

# Access to Opportunity

Eastern Rockaways Transportation Study

December  
2015



# Background

## Mayoral OneNYC Plan

### VISION 1

**Our Growing, Thriving City**

### VISION 2

**Our Just and Equitable City**

### VISION 3

**Our Sustainable City**

### VISION 4

**Our Resilient City**

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## Federal Support

NYCDOT received a USDOT TIGER grant with a local match for *Access to Opportunity: A Transportation & Housing Study in the Eastern Rockaways*

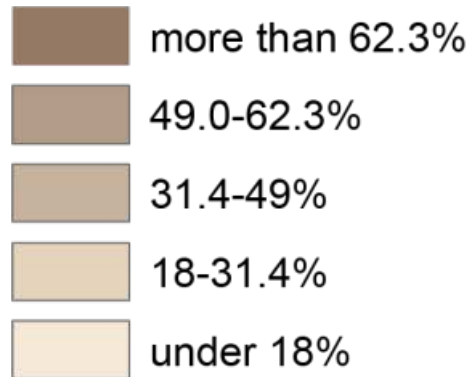
# Study Area

## Rockaway Peninsula and Study Area

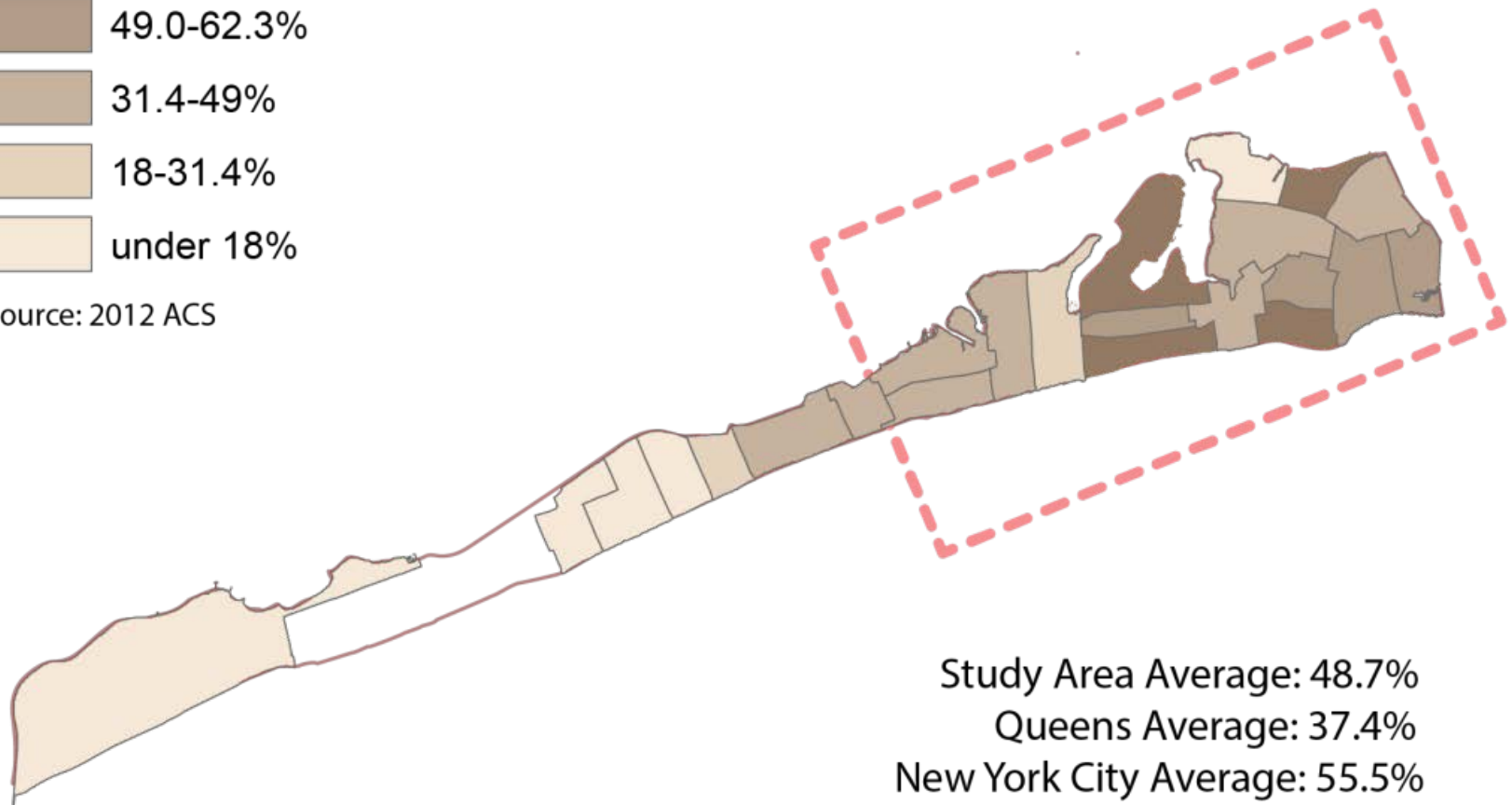


# Multi-Modal Focus

## % of Households Without Access to a Vehicle

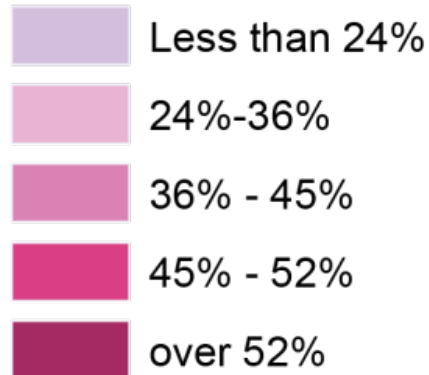


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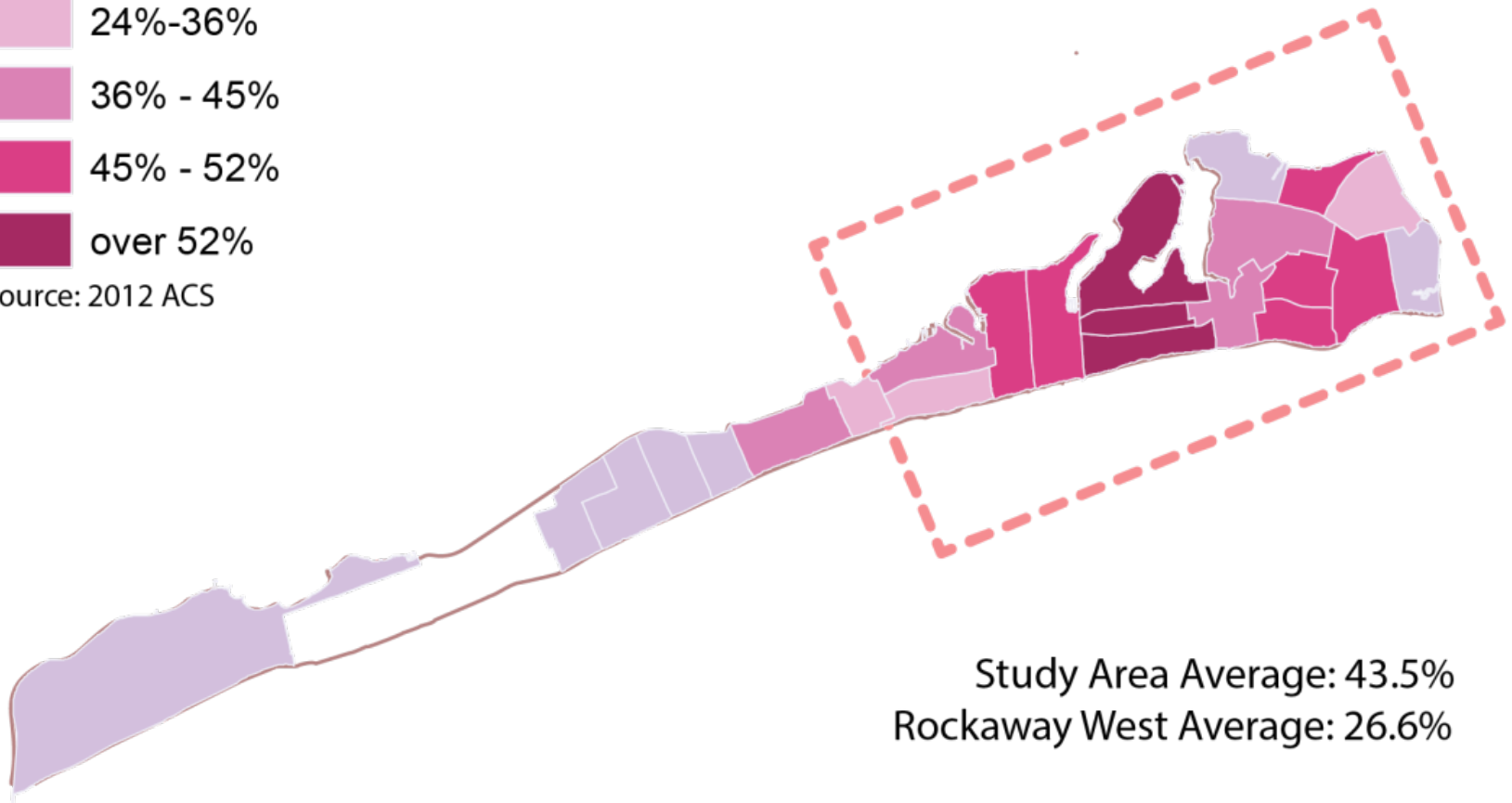


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## Percent of Workers Commuting by Transit



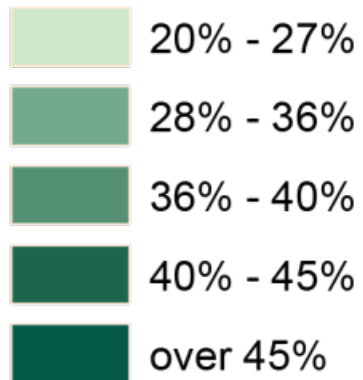
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# Multi-Modal Focus

## Percent of Workers with 60+ Minute Commutes

any travel mode



Source: 2012 ACS



# Study Approach

## Accessed-based Approach

Access-based transportation analysis aims to increase residents' ability to reach desired:

- goods
- activities
- services
- destinations (collectively known as opportunities)

Recommendations resulting from an accessed-based evaluation include:

- roadway improvements
- public transit improvements
- walking and cycling improvements
- more accessible land use
- telecommunications or delivery services to supplement physical travel

# Study Goals

- Short-term improvements for implementation in summer 2017
- Long-term transportation improvement plan to be released fall 2017
- Urban design and street connectivity conceptual guidelines for future Eastern Rockaway development sites to be released fall 2017
- Align transportation improvements with interagency land use investments

# Public Outreach

## Study will be informed by input from many sources

1. Community Workshop/Meetings
2. Street Ambassador Outreach
3. Technical Advisory Committee
4. Community Advisory Committee
5. Online Feedback Portal  
<http://www.nycdotfeedbackportals.nyc/eastern-rockaway-access-study>
6. Participation in HPD-led public meetings
7. Participation in NYCDOT Urban Design meetings

# Project Schedule

**Fall 2015**

Public outreach through Ambassadors, HPD  
Resilient Edgemere public meetings & NYCDOT  
Urban Design Far Rockaway open house

**December 2015**

Access to Opportunity workshop  
& start of data collection

**Spring 2016**

Existing conditions report due and outreach to brainstorm  
improvement proposals

**Summer 2016**

Development of short-term improvements &  
refinement of vision for long-term change

**Summer 2017**

Short-term improvement implementation

**Fall 2017**

Final report of long-term improvements & conceptual  
plan for urban design and street connectivity

## What is the role of your input in this study?

1. Prioritize problems to be studied and addressed
2. Generate improvement proposals
3. Prioritize short-term improvement designs
4. Create and refine conceptual plan for urban design and street connectivity
5. Prioritize long-term improvement designs

# Public Outreach

[www.nycdotfeedbackportals.nyc/eastern-rockaway-access-study](#)

## EASTERN ROCKAWAY ACCESS STUDY

A transportation study to improve access to jobs, services, retail, and the rest of the city.

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OPEN FOR COMMENTS

### Eastern Rockaway Access Study

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#### PROJECT UPDATES

Mon, 11/23/2015 - 13:28

##### The Access to Opportunity Kick-Off Workshop is Dec 15th!

The kick-off public workshop for *Access to Opportunity: A Transportation & Housing Study in the Eastern Rockaways* will be held 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 15th, at Challenge Prep Charter School (710 Hartman Lane) in Far Rockaway.

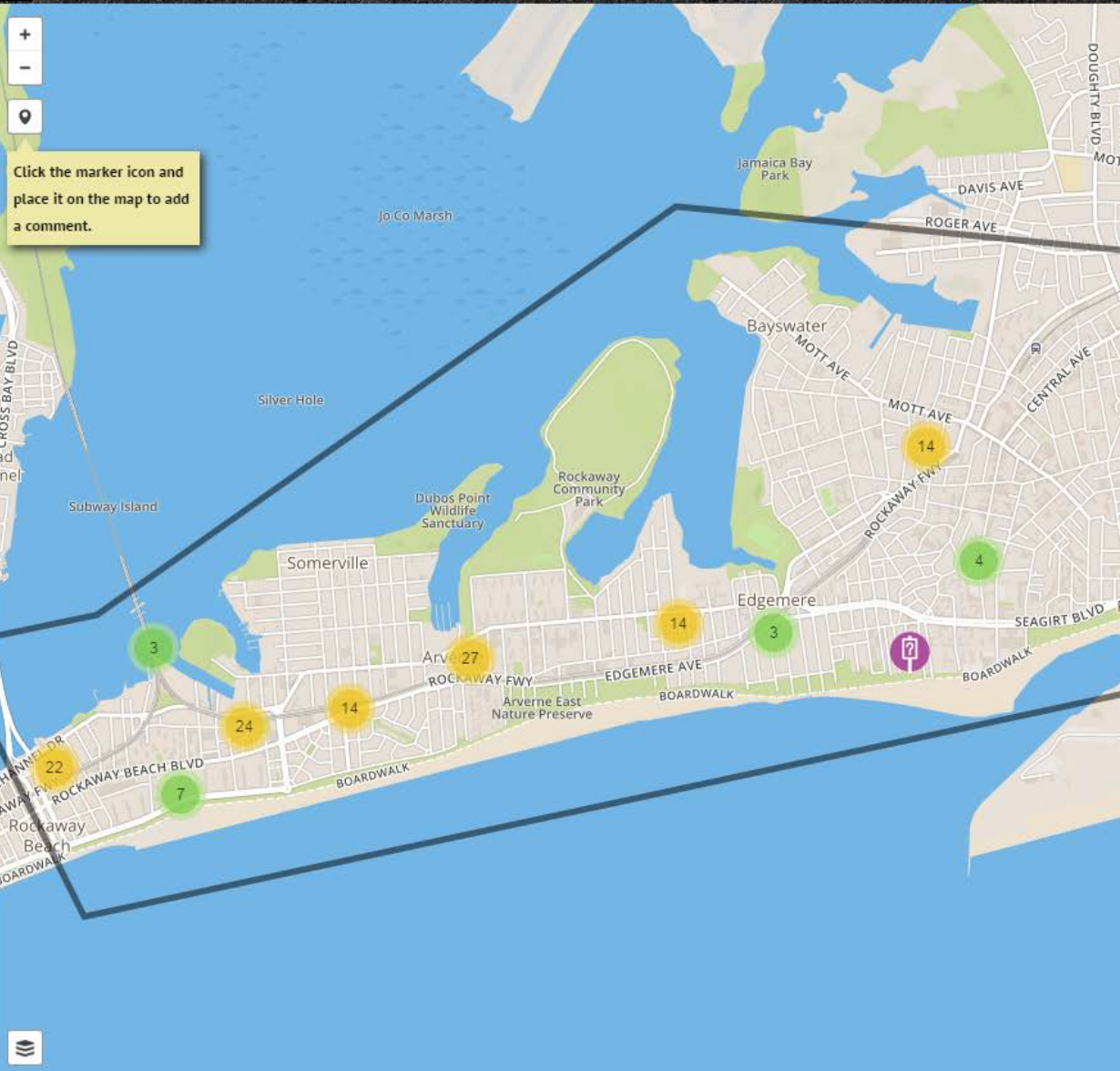
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##### Resilient Edgemere Community Planning Workshop - Round 2

Following on the heels of its kick-off workshop on October 24th, HPD is organizing a follow up workshop for its Resilient Edgemere Community Planning Initiative on **Saturday, December 12, 11 - 2 PM** at Beach 41st St Cornerstone Community Center (426 Beach 40th St).

# Public Outreach

## < EASTERN ROCKAWAY ACCESS STUDY




### RECENT COMMENTS - Any - Filter

- Other** 12/10/2015 - 17:52  
Area needs to be repaved  
★★★★★ No votes yet
- Other** 12/10/2015 - 17:50  
Beach channel Dr. going east of 57th needs to be repaved  
★★★★★ No votes yet
- Jaywalking** 12/10/2015 - 17:48  
People cross in unsafe ways; a lot of foot traffic  
★★★★★ No votes yet
- Other** 12/10/2015 - 17:46  
Potholes on roadway  
★★★★★ No votes yet
- Bike Lane Requested** 12/10/2015 - 17:58  
Bike lane along Central Ave  
★★★★★ No votes yet
- Add Train Service** 12/10/2015 - 17:34  
More frequent A line service  
★★★★★ No votes yet
- Other** 12/10/2015 - 17:32  
Local streets should have smart lights w/ motion sensor  
★★★★★ No votes yet
- Other** 12/10/2015 - 16:46  
Needs a light for safety

# Public Outreach


35 Edgemere Ave  
New York  
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 No Sidewalk  
**pedestrians have no sidewalk, especially along Edgemere Avenue**  
★★★★★ Average: 5 (1 vote)


 Red Light Running  
vehicles running red lights  
★★★★☆ Average: 3 (1 vote)

 Speeding  
vehicles speed along shore front pkwy  
★★★★☆ Average: 2 (1 vote)

 Remove bus stop  
Remove this bus stop. Pedestrians are blindsided by the bus when crossing the street. Vehicles tend to pass bus on the left side of the lane, which can swipe crossing pedestrians. Single lane also reduces visibility  
★★★★☆ Average: 2 (1 vote)

 Other  
Numerous potholes - needs repair  
★★★★★ Average: 5 (1 vote)

 Add Bus Service  
Add bus service for kids. Nearest public transit hub is at least 5 blocks away from Frederick Douglass Academy  
★★★★☆ Average: 3 (1 vote)

 Add Bus Service  
Add bus connection here. Closest mass transit connection is far. Residents would like to see more transit options available for them to get into/around rockaways.  
★★★★★ Average: 5 (1 vote)

# Public Outreach



GPS not visible to emergency vehicles

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ No votes yet

Other

12/10/2015 - 14:28

**Rockaway FWY- Poorly lit under elevated train.  
May pedestrians use this at night.**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Average: 5 (1 vote)

Other

12/10/2015 - 14:26

**High volume of traffic on Beach Channel Drive.**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Average: 5 (1 vote)



Signage Problems

**Longer greens to AM Rush**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ No votes yet



Add Bus Service

**Add more service on the Q53, During the summer  
many people are coming to the beach by bus.**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ No votes yet

Other

12/10/2015 - 14:21

**Needs parking as part of any future developments**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ No votes yet



Add Train Service

**Sometimes the waiting time is 45 min for the A  
train after transferring from the Shuttle at Broad  
Channel. Extend the A train service!**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ No votes yet

Other

12/10/2015 - 14:16

**Floods often in the low lying areas**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ No votes yet

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★★★★★ No votes yet



Other 12/10/2015 - 14:54  
More left turns should be allowed off of freeway

★★★★★ No votes yet



Signage Problems 12/10/2015 - 14:51  
Needs clear stop sign

★★★★★ No votes yet



Bike Lane Requested 12/10/2015 - 14:49  
Needs biking along the board walk

★★★★★ No votes yet



Other 12/10/2015 - 14:48  
Redesign of road from 56-62nd. Install ped walkways and sidewalks. Landscaping and Parking needed.

★★★★★ No votes yet



Add Bus Service 12/10/2015 - 14:46  
The Q22 is SLOW! 45 min wait!

★★★★★ No votes yet



Add Train Service 12/10/2015 - 14:42  
More frequent A trains to the Rockaways. Too many Lefferts only. Newer trains

★★★★★ No votes yet



Add Train Service 12/10/2015 - 14:36  
Need more A trains; especially in evenings

★★★★★ No votes yet



Bike Lane Requested 12/10/2015 - 14:31  
Put bike lanes here! Bikers are using this road to

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★ ★ ★ ★ ★ No votes yet

**Other** 12/10/2015 - 15:56  
Don't remove extra right hand turn from Central to Mott Ave (slip lane) going Westbound. T.O.B.C.D.  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ No votes yet

**Other** 12/10/2015 - 15:55  
Turn Police parking into public parking and move them to the bottom of bridge  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ No votes yet

**Add Bus Service** 12/10/2015 - 15:52  
Q113 & Q114 Long wait. Wait up to an hour and it usually 45 min wait!  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Average: 5 (1 vote)

**Other** 12/10/2015 - 15:49  
Create parking  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ No votes yet

**Bus bench needed** 12/10/2015 - 15:45  
Bus shelter needed  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ No votes yet

**Sidewalk Blocked / Damaged** 12/10/2015 - 15:43  
**Streets need to be repaired here. The roads are not leveled. This is from BCH 44 to BCH 54**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ No votes yet

**Confusing Bike Route Connection** 12/10/2015 - 15:39  
Close the opening so no cars can turn! Dead end street!  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ No votes yet

## Small-group activity guide

Introductions (10 minutes)

Transportation Challenge Identification (30 minutes):

- Access
- Safety
- Quality of Life

Next Steps & Additional Information (5 minutes)

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**Thank  
You**