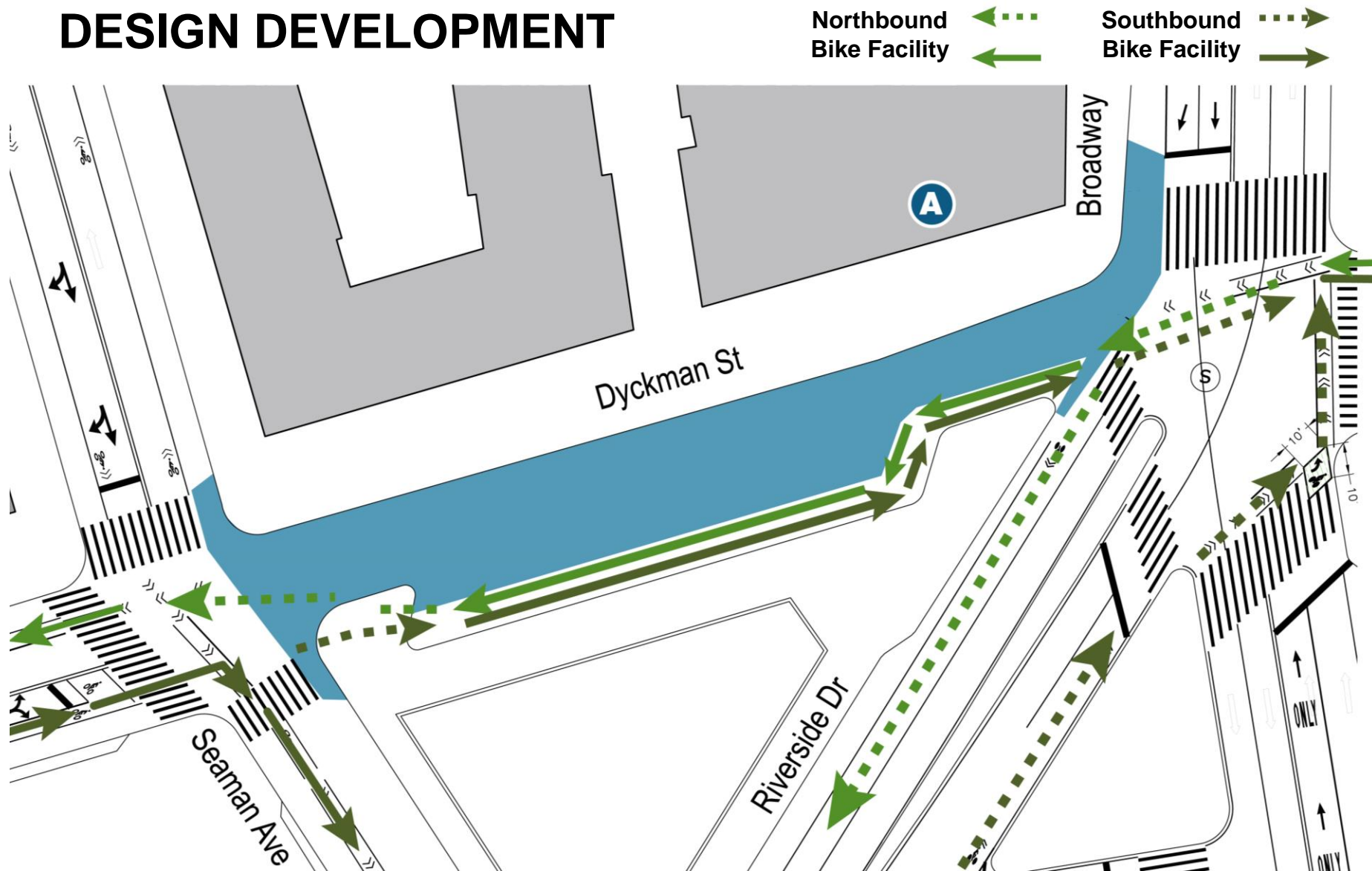
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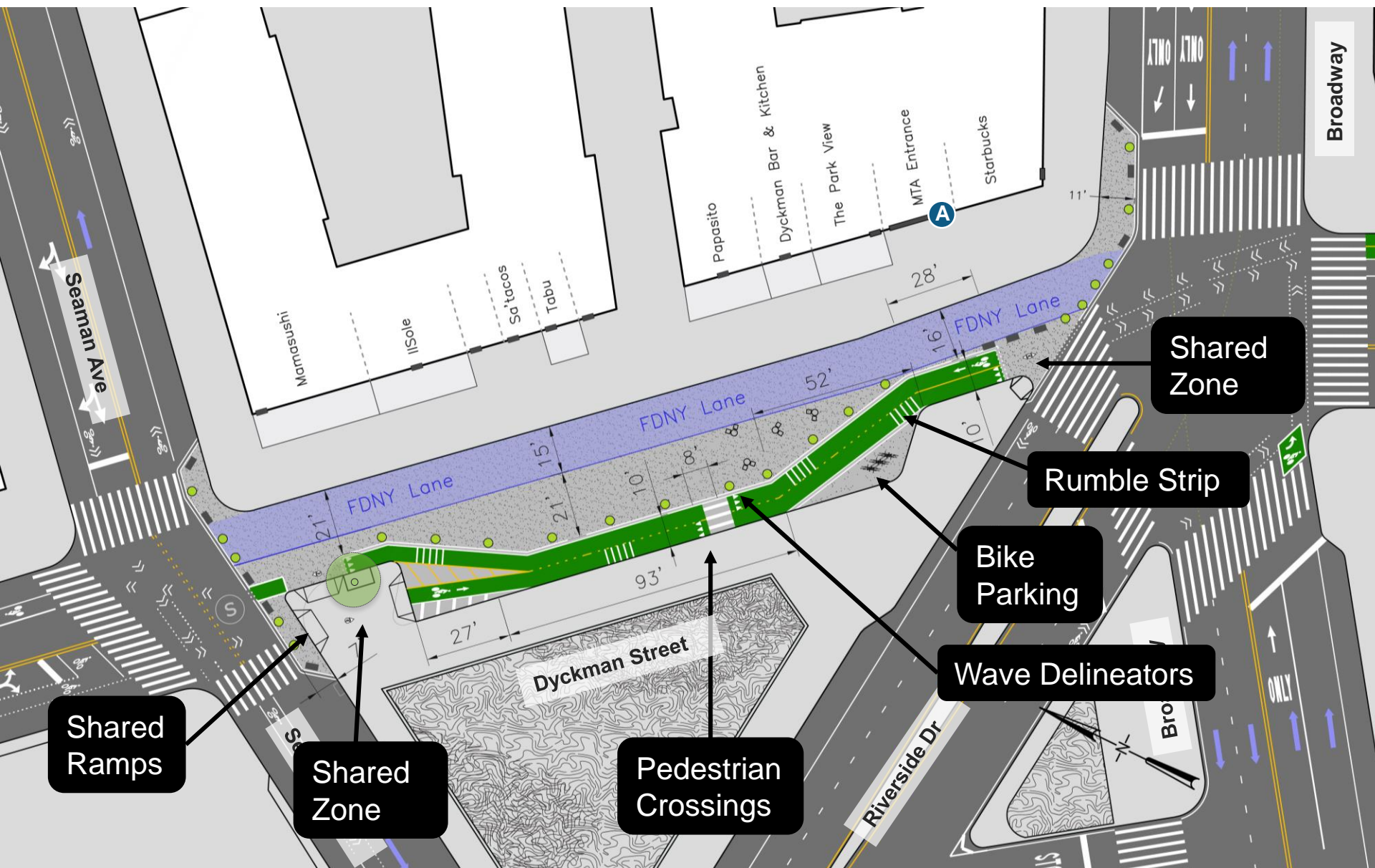
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DESIGN PROPOSAL



DESIGN PROPOSAL: MAIN FEATURES



DESIGN PROPOSAL: BIKE LANE



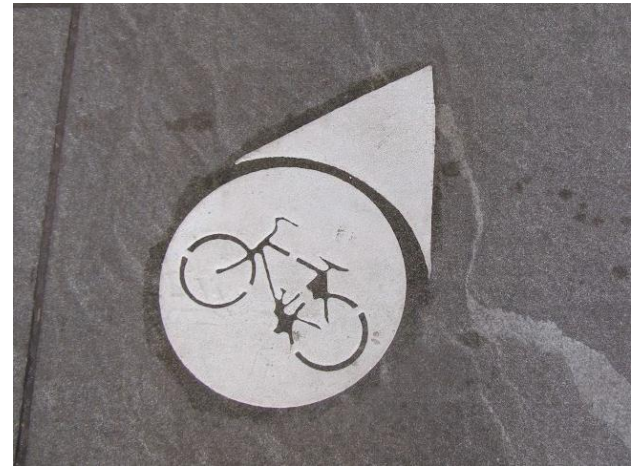
Protected 2-way bike lane



Wave Delineators



Rumble Strips



12" Bike Stamps

DOT PLAZAS: JOHNNY HARTMAN (MN)



DOT PLAZAS: HERALD SQUARE (MN)



2-way Conversion of Seaman Ave

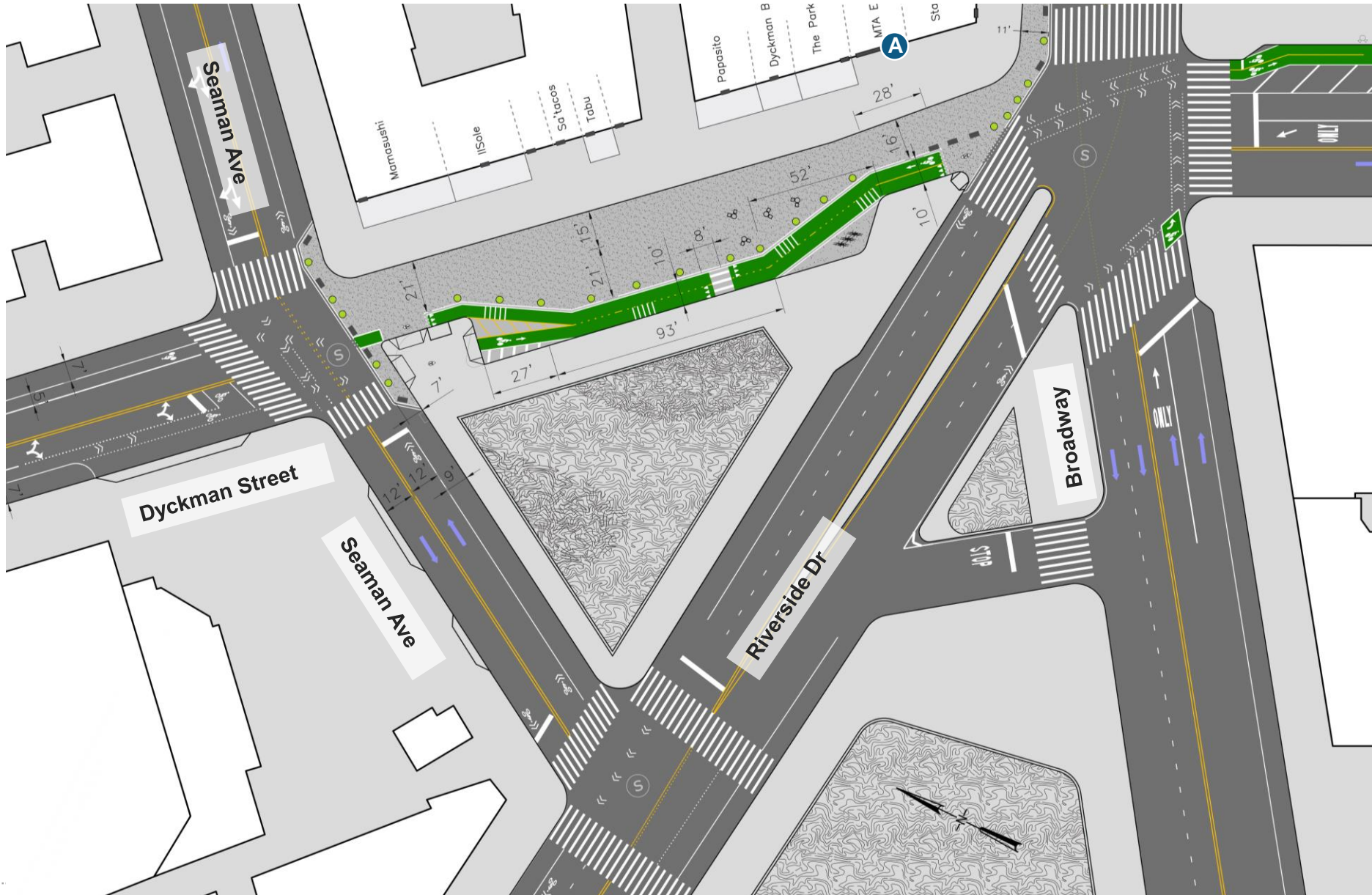
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This diagram illustrates a proposed waterfront development area, likely a park or promenade, situated along a river or harbor. The layout shows the intersection of several streets: Seaman Ave, Dyckman Street, Riverside Dr, and Broadway. A green highlighted path runs along the waterfront, with various dimensions and street names labeled. The diagram includes a north arrow and a scale bar.

Key Features and Dimensions:

- Streets:** Seaman Ave, Dyckman Street, Riverside Dr, Broadway.
- Dimensions:** 28', 16', 11', 52', 93', 27', 21', 15', 10', 8', 8', 8', 7', 5', 7'.
- Landmarks:** MTA (Metropolitan Transportation Authority) station, Papasito, Dyckman, The Pat, Sa Tacos, Tabu, Mamamushi, ISole.
- Other Labels:** "ONLY" (indicating one-way traffic), "S" (indicating a street or section), "A" (indicating a station or area).

PROPOSED STREET DESIGN + PLAZA PROPOSAL

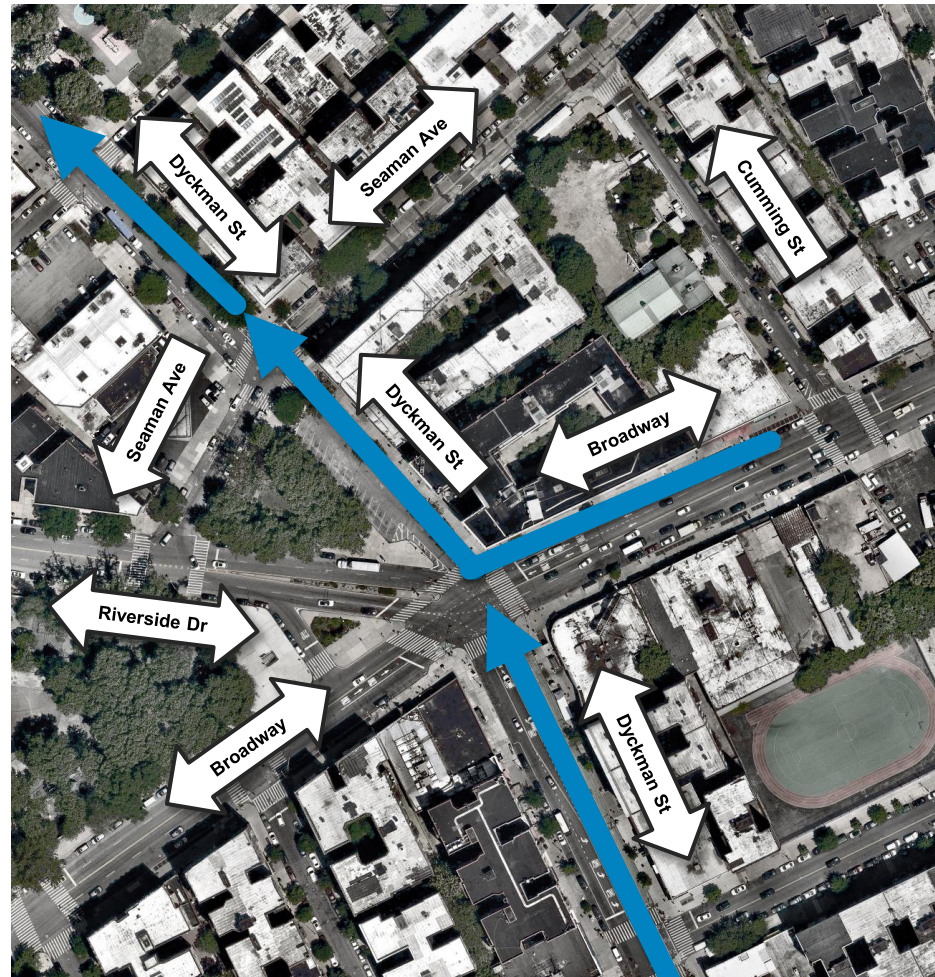


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Transportation Planning

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VEHICULAR ACCESS



Current Condition



Proposed Condition

VEHICULAR ACCESS: 2-WAY SEAMAN AVE

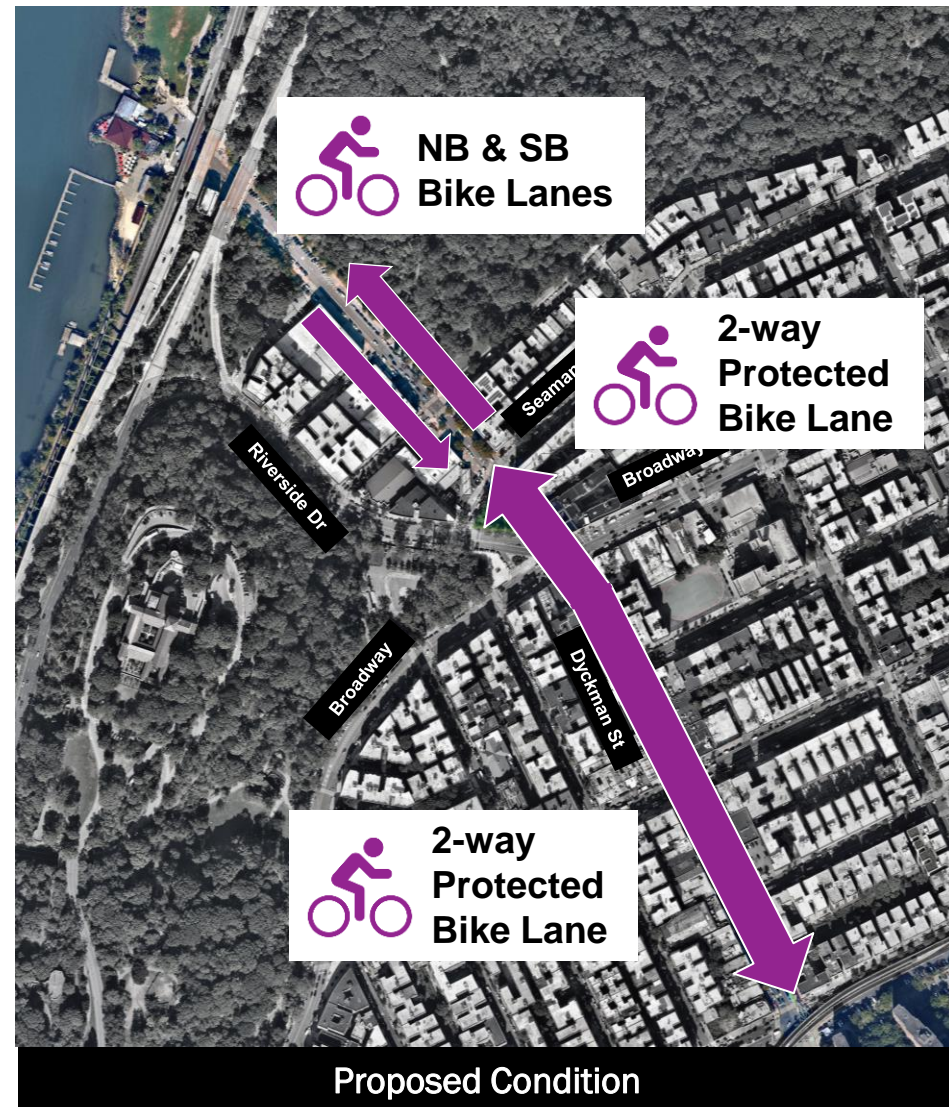
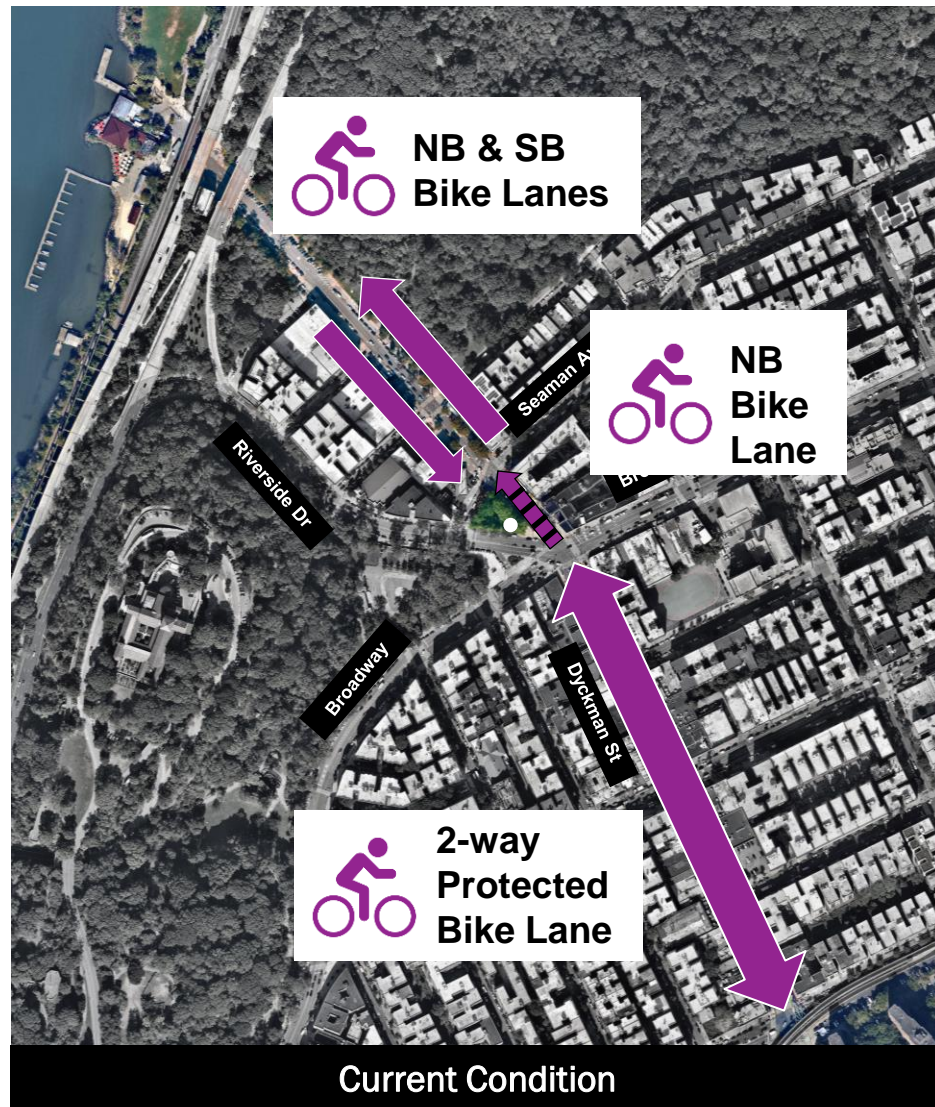


Current Condition



Proposed Condition

BIKE ACCESS



CURB REGULATIONS: PLAZA + 2-WAY CONVERSION

No Standing at Anytime

2 Hour Meter Parking

No Parking at Anytime

Alternative Side Parking

Existing Curb Regulation

Change to Curb Regulation



Next Steps

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LOOKING FORWARD: SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Free programming on Dyckman Open Street through the summer.

- **Fitness & Wellness.** Starting in July 2021. To be held 2 times a week for 7 weeks.
Exercise program consisting of different anaerobic exercises.
- **Arts & Crafts.** Starting in July 2021. To be held once a week for 3 weeks.
Art classes for children and adults of all ages. Local artist will teach painting classes. All materials will be provided.
- **Theatre Shows.** Starting in August 2021. Total of 3-4 events (on separate dates).
Working in conjunction with the Times Square Alliance, Dyckman Gardens will host Broadway theatre shows.

LOOKING FORWARD: PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION

Summer 2021:

- Active Open Street Full Closure on Dyckman Street with public programming and outdoor dining
- DOT will continue traffic analysis and fine-tune any necessary mitigations

September 2021:

- Plaza implementation
- DOT to update CB12 on two-way conversion option