



Jamaica & South Jamaica Implementation Plan

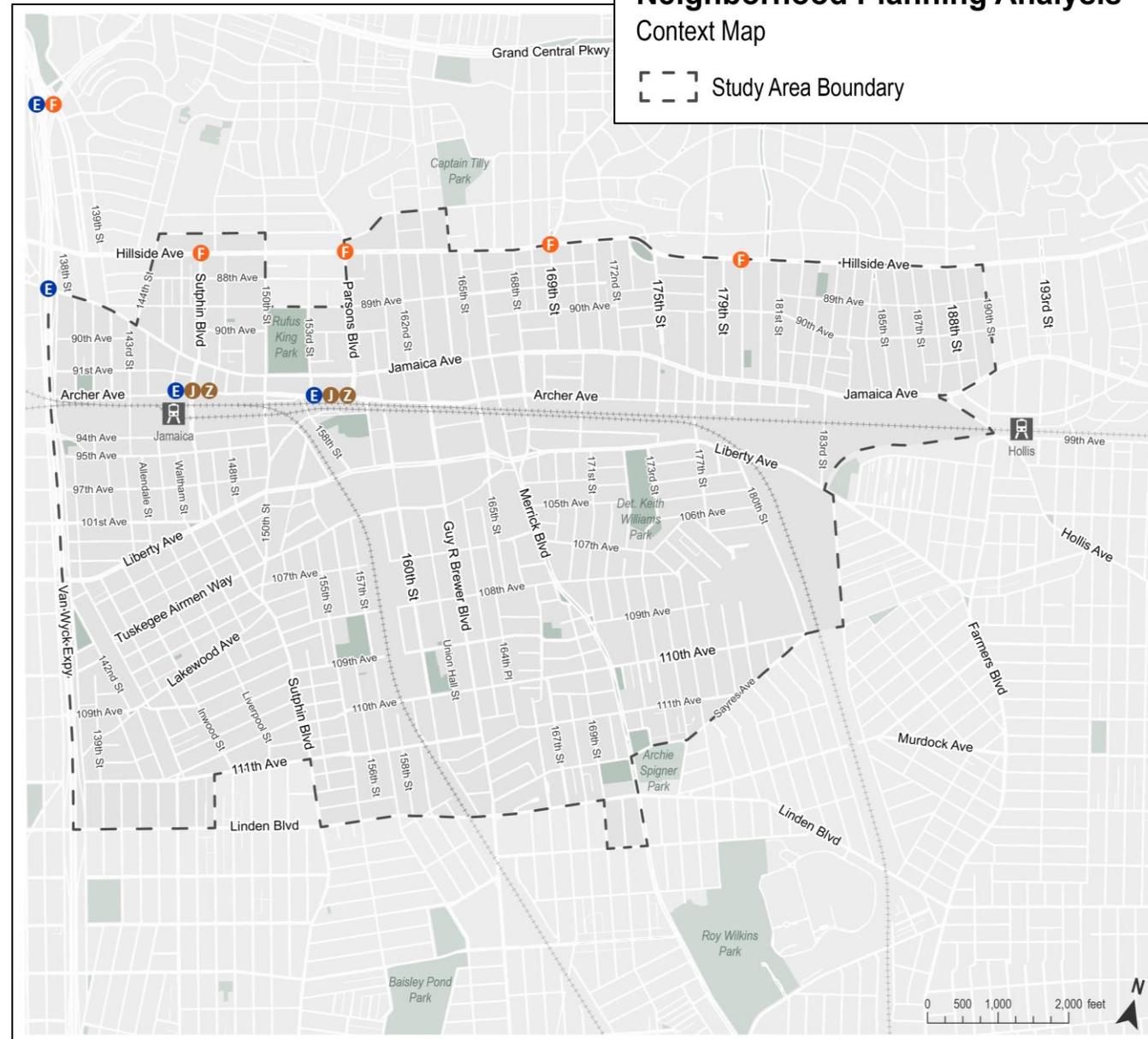
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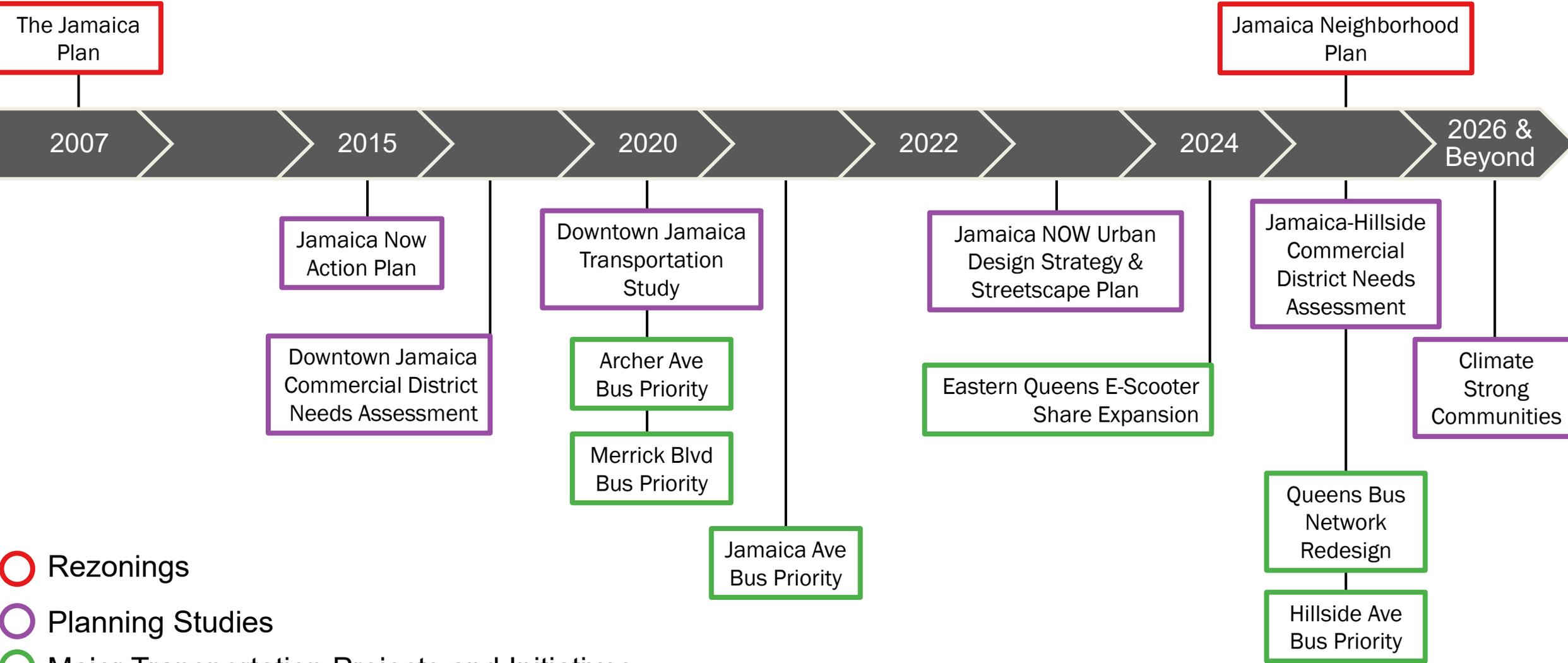
Planning Context

Why We're Here

- Jamaica is a major cultural, economic, and transportation center for Queens and NYC
- Over the past decade, there have been multiple planning efforts and initiatives to improve transportation and quality of life in the neighborhood
- As part of the [Jamaica Neighborhood Plan Rezoning](#), DOT identified the need to develop a comprehensive implementation plan of [near- and long-term improvements](#) that address transportation needs for the whole neighborhood



Timeline



- Rezonings
- Planning Studies
- Major Transportation Projects and Initiatives

Recent Investments

Transportation Improvements in the Last Year (Community Board 12)



11 Accessible Pedestrian Signals installed

24 lane miles of roadway resurfaced

93 Stop Signs installed

Accessibility upgrades at 444 pedestrian ramps

Recently Completed Projects (Past 5 Years)

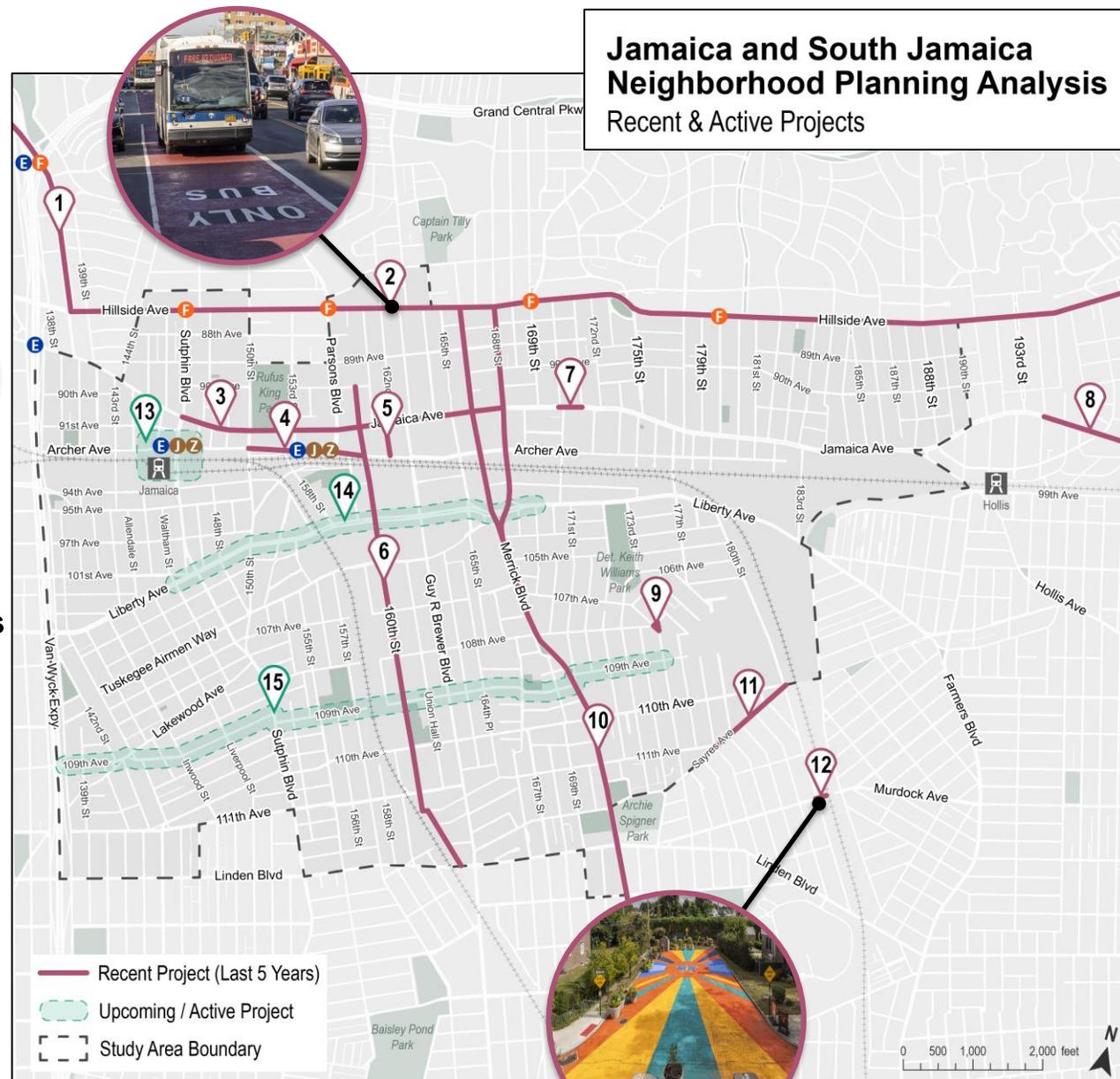
- 1** Queens Blvd Safety Improvements
- 2** Hillside Ave Bus Priority
- 3** Jamaica Ave Busway
- 4** Archer Ave Bus Priority
- 5** Jamaica Ave Public Realm Improvements
- 6** 160th St Calm Corridor
- 7** Jamaica Ave & 170th St & 171st St Raised Crosswalks
- 8** Jamaica Ave Safety Improvements
- 9** Wren Pl, 108th Ave and 175th St Safety Improvements
- 10** Merrick Blvd Bus Priority
- 11** Sayres Ave Safety Improvements
- 12** Murdock Ave Plaza

Active & Upcoming Projects

- 13** Station Plaza
- 14** Liberty Ave Safety Improvements
- 15** 109th Ave Calm Corridor

Jamaica and South Jamaica Neighborhood Planning Analysis

Recent & Active Projects



Recent Planning Efforts

Jamaica NOW Streetscape Plan

- As a follow up to the Jamaica NOW Action Plan, DOT developed the Jamaica NOW Streetscape Plan with proposals for five project locations in Downtown Jamaica

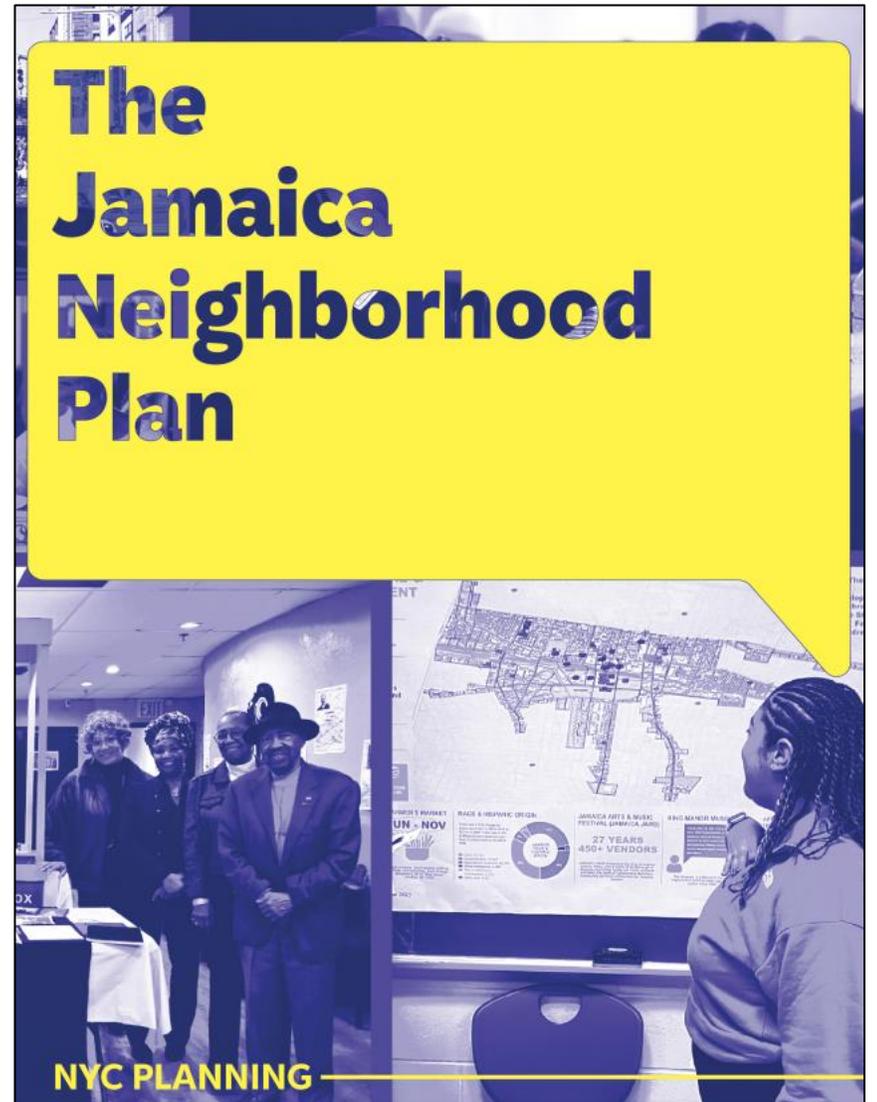


| Focus Area | Project Status |
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| B – Parsons Blvd Downtown Jamaica Gateway | Completed in 2023 |
| A & C – Jamaica Ave Streetscape and Pedestrian Improvements | In preliminary design |
| D – Archer Ave Teardrop Space | DOT requested capital funding |
| E – York College EI-Space at Archer Ave | Led by York College |

Recent Planning Efforts

Jamaica Neighborhood Plan

- Recently approved rezoning to deliver nearly 12,000 new homes and \$413 million in new investments including funding for transportation and public space improvements
- To support the neighborhood, DOT is conducting an area-wide **traffic study** to better understand recent changes in traffic patterns
- DOT is developing an **implementation plan** of near- and long-term projects to address key transportation issues



Read more about the [Jamaica Plan](#)

Neighborhood Traffic Study

Overview

- DOT is looking to conduct a holistic study of traffic patterns in Jamaica and how they have changed since the COVID-19 pandemic and the implementation of recent bus priority projects
- DOT will coordinate with the community and local elected officials to develop the scope of the study



Implementation Plan

Overview

- Review past planning efforts and community identified priorities
- Identify areas in the neighborhood where DOT has not invested as much in
- Identify locations where DOT can partner with community institutions, BIDs, schools, city agencies and other organizations to deliver comprehensive benefits
- Work with the community and local stakeholders to identify priority projects for the near- and long-term



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Community Priorities

- Over the past summer, DOT attended pop-up engagement events to learn about community priorities
- 8/23 – 109th Ave Open Street
- 9/13 – Bike the Block on 89th Ave
- Community priorities we heard
 - Make streets safer to walk and bike
 - Add more public seating and shade
 - Make it easier to get to and from the bus stop or subway station
 - Make the buses faster and on-time
 - Add more public spaces
 - Better manage heavy truck traffic



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Online Survey

- DOT is also collecting community feedback on key issues and priorities through an online survey
- Already have over 250 responses!
- Initial responses show support for pedestrian, bus and bike improvements
- Survey will remain open until **April 30th**



Scan QR code for survey or visit
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/1X34iHiHiv>

What we've heard so far...

"I'd like to see 165th St used in a more productive and community-oriented way"

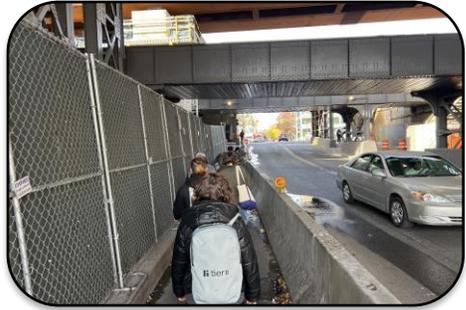
"More bus stops with shelter"

"There's too many cars on residential streets"

"Truck deliveries should be staggered"

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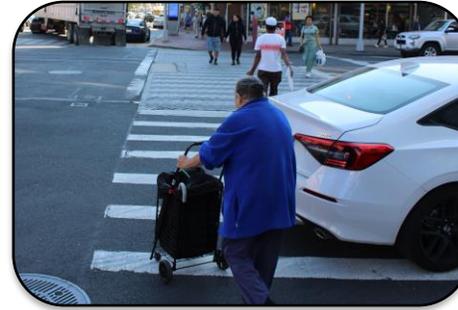
Challenges We've Heard So Far



**Uncomfortable Connections
Under the LIRR**



**Difficult to Access Parks &
Lack of Open Space**



**Difficult to Cross the Street at
Busy Intersections**



Slow & Unreliable Buses



Lack of Safe Streets to Bike



**Traffic Congestion &
Double Parking Issues**



**Stormwater Flooding
Challenges**



**Air Quality and Heavy Truck
Traffic Concerns**

Neighborhood Goals

↔ Cross Neighborhood Connections

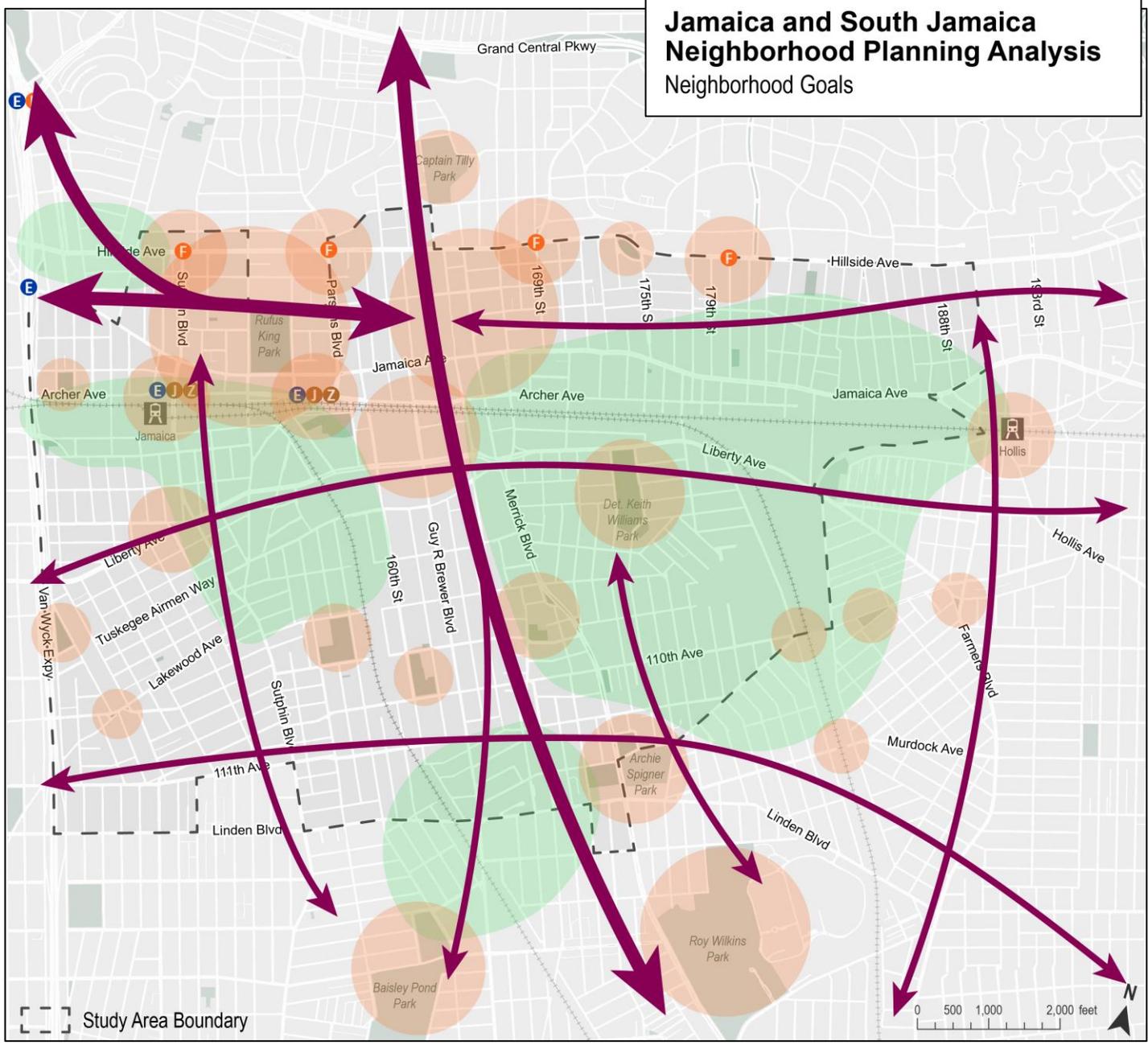
- Improve safety and comfort for people to walk, bike, drive or take the bus across Jamaica and South Jamaica

○ Access to Key Destinations

- Improve access for people to key neighborhood destinations such as schools, parks and public space, grocery stores, and subway stations

● Promote Public Health & Resiliency

- Improve air quality, add more shade, and reduce the impact of flooding



What We Do: NYC DOT Toolkit



Public Plaza



Open Streets



Programming



Street Seats



Expanded Sidewalks



Shared Streets



Bike Connections



Bus Infrastructure



Signals and Stop Signs



Loading Access



Delivery Management



Street Furniture

Near-Term Improvements

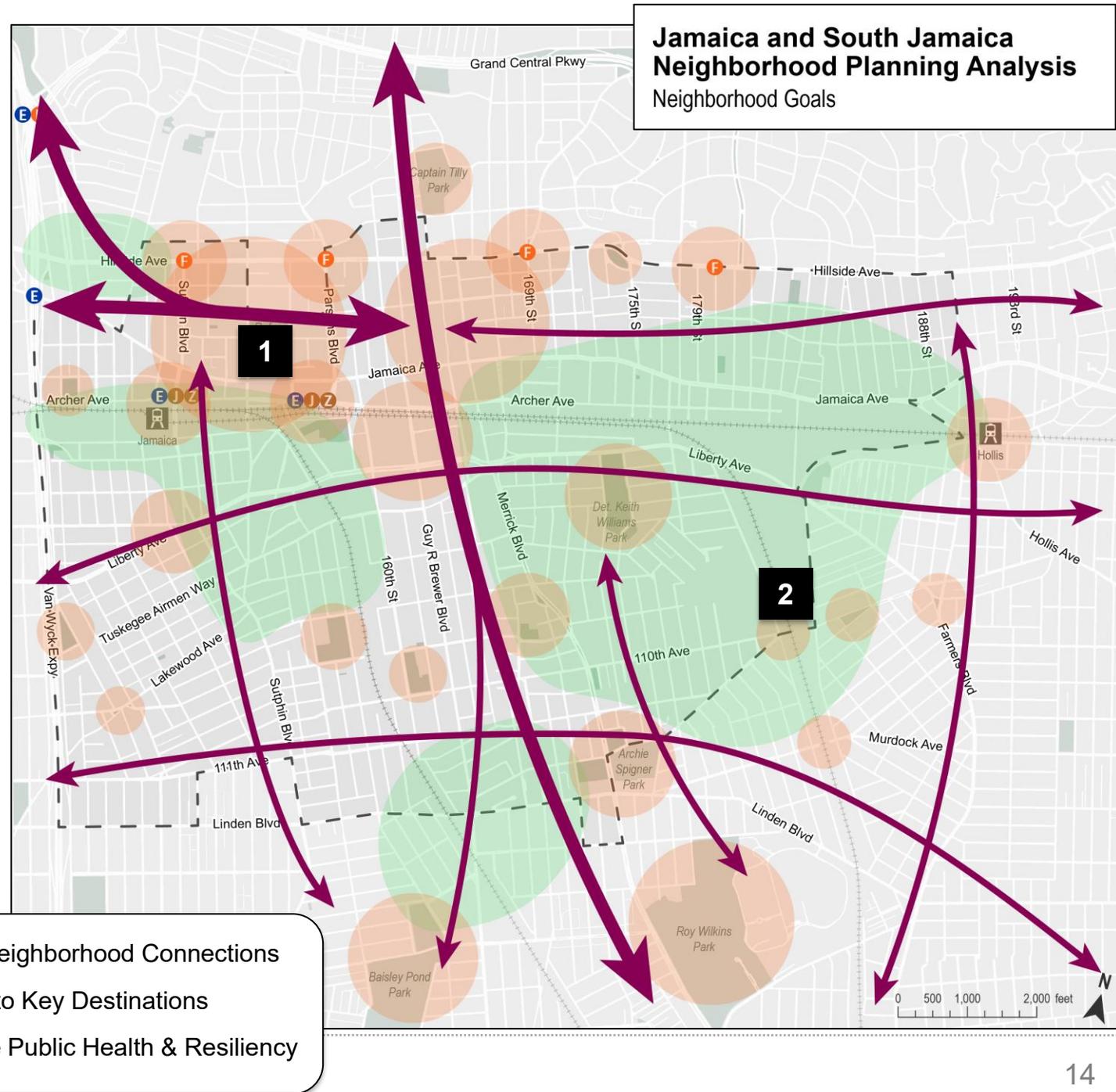
Upcoming Planned Street Improvement Projects

1. Rufus King Park

- Improve pedestrian safety and access to the park

2. 110th Ave and 180th St

- Expand public space and create a safer and more comfortable intersection for all road users

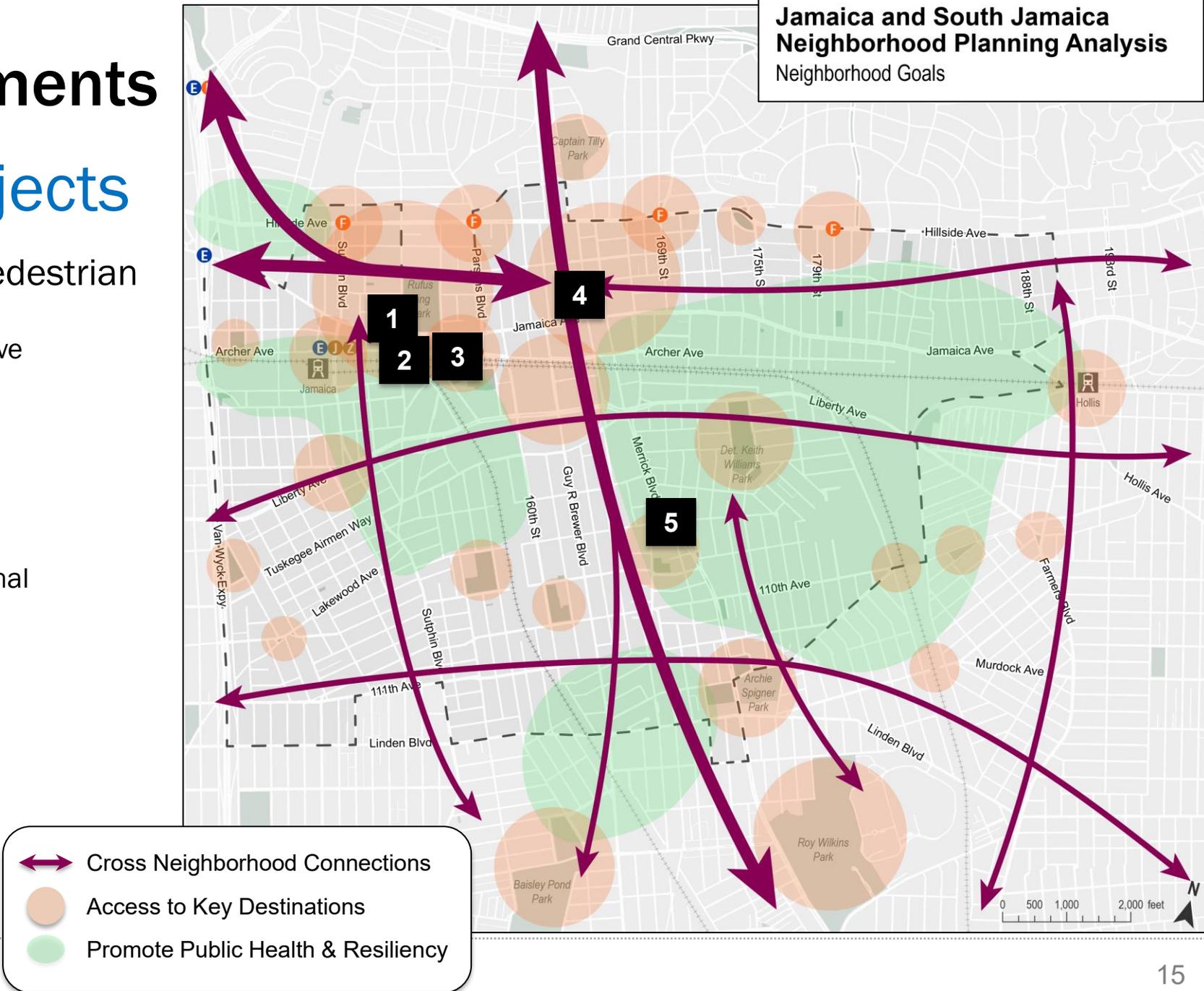


Long-Term Improvements

Potential Capital Projects

1. Jamaica Ave Streetscape and Pedestrian Improvements
 - Sidewalk improvements on Jamaica Ave
2. Archer Ave Teardrop Space
 - Improving public space
3. Archer Ave Bus Terminal Canopy
 - Improving conditions at the bus terminal
4. 165th St
 - Improve the corridor
5. Merrick Blvd
 - Improve pedestrian safety and transit

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Neighborhood Goals



Next Steps & Project Schedule

2026

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| Winter | Community Board Presentation – Introduction & Feedback |
| Spring - Summer | Presentations on Near-Term Projects Project Implementation Continued Stakeholder Outreach on Potential Future Projects |

2027 & Beyond

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| Fall | Community Board Presentation – Check-in & Updates on On-going and potential future projects |
| Ongoing | Long Term Project Development & Implementation |

Thank you!

Feedback and Questions

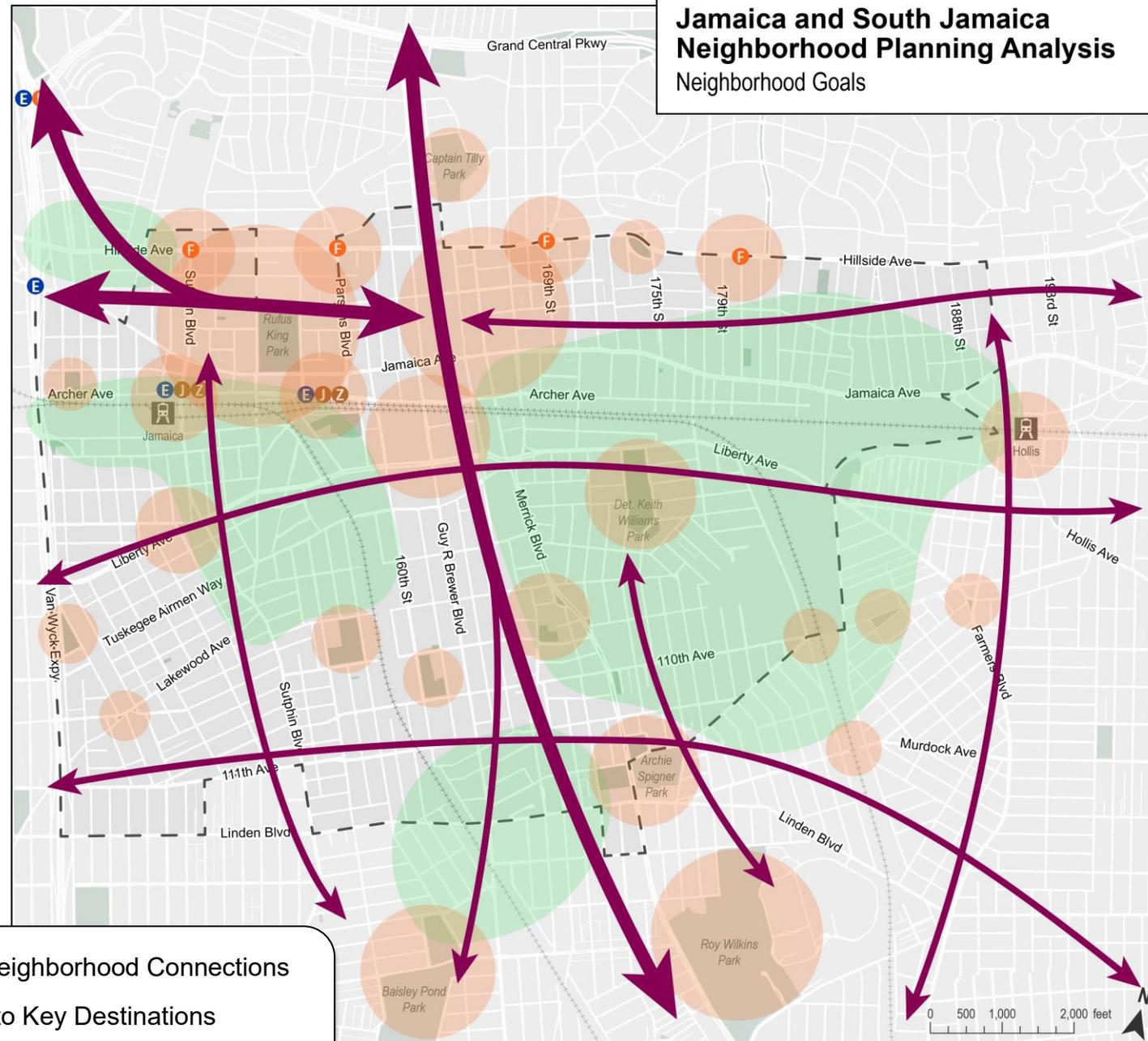
- Do the identified challenges and goals align with your experience in the neighborhood?
- Is there anything missing?
- Which challenges or locations are a key priority?

Feel free to share additional feedback by taking the survey or contacting the Queens Borough Commissioner's Office



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Jamaica and South Jamaica Neighborhood Planning Analysis Neighborhood Goals



- ↔ Cross Neighborhood Connections
- Access to Key Destinations
- Promote Public Health & Resiliency