



Hunter College Street Seat

Community Board 8 Transportation Committee
June 3, 2026



Agenda

- Street Seat Program
- Background and Outreach
- Site Context and Proposal
- Operations and Maintenance
- Next Steps

Street Seat Program



How It Works

- Request driven
- Community Board notification
- Typically installed along the curb, in the parking lane
- Varying design types
- Pedestrian space is permanent once markings are installed on asphalt (double white lines)



Benefits

- Expanded public space
- Transformation of parking spaces for people
- Optimize visibility for cars, bikes, and pedestrians
- Traffic calming
- Daylighting at corners



Background

- Placemakers of Hunter College is a student club formed to:
 - Advocate for improvements to the public realm surrounding Hunter College
 - Strengthen the bond between Hunter College and the surrounding neighborhood through the public realm
 - Envision a place people want to be that is well taken care of and safe
- We have held pop-ups to display the benefits of street seats



Hunter Placemakers Pop-Up, 2024



Hunter Placemakers Pop-Up, 2026

Why this site?

- It complements the North Building entrance plaza - which is monitored by Hunter Public Safety
- The trees on 69th St provide shade and reduce noise - making it a calm and restful environment for respite
- Street Seats will improve the aesthetics of the space with new plants & vegetation



Concept visualization for E 69th Street Seats

Outreach

- Once we identified Street Seats as a viable option and gained support from the Hunter Administration, we started outreach and gathering feedback by:
 - Distributing flyers and an online survey
 - Direct outreach to 69th Street neighbors and residential leaders
 - Engagements at pop-ups and tabling around the neighborhood
 - Presenting our proposal with a Q&A to neighbors on 69th Street

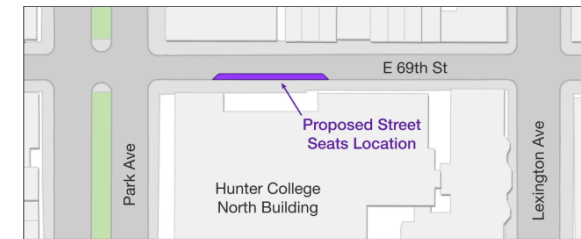
LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

We're exploring NYC DOT Street Seats for East 69th Street and **we want your input!**



What are Street Seats?
Street Seats are small public seating areas placed in the curbside lane. They are designed and approved by the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) to create safe, accessible places for people to sit, gather, and enjoy the street.

In partnership with NYC DOT and Hunter College, Placemakers of Hunter College (a graduate student-led organization) is exploring the installation of Street Seats on the south side of East 69th Street between Park and Lexington Avenues.



We'd love to hear your thoughts! To share your input:

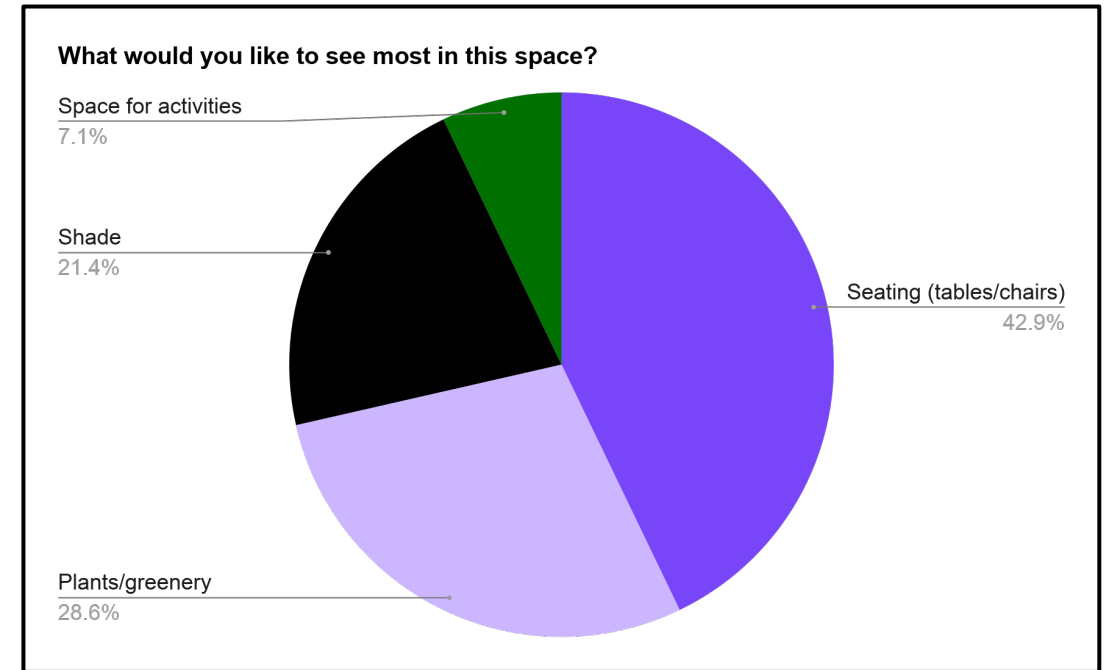
- Scan the QR code to the right to see our vision and complete a short survey.
- Attend our virtual Neighbors Q&A at 6PM on May 27, 2026. Email PlacemakersHC@gmail.com to RSVP.
- Send any additional thoughts, questions, or concerns to PlacemakersHC@gmail.com.



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Outreach Findings

- So far, we have gathered input from 80+ neighbors, students, residents, faculty, and workers
- Dozens more were engaged through pop-ups or tabling
- We are committed to ongoing engagement with local residents and supporting the Street Seat to ensure its long-term success

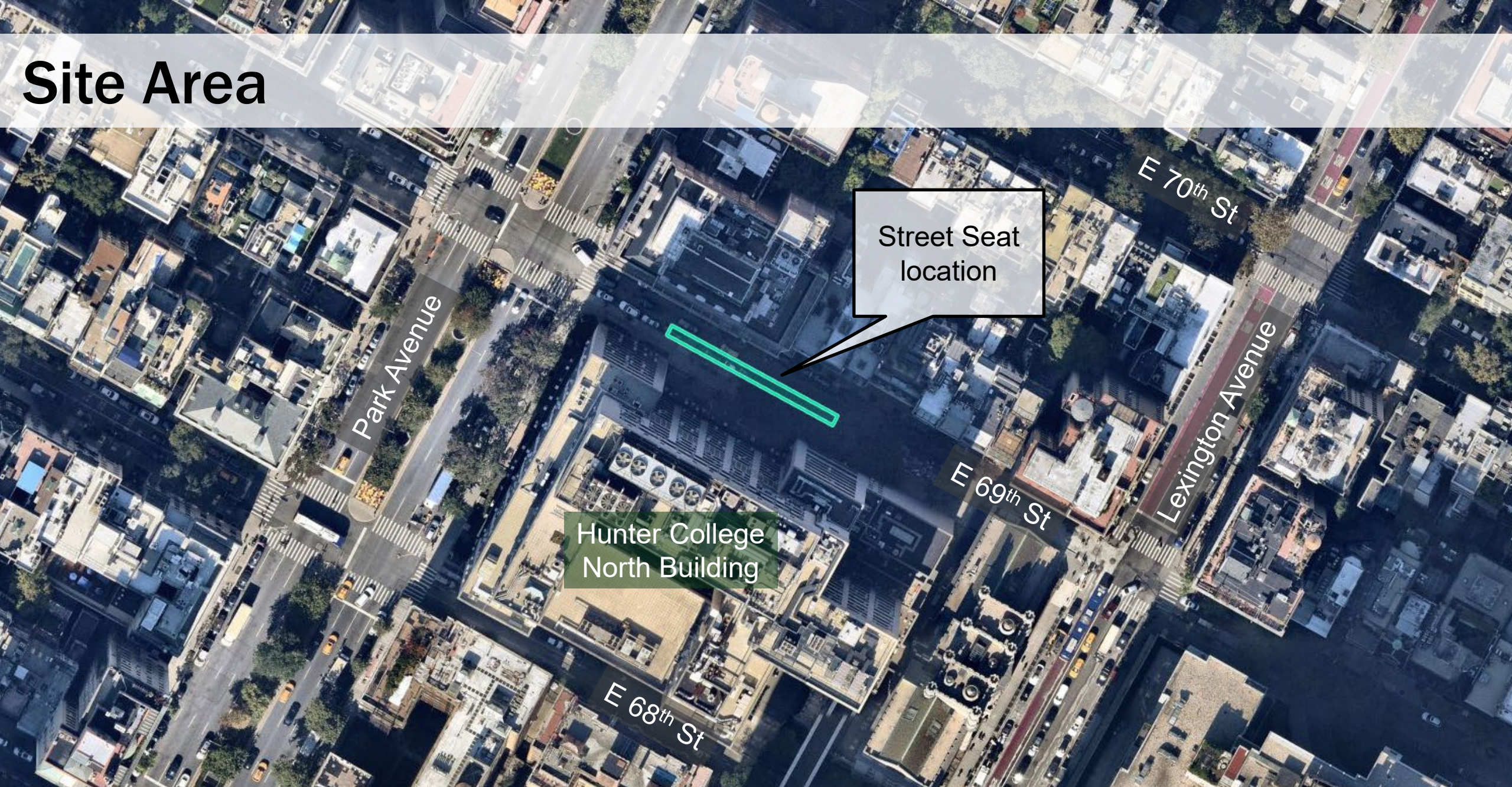


Isolated survey results from neighbors

Site Context and Proposal



Site Area



Street Seat
location

Hunter College
North Building

Existing Conditions



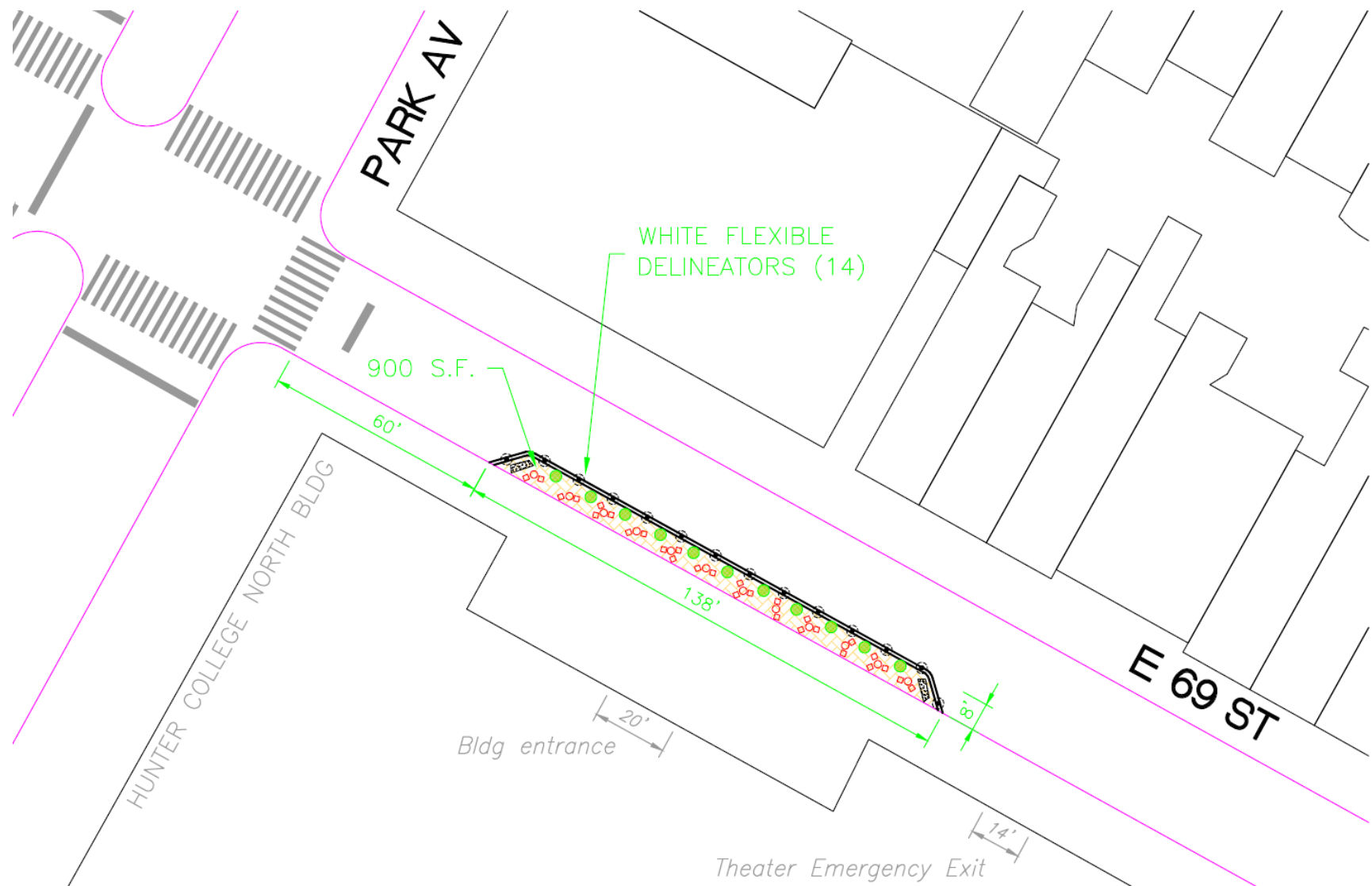
View looking west along E 69th St

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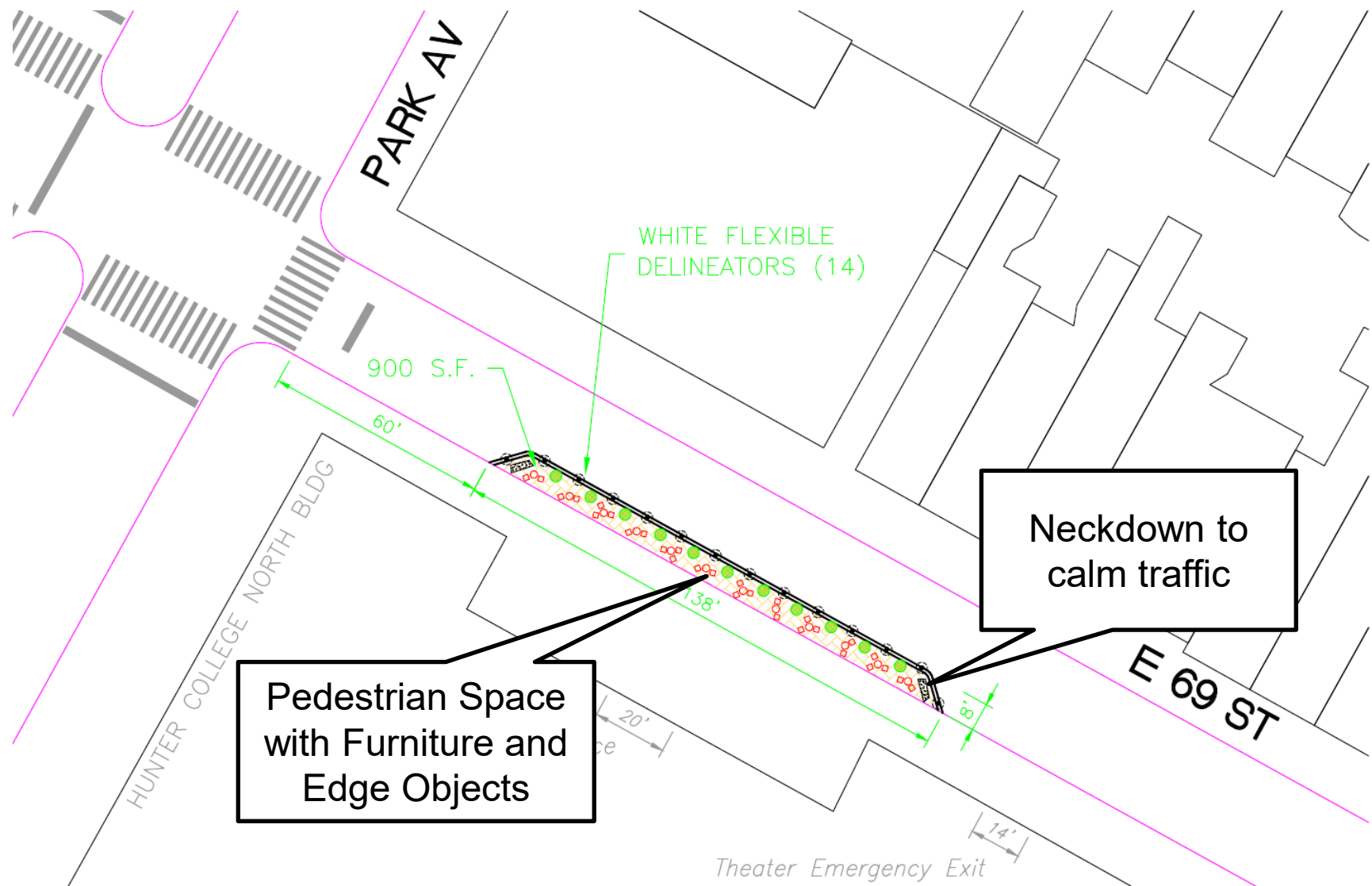


View of E 69th St outside Hunter College North Building

Project Proposal



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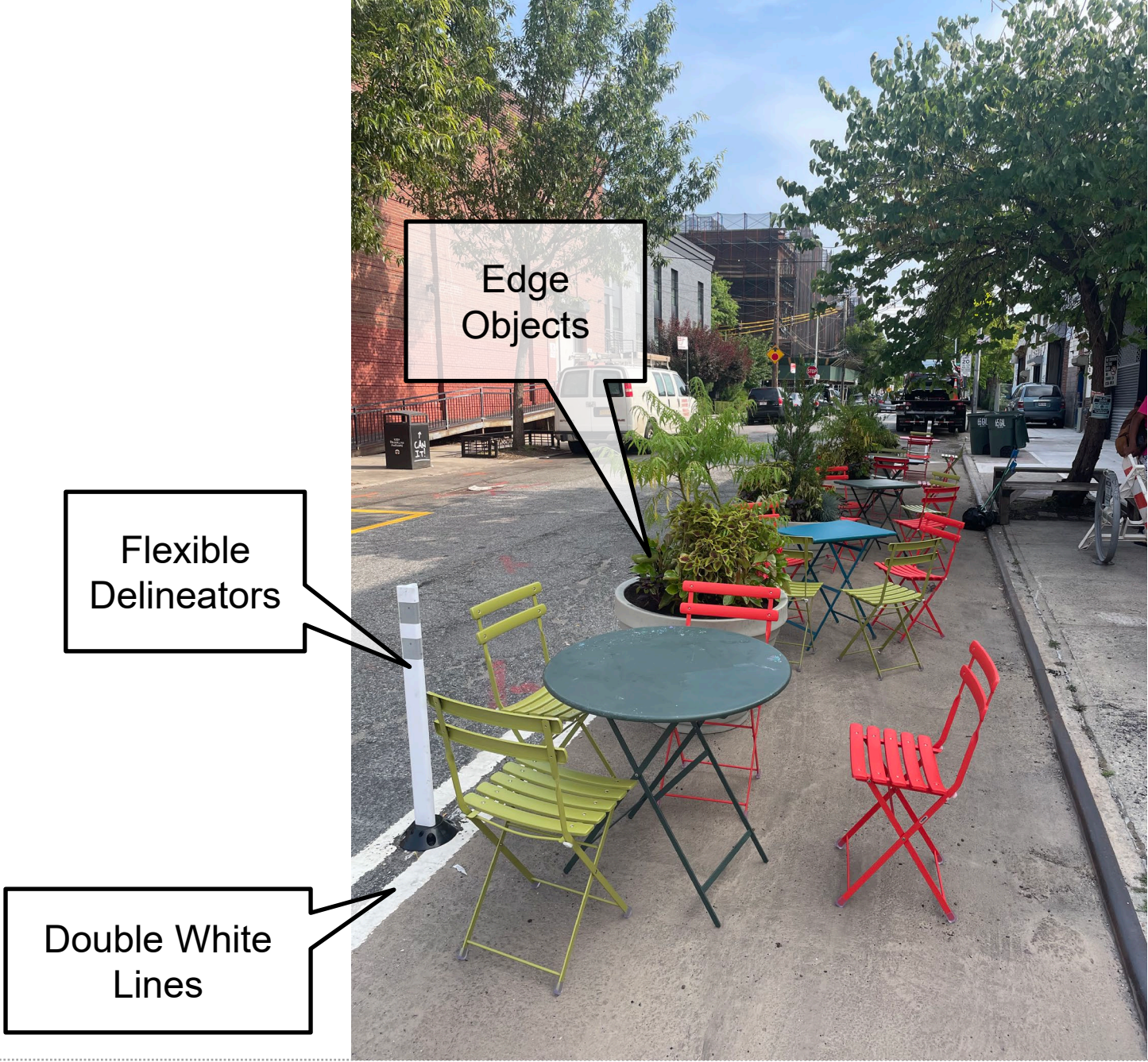
Standard Street Seat Design

- Use of epoxy gravel & other standard DOT elements
- Visually permeable edges
- Some vertical elements
- Moveable furniture



Red Hook Initiative Street Seat, Brooklyn 2024

Safety



Operations and Maintenance



Operations

- All seating open to public
- No alcohol or smoking allowed
- No commercial activity
- Moveable furniture deployed/secured by partner
- Partner responsible for maintenance via an agreement with NYC DOT



Maintenance Partner

- Hunter College will sign a maintenance agreement and be the point of contact with NYC DOT.
- Hunter College will perform daily maintenance including sweeping, litter picking, and furniture operations, as well as maintaining planters and other tasks as needed.

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Hunter Placemakers Pop-Up, 2024

Next Steps & Project Schedule

2025

Fall	Hunter Placemakers prepare Street Seat proposal, DOT coordination begins
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2026

April-May	Stakeholder Outreach, On-Street Public Outreach & Survey
June 3	CB 8 Transportation Committee Presentation
Fall	Proposed Implementation and Operations Begin

Thank You Questions?

