# Father Capodanno Blvd, Midland Ave. to Miller Field

Staten Island CB 2 Presentation

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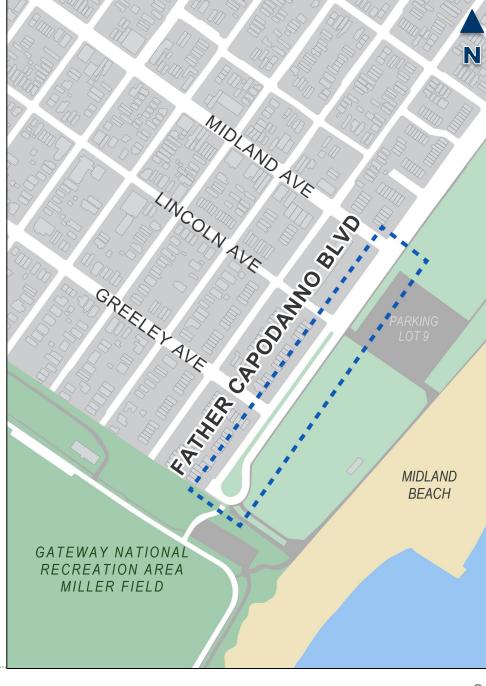
# **Project Location**

### **Father Capodanno Blvd**

- Midland Ave. to Miller Field
- 0.25 miles

### Context:

- Residential and recreational land uses, adjacent to beach
- Multiple senior centers nearby
- 2024 pedestrian fatality
- Past safety improvements at Midland and Lincoln Avenues
- Two travel lanes and one parking lane in each direction
- Low traffic volumes overall; majority SB traffic turns at Midland or Lincoln Ave.
- Goal: Build on 2023 and 2024 improvements to continue improving safety for all users



# **Project Background**

#### **Crash History**

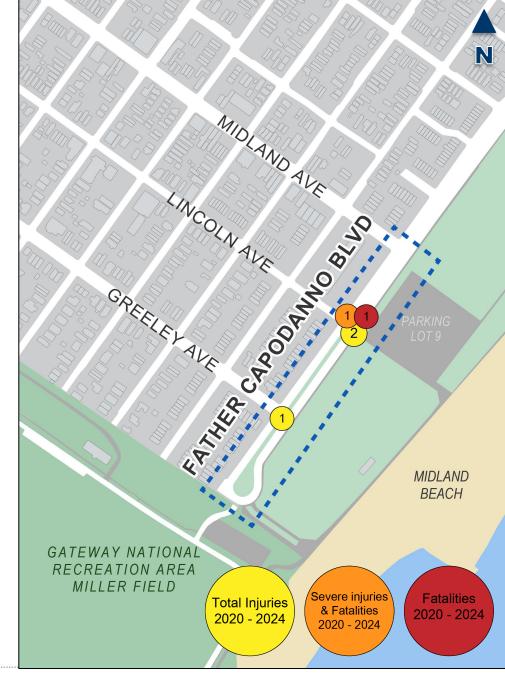
- **4 total crashes** with injuries in the last 5 years (2020-2024)
- 1 pedestrian fatality

#### **Crash Trends**

 All known vehicle crashes from 2017-2025 involve rear ends or sideswipes, indicative of speeding and aggressive driving

#### Low Traffic Volumes

- Fr. Cap maximum hourly volumes:
  - At Midland Ave: 511 vehicles
  - SB after Lincoln Ave: 132 vehicles
  - Around the turnaround: 377 vehicles
- In general, one travel lane can accommodate 700 vehicles per hour without becoming congested



### **2024 Pedestrian Fatality & Previous Improvements**

#### 2024 Fatality

- In January 2024, a 61-year-old pedestrian was killed crossing Father Capodanno Blvd at Lincoln Avenue
- Uncontrolled intersection with no crosswalk present

#### **Previous Improvements**

Midland Ave & Fr. Capodanno Blvd:

 Added painted median tip extension to provide a refuge for crossing pedestrians and slow down turning vehicles (2023)

#### Lincoln Ave & Fr. Capodanno Blvd:

- Installed painted curb extension to shorten crossing distances and slow turn onto Lincoln Ave (2023)
- Installed all-way stop control and added crosswalks across Father Capodanno Blvd to improve intersection safety and pedestrian access (2024)





## **Existing Conditions**

#### Wide roadways



**30'+ wide roadway** in each direction with low traffic volumes encourages **high speeds** 

FR. CAPODANNO BLVD NEAR GREELEY AVE

## **Existing Conditions**

#### Long crossing distances



## **Existing Conditions**

### Confusing bicycle facilities

Median-side shared lane on SB side is unusual and uncomfortable for both cyclists and drivers

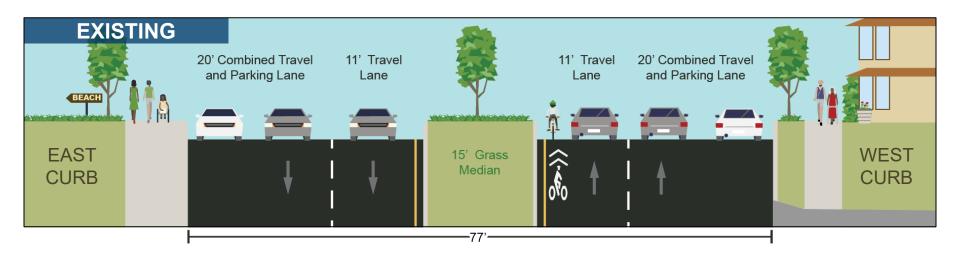
Lane ends abruptly no connections South to Miller Field

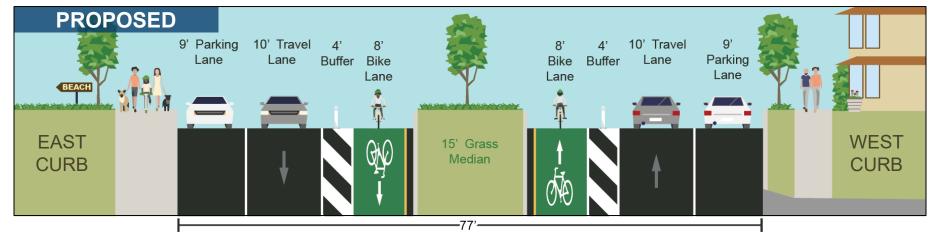
Mismatched with traditional bike lane on Northbound side

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FR. CAPODANNO BLVD & LINCOLN AVE

## **Updated Proposal**





## **Proposed Safety Improvements**

### Calm traffic and enhance safety

GREELEY

#### Remove extra travel lane

to shorten crossings and encourage safer vehicle speeds

# Add protected bike lane along median

to shorten pedestrian crossing of vehicle lanes, organize roadway, provide safer cycling connections, and address community concerns

FATHER CAPODANNO BLVD

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#### Add and extend median tips

at Lincoln and Midland to encourage slower, safer turns and pedestrian-vehicle interactions, and give pedestrians a safe place to rest mid-crossing

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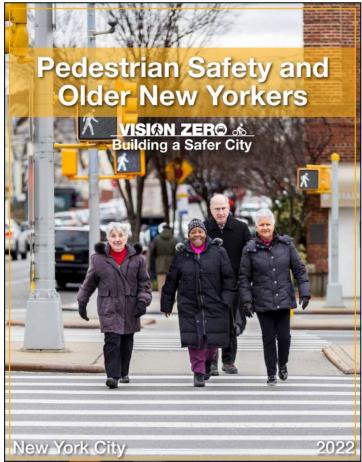
#### Design will have **no impact to on-street parking.** Maintains curb-side parking and

existing regulations.

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# **Protected Bike Lane Safety**

- As part of DOT's Pedestrian Safety and Older New Yorkers study (2022), DOT analyzed the impact of Protected Bike Lanes on safety for roadway users
- Protected Bike Lane designs are proven to calm traffic and improve safety for all roadway users
- Safety improvements associated with Protected Bike Lanes are most impactful for the most vulnerable roadway users
  - All users:
    - 14.8% injury reduction
    - 16.1% KSI reduction
  - Pedestrians:
    - 17.8% injury reduction
    - 29.2% KSI reduction
  - Senior Pedestrians:
    - 22% injury reduction
    - 39% KSI reduction



Cover of NYC DOT's Pedestrian Safety and Older New Yorkers Report

## Implementation

- Fall 2025 repaying is scheduled for this section of the corridor
  - New markings added after repaving is completed
- Informational signage will be posted along corridor in advance of new markings



Example of informational signage for a safety improvement project

# **Proposed Safety Improvements**

### Calm traffic and enhance safety

Proposed improvements:

- Improve safety through removal of travel lane to promote safer speeds
- Add and enhance median tips to provide refuge for pedestrians, shorten crossing distances, and promote safer turns and pedestrian-vehicle interactions
- Improve and enhance existing bike infrastructure to provide safe bike connections and improve safety for all road users



## **Thank You!**

**Questions?** 





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