

## FOUNTAIN AVENUE PARK ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

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## **Fountain Avenue Park Access**

New York State is opening a new park that will be accessed from the end of Fountain Avenue



## Jamaica Bay Greenway



## Jamaica Bay Greenway RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS



#### Jamaica Bay Greenway Connector Projects

- A. Marine Park: Ave V, Hendrickson St, E 38 St
- B. Marine Park: Flatbush Ave Ramps
- C. Canarsie: Paerdegat Ave N
- D. Canarsie Pier Connector: Seaview Ave, Shore Pkwy
- E. Starrett City Towers: Van Siclen Ave, Seaview Ave, Pennsylvania Ave

#### **Other Street Improvement Projects**

1. Gerritsen Beach: Gerritsen Ave



## Fountain Avenue Park Access

Street design at the future park entrance is challenging for pedestrians and cyclists

First phase of park development will not include off-street parking





Background

## Safety - Fountain

Fountain Avenue is a high crash corridor that ranks in the top-third of Brooklyn corridors

## The majority of drivers speed

Low traffic volumes south of Linden Blvd (400-600 vehicles during peak hour)

73% of northbound and 63% of southbound vehicles were found to be speeding April 2017

14 people were severely injuredin crashes on Fountain Avenue, including3 pedestrians 2012-2016





#### Fountain Av – Dumont Av to Seaview Av, BK Injury Summary, 2012 – 2016 (5 years)

	Total Injuries	Severe Injuries	Fatalities	KSI
Pedestrian	36	3	0	3
Bicyclists	11	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Occupant	262	11	0	11
Total	307	14	0	14

## Safety – Complete Street Redesign

Street designs that include protected bike lanes increase safety for all users

# -15% drop in crashes with injuries-21% drop in pedestrian injuries

on streets where protected bike lanes were installed 2007-2017

Data from 25 separate protected bicycle lane projects installed from 2007-2014 with 3 years of after data. Includes portions of 1 Ave, 2 Ave, 8 Ave, 9 Ave, Broadway, Columbus Ave, Hudson St, Lafayette St / 4 Ave, Sands St, Allen/Pike St, Kent Ave, Prospect Park West, Flushing Ave, Bruckner Blvd & East 163 St, Imlay St / Conover St, Paerdegat Ave. Only sections of projects that included protected bike lanes were analyzed. Source: NYPD AIS/TAMS Crash Database



#### Background

## **Proposed Fountain Avenue Safety Improvements**

## **Brownsville and East New York Community Bike Network**

- Developed through a multi-year community outreach process, including community workshops
- Initial projects implemented from 2013 to 2015
- Increased safety for all street users
- Additional outreach conducted Summer 2016 to Winter 2017

#### **Fountain Avenue Safety Improvements**

- Initial proposal presented to CB 5 TC February 2017
- Project specific community outreach carried out in coordination with CB 5 May to June 2017
- Design updated following announcement of new park opening

Quote of the Day from June Outreach: "There are a lot of trucks that pass by here, we need safer streets."



Cypress Hills Public Library, May 2017



Fountain Ave & Wortman Ave, June 2017

## **Review of Proposed Project**

## **Fountain Ave Safety Improvements**



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Sutter Ave to Linden Blvd Linden Blvd to Wortman Ave Wortman Ave to Flatlands Ave

## **Connection to Subway**

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4 Northbound: Sutter Ave and Pine St
5 Southbound: Pitkin Ave and Fountain Ave
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#### **Access to New Park**

Fountain Ave and Seaview Ave



## **Fountain Ave Safety Improvements** Sutter Ave to Linden Blvd





- **Narrow roadway** to reduce crossing distances and calm traffic
- Install curbside bike lanes protected by parked cars
- Remove four parking spaces to improve pedestrian and cyclist visibility at intersections

## Fountain Ave Safety Improvements

## Linden Blvd to Wortman Ave







- **Remove one travel lane in each** direction to calm traffic, organize the roadway, and shorten pedestrian crossing distances
- Install curbside bike lanes protected by parked cars
- **Remove 9 parking spaces** to improve pedestrian and cyclist visibility at intersections

#### **Fountain Ave Safety Improvements** Wortman Ave to Flatlands Ave





- Install a parking protected bike lane against both curbs
- Remove one travel lane in each direction, add turn bays to calm traffic
- and organize the roadway, reduce crossing distances for pedestrians
- **Remove 9 parking spaces** to improve pedestrian and cyclist visibility at intersections

## **Connection to Subway**

NB: Sutter Ave and Pine St SB: Pitkin Ave and Fountain



#### Fountain Ave & Pine St

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Parking

Lane



- Install eastbound bike lane and flush median on Sutter Ave from Fountain Ave to Pine St
- Extend Pitkin Ave bike lanes to Pine St
- Install shared lane on Fountain Ave from Pitkin Ave to Sutter Ave
- Install shared lane on Pine St from Sutter Ave to Pitkin Ave

#### Access to New Park Fountain Ave and Seaview Ave



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Add a northbound bus stop on Fountain Ave and install a bus island at the park entrance.

#### SEAVIEW AVENUE

Install two-way parking protected bike lane on Seaview Ave that connects to Erskine St greenway entrance

Install two-way parking protected bike lane that connects directly into park

FOUNTAIN AVENUE

Add pedestrian space to create gateway into park and connect to bus stop



## **THANK YOU!**



