

School Safety Improvements

Presentation for CB 2 | May 12, 2021





# Why Are We Here?

- Area has high concentration of students
- Several large multi-leg and irregular intersections





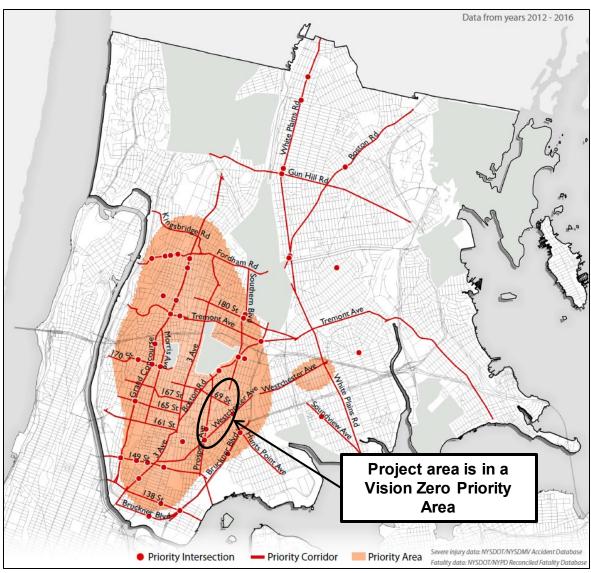
# **Vision Zero Priority**

#### **Vision Zero**

- Multi-agency effort to reduce traffic fatalities in NYC
- Borough Action Plans released in 2019
- Priority Intersections, Corridors, and Areas identified for each borough

#### **Project Area**

Located in a Priority Area



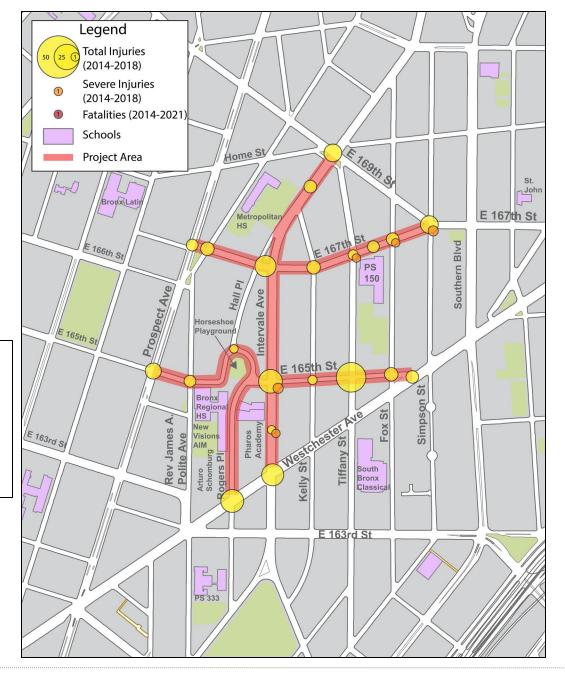
- 214 total injuries
- 7 severe injuries
- 57% of severe injuries were pedestrians

Injury Summary, 2014-2018 (5 Years)

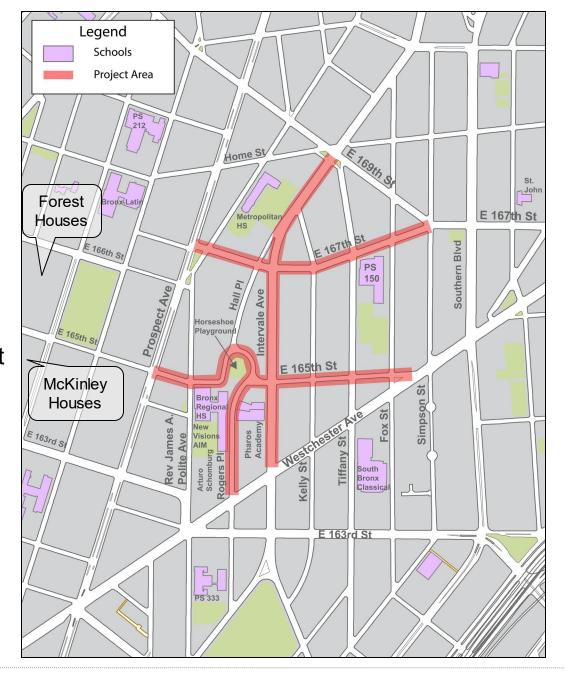
	Total Injuries	Severe Injuries	Fatalities	KSI
Pedestrian	33	4	0	4
Bicyclist	9	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Occupant	172	3	0	3
Total	214	7	0	7

Source: Fatalities: NYCDOT, Injuries: NYSDOT KSI: Persons Killed or Severely Injured

Note: Map may not include total or severe injuries that occurred at midblock locations. Data is based off of NYSDOT/NYSDMV crash and injury data available as of April 2021.



- 6 schools adjacent to project area
- Large irregular intersections around Horseshoe Playground
- Morrisania School Safety
   Project to be implemented this
   summer around NYCHA Forest
   Houses and William McKinley
   Houses



# **Existing Conditions**

- Long crossing distances for students accessing schools and playgrounds
- Speeding
- Drivers making fast turns and not yielding



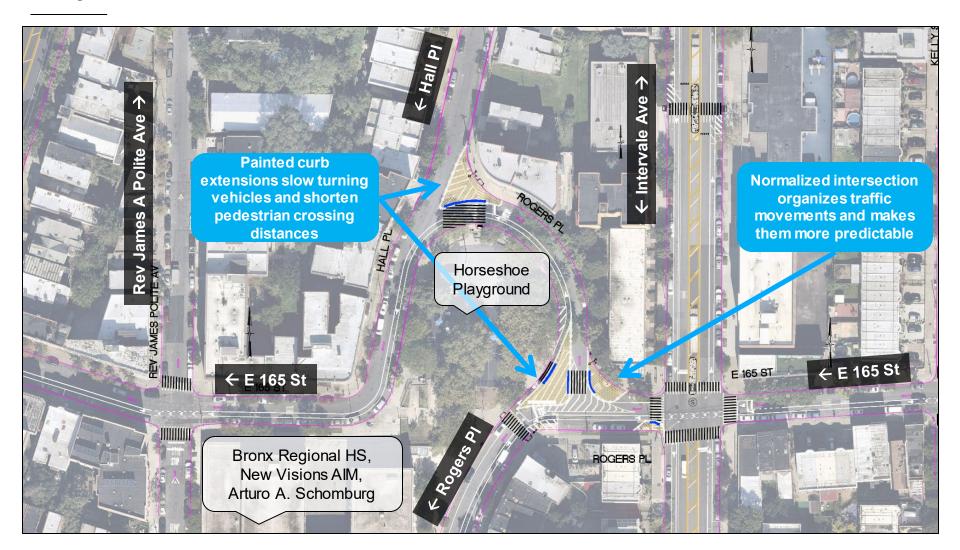
# Horseshoe Playground: E 165th St at Rogers Pl and Hall Pl

# **Existing: Large Irregular Intersections**



### Horseshoe Playground: E 165th St at Rogers Pl and Hall Pl

## **Proposed: Painted Curb Extensions and Normalized Intersections**



#### Horseshoe Playground: E 165th St at Rogers Pl and Hall Pl

#### Proposed: Asphalt Art Around Horseshoe Playground

- Asphalt Art planned for proposed painted spaces at Horseshoe Playground.
- NYC Department of Transportation's Temporary Art Program (DOT Art) partners with artists to paint large-scale murals onto repurposed asphalt that has been transformed into pedestrianized public spaces.



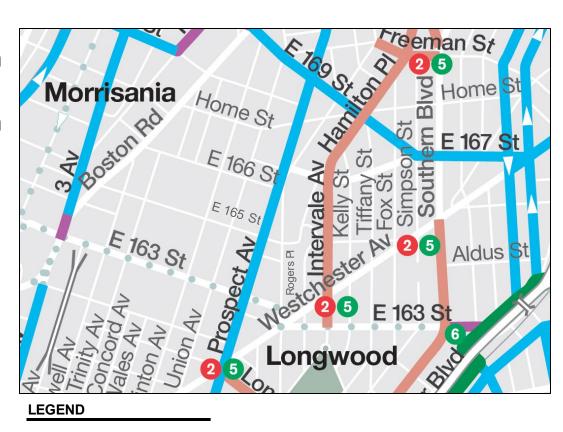






#### **Existing Bike Routes**

- Existing standard bike lanes on Prospect Ave
- Existing standard bike lanes on E 169<sup>th</sup> St and E 167<sup>th</sup> St
- Existing wide parking lanes on Intervale Ave



Existing Bicycle Facilities
Protected Path
Bicycle Lane
Shared Lane
Signed Route

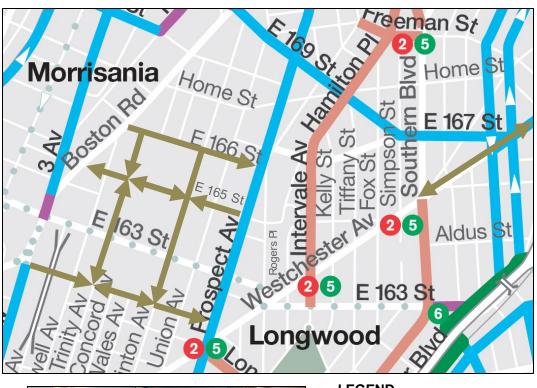
# E 165th St, E 167th St & Intervale Ave

#### **Planned Bike Routes**

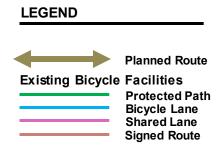
- Morrisania School Safety
   Project will install protected
   bike lanes on Trinity Ave, Tinton
   Ave, E 161st St, E 165th St, and
   E 166th St in Summer 2021
- Upcoming 2021 Westchester protected bike lane project
- Longwood area currently missing east-west bike connections



Local students help plan Morrisania project

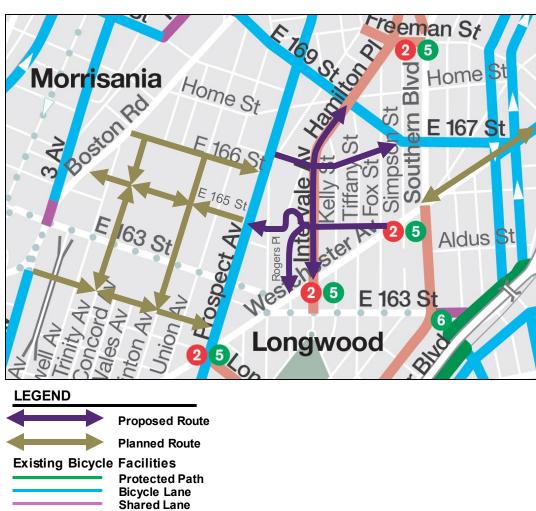






#### **Proposed Bike Routes**

- Westbound standard lane on E 165<sup>th</sup> St
- Southbound standard lane on Rogers Pl
- Eastbound protected lane on E 167<sup>th</sup> St
- Northbound and southbound standard lanes on Intervale Ave





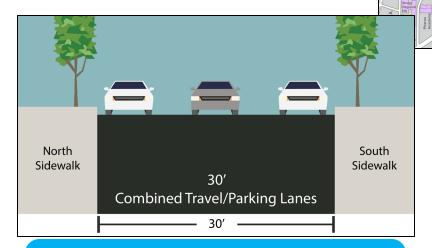
# E 165th St, Westchester Ave to Prospect Ave

# **Proposal: Standard Bike Lane**

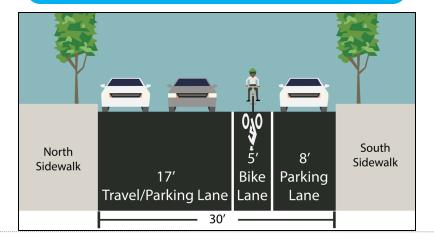


Standard-width travel lane accommodates all vehicles and improves predictability





Bike lane creates dedicated, predictable space for westbound cyclists and discourages sidewalk riding



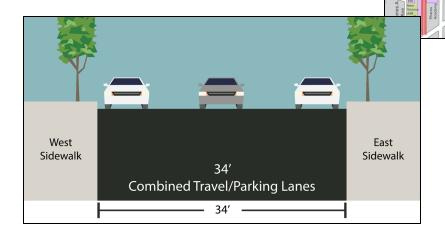
## Rogers PI, E 165<sup>th</sup> St to Westchester Ave

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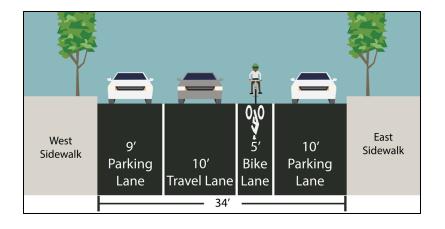


Standard-width travel lane discourages speeding and reduces unpredictable vehicular movements





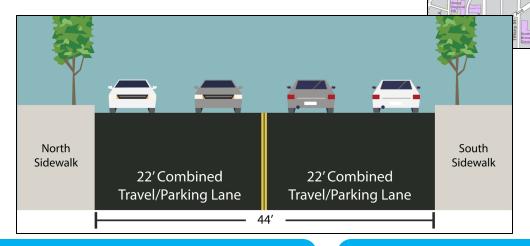
Standard bike lane provides dedicated space for southbound cyclists



## E 167<sup>th</sup> St, Prospect Ave to E 169<sup>th</sup> St

## **Proposal: Protected Bike Lane**



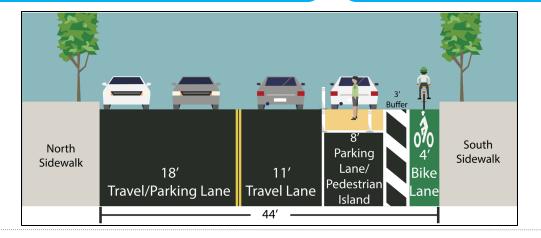


Parking-protected bike lane provides dedicated space for eastbound cyclists

Painted pedestrian refuge islands increase pedestrian visibility, shorten crossing distances, and calm turns

Narrow vehicle lanes calm traffic and reduce speeding

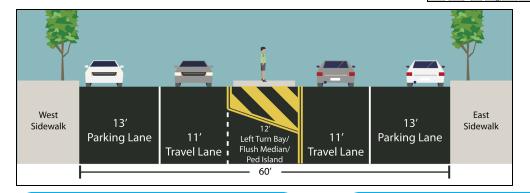




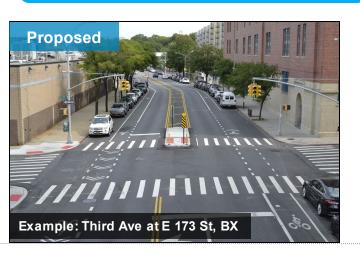
## Intervale Ave, Westchester Ave to E 169<sup>th</sup> St

#### **Proposal: Standard Bike Lanes**



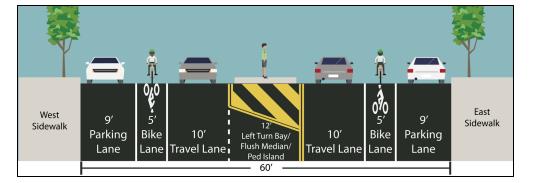


Add standard bike lanes for northbound and southbound cyclists



Maintain existing travel lanes and flush median with concrete pedestrian islands

Narrower parking lane better organizes parked vehicles



## **DOT Safety Education & Outreach (SEO) Programs**

#### **AVAILABLE PROGRAMS FALL 2020**

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

My Safety Toolbox (Grades 1-3)

Cross This Way (Grades 4-5)

Word on the Street (Grades 4-5)

Parents Workshop (Parents of Pre-K-5 students)

Think Safety magazine for parents (online: NYC DOT Safety Education/Think Safety)

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cross This Way (Grade 6)

Word on the Street (Grade 6)

Vision Hero Grades (6-8)

Stop-Think-Act (Grades 7-8)

Take Action Against Distraction (Grade 8)

#### HIGH SCHOOL

Take Action Against Distraction (Grades 8-10)

STOP DWI (Grades 9-12)

Behind the Wheel (Grades 11-12)

Alive at 25 (Grades 11-12)

One-on-one consultation available to schools interested in encouraging student biking and walking as a means of transportation to and from school.

To address this critical need, SEO will now offer our core K-12 presentations in remote learning formats to deliver to students, their parents, and their schools.

Our staff of experienced educators will customize the approach to each school and schedule remote classes giving students the confidence and knowledge they need to get around safely.

Contact us today to book your class at safety-ed@dot.nyc.gov or 212-839-4750.

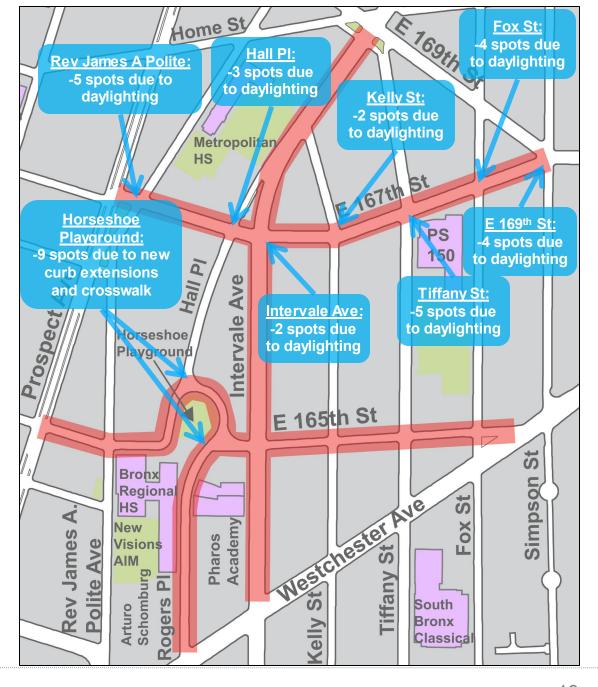
#### **School Outreach**

- DOT School Safety & DOT Safety
   Education have contacted 6 schools
   located within project area
- Met with 5 schools to hear safety concerns and offer safety programing; all expressed concerns about traffic safety and interest in safety improvements
- Briefed 5 schools on safety improvements proposal, all were supportive of the project



# E 165<sup>th</sup> St, E 167<sup>th</sup> St & Intervale Ave Proposed Parking Impact

34 parking spaces repurposed for safety improvements including painted curb extensions, pedestrian islands, and increased pedestrian and bicyclist visibility



# **Thank You!**



Contact: NYCDOT Bronx Borough Commissioner's Office – (212) 748-6680













# **Appendix**

## **Types of Bike Lanes**







#### **Protected**

- Provide barrier between cyclists and traffic
- Create shorter, safer pedestrian crossings

#### Conventional

- Create dedicated space for people on bikes and in vehicles
- Increase predictability for all road users

#### **Shared**

- Alert drivers and cyclists of shared space
- Provide wayfinding for people on bikes

# **Appendix**

# **Intersection Normalization & Public Art**



# **Appendix**

# **Overview Map**

