

## Hunts Point Ave, Randall Ave to Halleck St

Truck Route Safety Enhancements

Community Board 2



## **Hunts Point Ave, Randall Ave to Halleck St**

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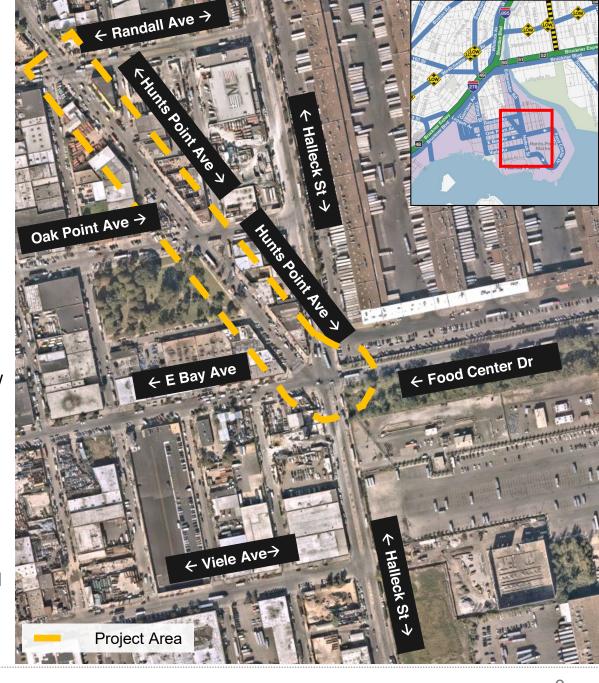


Truck route way-finding signages

## Project Location & Goals

## **Background**

- Simplify complex 5-legged intersection of Hunts Point Ave / Halleck St / Food Center Dr / East Bay Ave
- Improve signal timing at Food Center Dr, Halleck St, and E Bay Ave
- Add additional time for pedestrians to cross (LPIs) in addition to creating new crosswalks
- Provide pedestrian safety improvements including neckdowns to shorten crossing distances
- Complete the bike network by closing existing gap between Randall Ave and Food Center Dr with a 2-way protected bike connection



Background



## **Background**

### **Planning Framework**

- Delivering New York: A Smart Truck Management Plan for NYC
  - Safety: improve the safety of truck travel at intersections and along corridors
  - Sustainability: foster the sustainable and environmentally responsible movement of goods
  - Freight Efficiency: Improve the efficiency of freight movement to, from, and within NYC
  - Partnerships & Knowledge: Grow public and private partnerships to increase knowledge about freight
- NYCEDC's Hunts Point Forward Plan: A Vision for the Future
  - Comprehensive plan to create economic opportunities and improve quality of life in the Hunts Point neighborhood
- DOT's focus on daylighting 1,000 intersections each year to expand sightlines and improve safety for all road users



**Delivering New York Plan** 



**Hunts Point Forward** 

## **Freight Mobility Unit Overview**

### **Freight Toolkit**

What We Do: Reduce the impacts of trucks on communities and infrastructure while improving the efficiency of truck deliveries

#### Manage Demand



**Off-Hour Deliveries** 



Truck Safety Education,
Outreach, & Partnerships
Truck Safety and Compliance
Enforcement Coordination





**Microdistribution Hubs** 

### Enhance safety, network connectivity & curb access



Street Improvement Projects



Promote sustainable last-

mile delivery ecosystem

Truck Electrification & Decarbonization



Commercial Cargo Bike Program



Blue Highways

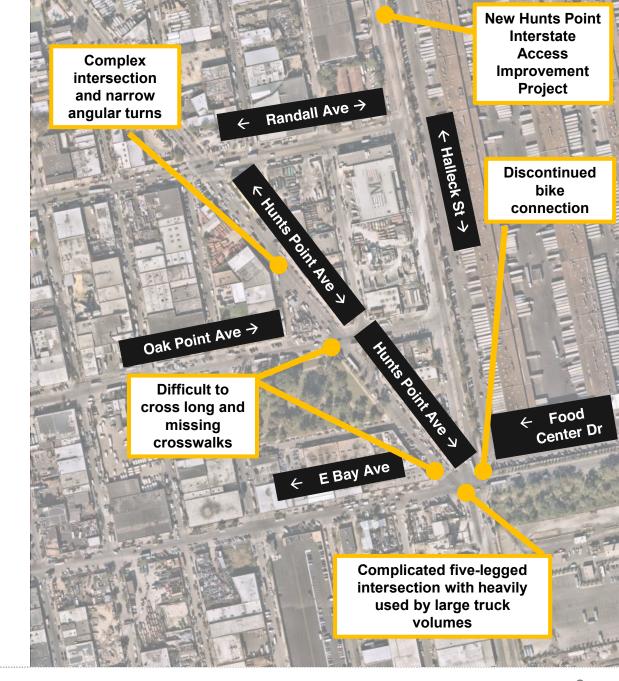
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## **Existing Conditions**

#### **Overview**

- Home to residents, warehouses, businesses, and the Hunts Point Industrial Business Zone (IBZ) including:
  - Hunts Point Food Distribution Center
  - Hunts Point Terminal Produce Market
  - New Fulton Fish Market
- The new construction of the Hunts Point Interstate Access Improvement Project now allows direct access to Hunts Point Terminal Market via Edgewater Rd
- Area receives high volumes of truck traffic with a need for safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists



## Truck Priority Safety Corridors

#### **Crash Data**

A Truck Priority Safety Corridor (TPSC) is a corridor associated with high instances of truck-involved crashes (severe and/or fatal injuries/mile). TPSCs in the project area include:

• Hunts Point Ave (Vision Zero Corridor)

	Total Injuries
Pedestrians	2
Bicyclists	1
Motor Vehicle Occupant	7
Total	10

Injuries at Food Center Dr, Halleck St Injury Summary, 2019-2023 (5 years)



### **Network Connections**

#### **Truck Route Network**

- Hunts Point Ave is a local truck route from Randall Ave to Halleck St only
- Trucks are observed traveling on Hunts Point Ave north of Randall Ave, which is not a truck route
- Trucks may use the following routes to enter the Hunts Point peninsula:
  - Edgewater Rd / Halleck St
  - Leggett Ave
  - Tiffany St



### **Bike Route Connections**

### **Existing Bike Network**

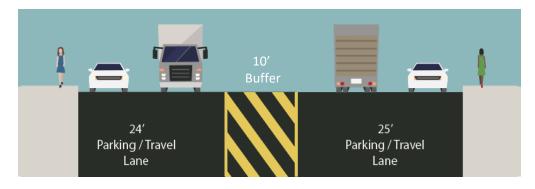
- Existing bike connections have gaps within the network
- In addition to the Greenway Expansion initiative, this project creates a well-connected bike network to provide access to the markets and waterfront
- Links Hunts Point Landing and Food Center Drive protected path with the rest of the bike network



# **Existing Conditions on Hunts Point Ave** (Randall Ave to Oak Point Ave)

### Industrial corridor actively used by trucks, cars, pedestrians, and cyclists

- Wide two-way truck route, worn out street markings
- Illegal parking on sidewalks, in channelization, double parked trucks
- No dedicated space for cyclists
- Lack of crosswalks for pedestrians

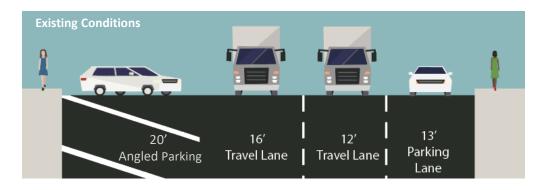




# Existing Conditions on Hunts Point Ave (Oak Point Ave to Halleck St)

### Industrial corridor actively used by trucks, cars, pedestrians, and cyclists

- Very wide one-way truck route southbound, worn-out street markings
- Illegal parking on sidewalks, in channelization, double parked trucks
- No dedicated space for cyclists
- Lack of crosswalks for pedestrians, complex intersection





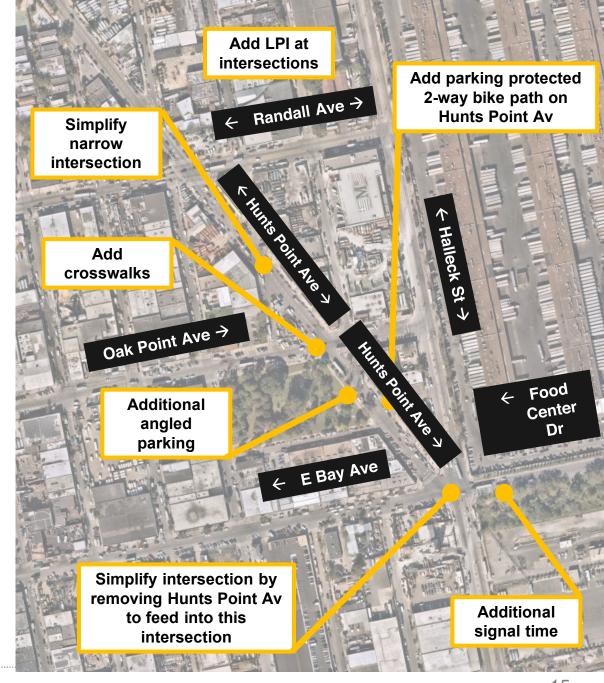
Proposal



## Planned Improvements

#### **Plan Overview**

- Reduce vehicle conflict points
- Add pedestrian and cyclist safety improvements with shortened crossings and new pedestrian signals
- Create a bike connection from Food Center Dr to Randall Ave
- Signal retiming to allow intersection to process more vehicles from Food Center Dr
- Addition of LPIs at multiple intersections to allow pedestrians more time to cross
- Net gain of +11 parking spots



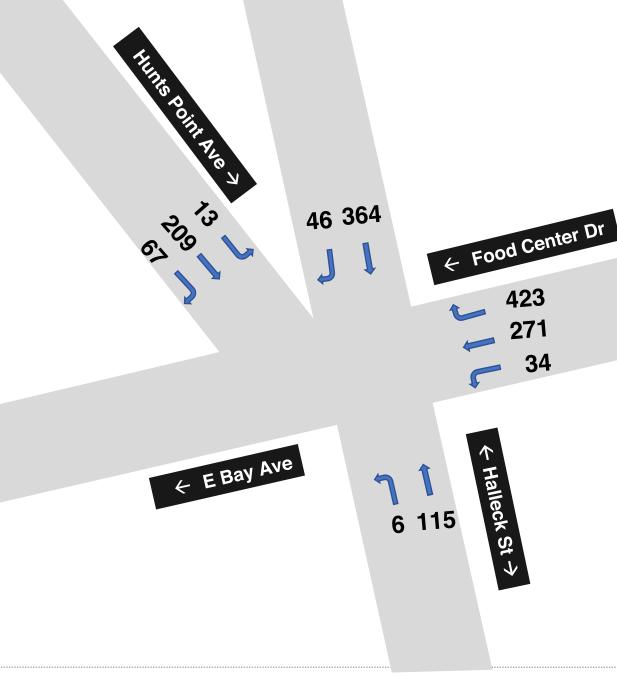
## **Existing Peak Conditions**

#### **Peak Hour Traffic Counts**

- AM peak 5:30 6:30 AM
   PM peak 1:30 2:30 PM
- During the AM peak, over 1500 vehicles are processed by the 5-legged intersection
- Approximately 40% of vehicles pass through the intersection during the AM peak are trucks (35% in the PM peak)



Illegal parking at 5-legged intersection



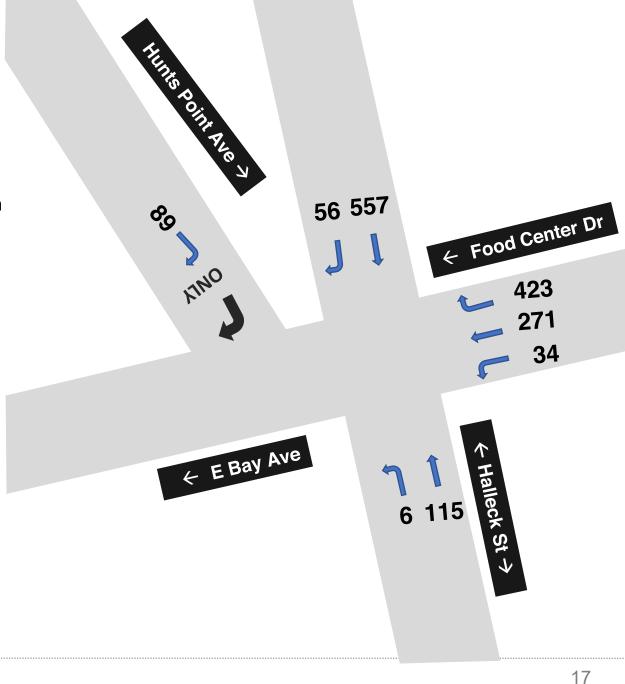
## Proposed Peak Conditions

#### **AM Peak Hour**

- Streamline traffic traveling to Food Center Dr to use Halleck St through updated truck wayfinding signs
- Traffic on Hunts Point Ave to turn right onto E Bay Ave
- Adding additional green time for vehicles traveling out of Food Center Dr to accommodate the heavy vehicle flow
- LPI for pedestrians crossing Halleck St at Food Center Dr



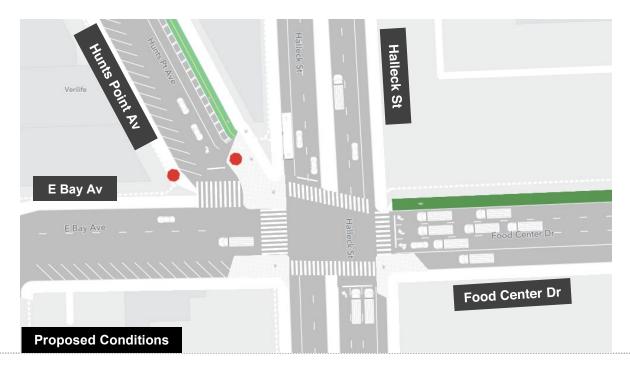
Reroutes alternatives to Halleck St



## Proposal Hunts Point Ave at Halleck St, East Bay Ave, and Food Center Dr

#### **Safer Intersection**

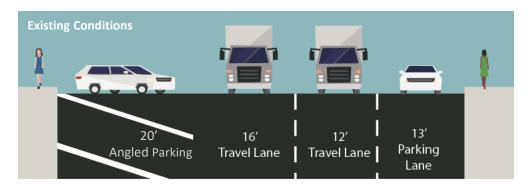
- New right-turn only from Hunts Point Ave to East Bay Ave
- New painted neckdowns at SE corner on Halleck St, SW corner on East Bay Ave
- New large painted pedestrian space at Hunts Point Ave and Halleck St
- Shorten crossing from Hunts Point Ave to East Bay Ave
- Signal retiming to allow intersection to process more vehicles

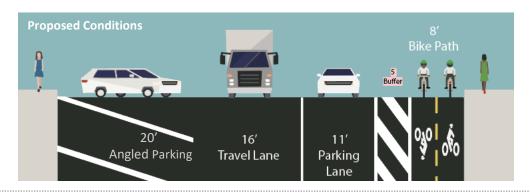


## Proposal Hunts Point Ave (Oak Point Ave to Halleck St)

#### Parking-Protected Two-Way Bike Lane

- Two-way parking protected bike lane on the east side of Hunts Point Ave
- New crosswalks at intersections make it safer for pedestrians to cross
- Add +11 angled parking from Drake Park S to Oak Point Ave





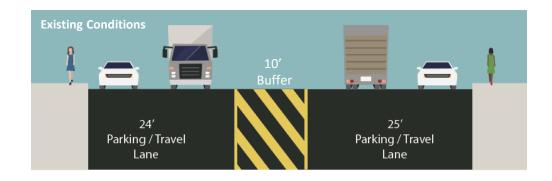


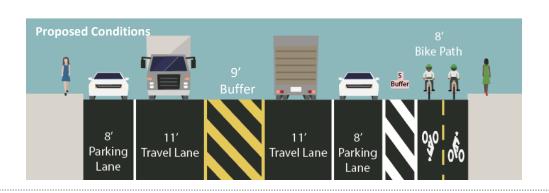
Facing north at Hunts Point Ave and Halleck St

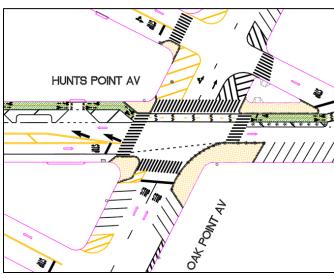
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### Parking-Protected Two-Way Bike Lane

- Two-way parking protected bike lane on the east side of Hunts Point Ave
- Safer design for the intersection of Whittier St and Hunts Point Av
- New crosswalks and curb extensions at intersections make it safer for pedestrians to cross





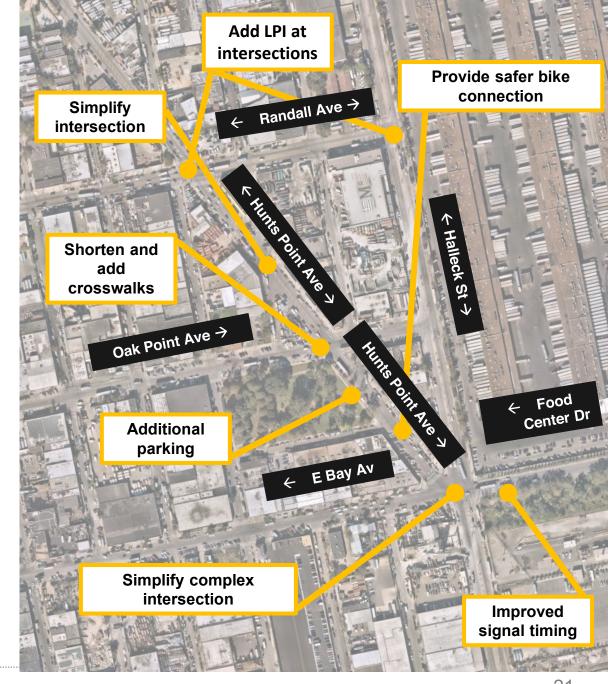


Safety improvements at the intersection of Hunts Point Ave and Oak Point Ave

# Summary of Improvements

#### **Plan Overview**

- Reduce vehicle conflict points
- Improve traffic flow at key intersections
- Shorten crossing distances for pedestrian safety
- Provide protected bike lanes for cyclist safety
- · Provide additional parking
- Develop and update truck wayfinding signage in the area to give trucks an advanced notice to use to Halleck St



**Next Steps** 



## **Next Steps**

#### **Timeline**

**Early Spring 2024:** Planned implementation

**Summer - Fall 2024:** Continuation of implementation and post-implementation monitoring

#### Safety

 Promote safety for all road users via street design through a phased approach

#### Communication

Follow-up and address issues and/or concerns identified by local stakeholders

#### **Continued Monitoring**

 Continue to monitor conditions as implementation takes place



Traffic on Food Center Drive viewed from East Bay Ave

## **Thank You!**

Questions?











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## **Importance of Hunts Point IBZ**

### **Stability in Demand**

- The Hunts Point IBZ (Industrial Business Zone) moves the second highest volume of goods in NYC, after JFK
- While other IBZs saw large decreases in truck trips due to the global pandemic, those supplying food products (like Hunts Point) were relatively stable as it provides an essential service

