



# Jennings St Open Street Upgrade

May 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Community Board 3





# Public Realm Feedback



Open Streets



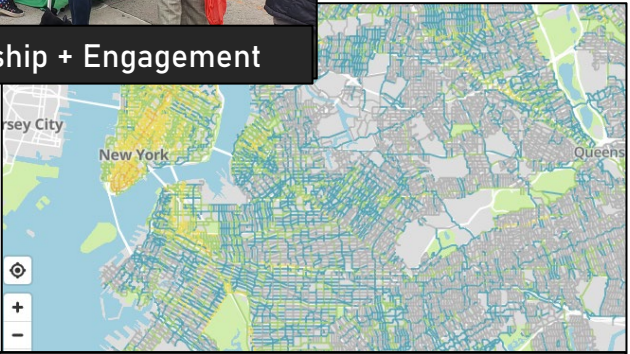
Crossings + Intersections



Dynamic Curb + Corridor Strategies



Community Partnership + Engagement



Comprehensive Planning + Policy



Equity Focused Maintenance



Premier Public Spaces



Programming + Concessions

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## Project Background

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# Site Context

Lack of accessible public space






Proximate to:

P186X Walter J. Damrosch School

Community School 134

● Greater Mt Hermon Baptist Church

● Iglesia Alianza Cristiana y Misionera Vida

-  Vision Zero Priority Corridor
-  Subway
-  Bus Routes
-  Bike Lane
-  Project Area





# Safety

Long crossing distances across project Ave, a Vision Zero – Priority Corridor

## Jennings St, Union Ave to Bristow Street Injury Summary, 2019-2023 (5 years)

	Total Injuries	Severe Injuries	Fatalities	KSI*
Pedestrian	2	0	0	0
Bicyclist	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Occupant	2	0	0	0
Other Motorized	0	0	0	0
Total	4	0	0	0

\*killed or severely injured





# Efforts to Date

- NYC Open Streets Emergency Response Program: May 2020 to May 2021
- NYC Permanent Open Streets Program: May 2021 to present
- 2021 Jennings Street becomes an Open Street
- 2023 – Ongoing: DOT meetings with community stakeholders
- 2024, March – Community Survey  
Themes we heard:
  - More seating
  - Continued programming
  - Asphalt Art



Image: Jennings St Open Street, Bike the Block event 2024



Image: Conducting community survey – March 2024

Illustration: Student rendering of possible Asphalt Art designs





# How Open Streets Work



## Limited Local Access

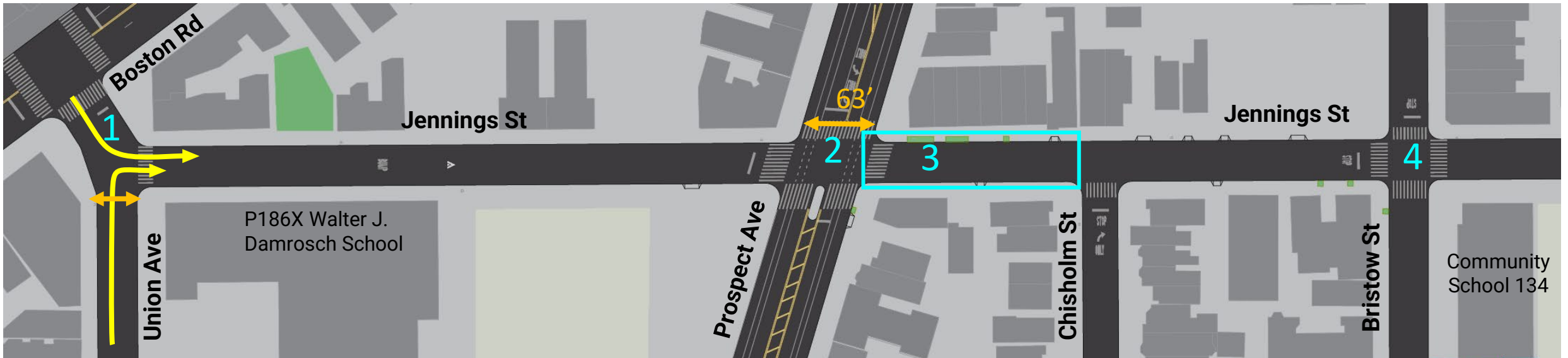
- Street designated for pedestrian and cyclist use and enjoyment
- Local vehicle access permitted for limited use
- No through traffic
- Parking remains (must follow ASP regs)
- Pick ups, drop offs, and loading still permitted
- Emergency access at all times

# Existing Conditions

1. Soft geometries facilitates highspeed vehicle movement

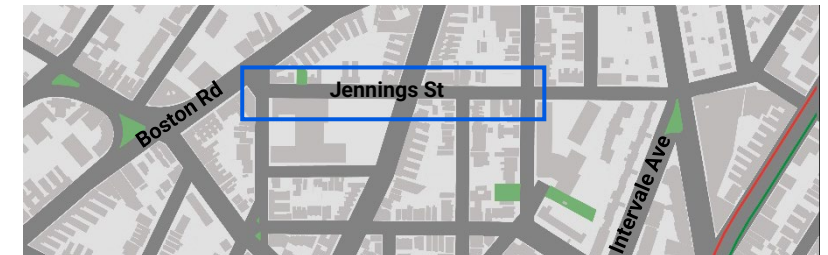
2. Long crossing distances across Prospect Ave

4. Lack of visibility at crossings



## 3. Jennings St Open Street

- Partnership with Caldwell Enrichment Programs
- Prospect Ave to Chisholm St
- June – October (daily, except Sunday)
- Noon – 7pm





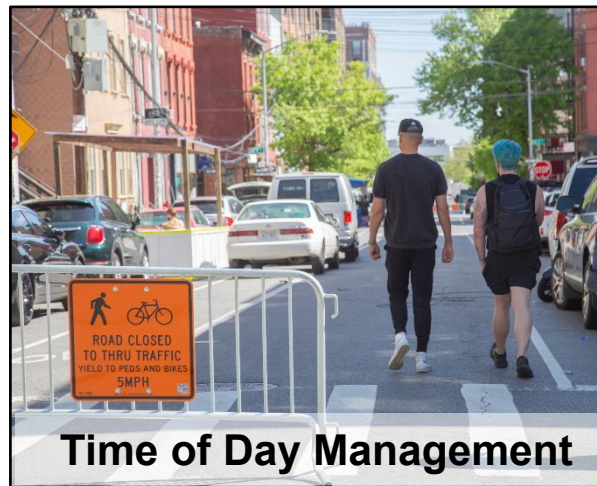
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Proposal

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# Toolkit





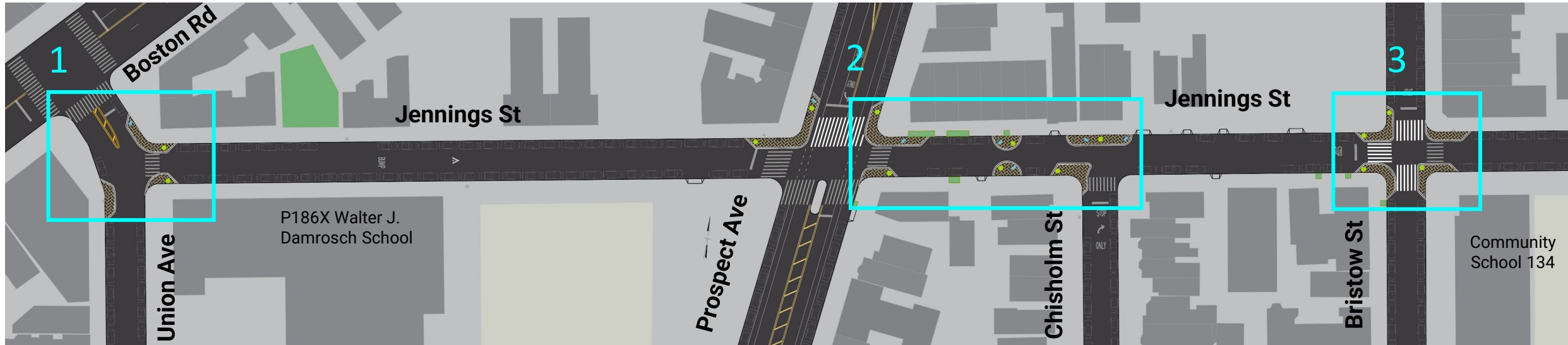
# Proposal

1. Painted curb extensions to create shorter, safer crossing including to P186X.

2. Open Street gateway treatment: Painted neckdowns, Shared Street signage & dedicated space for storing Open Street Materials including gates.

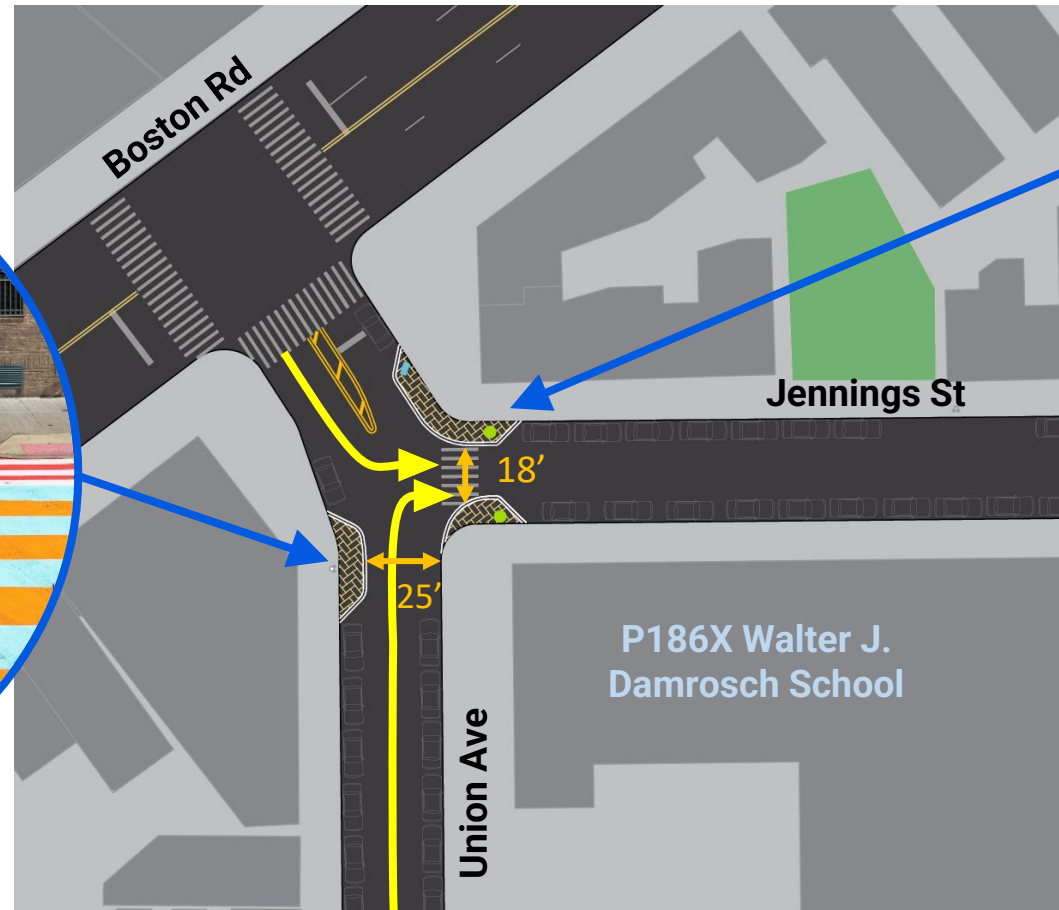
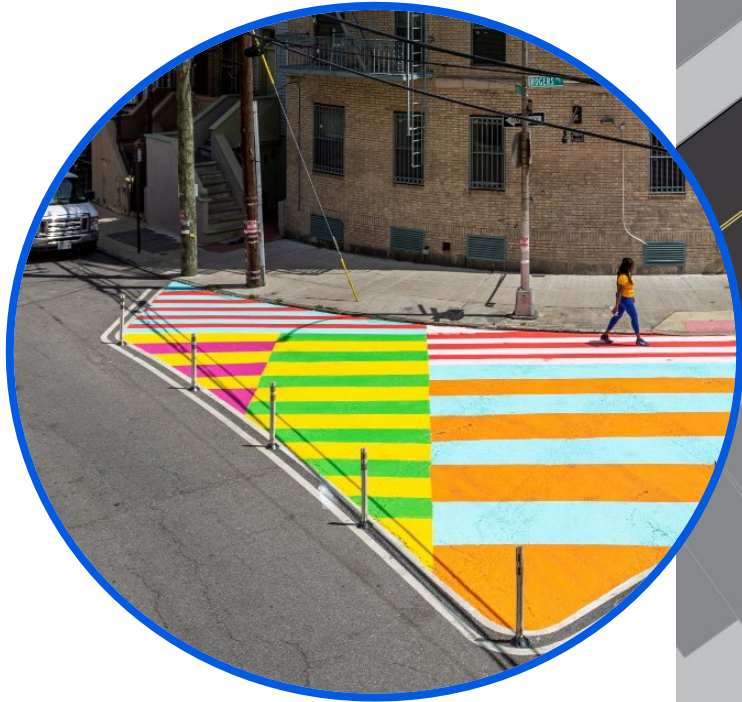
'Hug' traffic calming

3. Neckdowns to create safer, shorter pedestrian crossings including to Community School 134





# Proposal: Union Ave at Jennings St



- Painted curb extensions to create shorter, safer crossing including to P186X
- Painted curb extensions slow vehicles turning onto Jennings St
- Asphalt Art and edge objects: Flexible delineators, planters, granite blocks

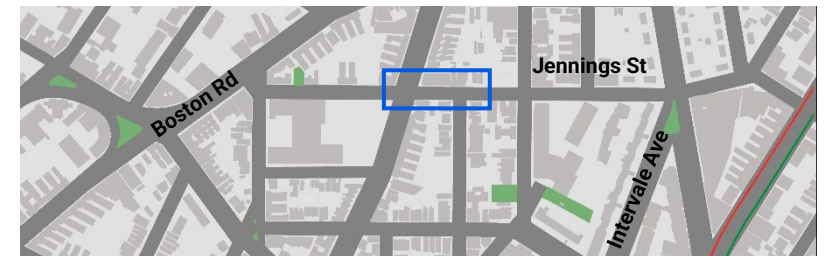




# Proposal: Prospect Ave to Chisholm St

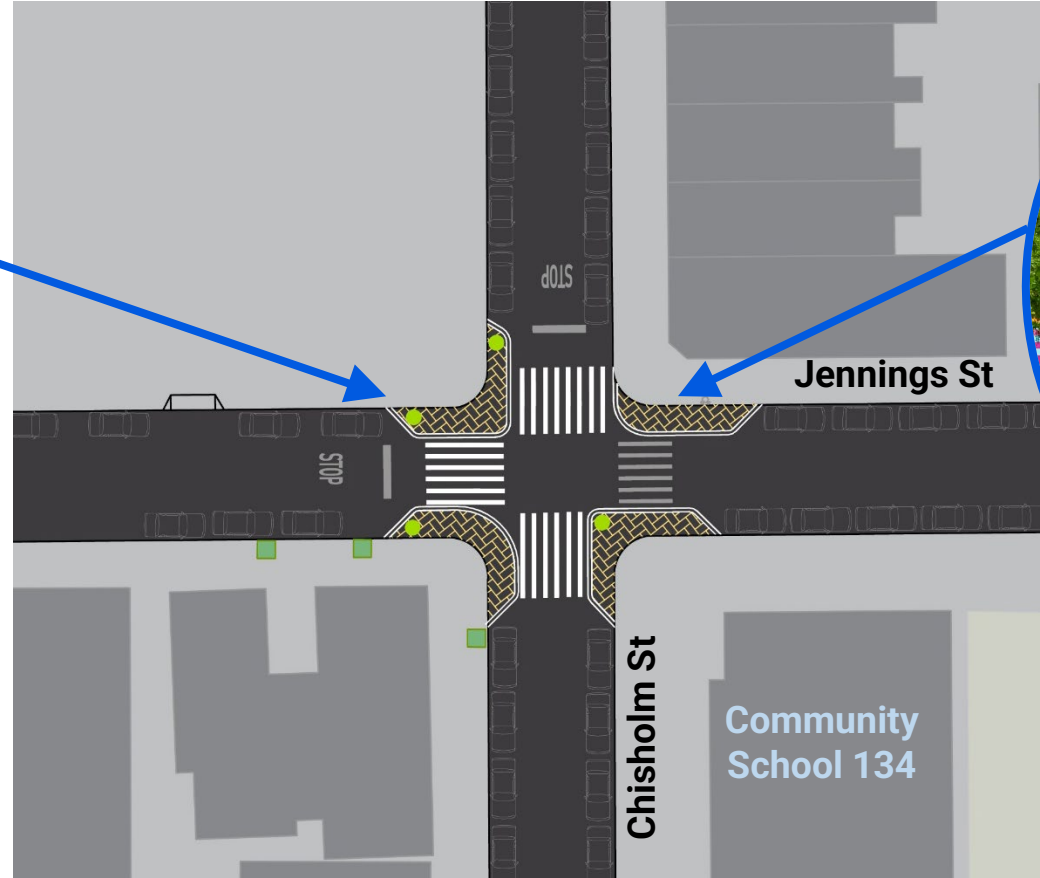


- Painted curb extensions for shorter, safer crossings
- Asphalt Art & edge objects: Flexible delineators, planters, granite blocks
- Open Street gateway treatment: Painted neckdowns, Shared Street signage
- 'Hug' traffic calming
- 'Top of the T' painted curb extension

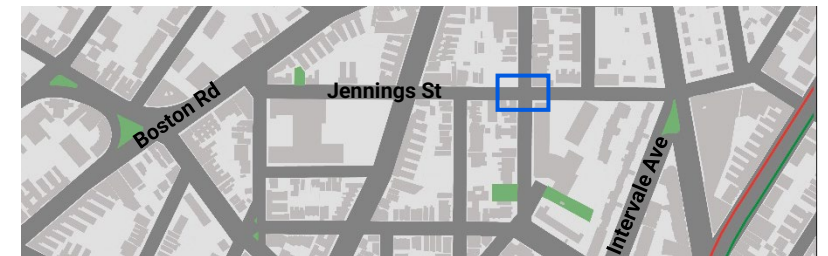




# Proposal: Jennings St at Chisholm St



- Painted curb extensions to create shorter, safer crossing including to Community School 134
- Asphalt Art and edge objects: Flexible delineators, Planters, granite blocks



# Timeline

- **June 2024**  
Continued community outreach  
  
Asphalt Art artist selected, and design developed
- **Summer 2024**  
Implementation
- **2025**  
Project evaluation





# Thank You Questions?



Image: Jennings St Open Street, Bike the Block event 2024



# Appendix Project Area

## Key Facts



**9%** of Residents  
are Older  
Adults



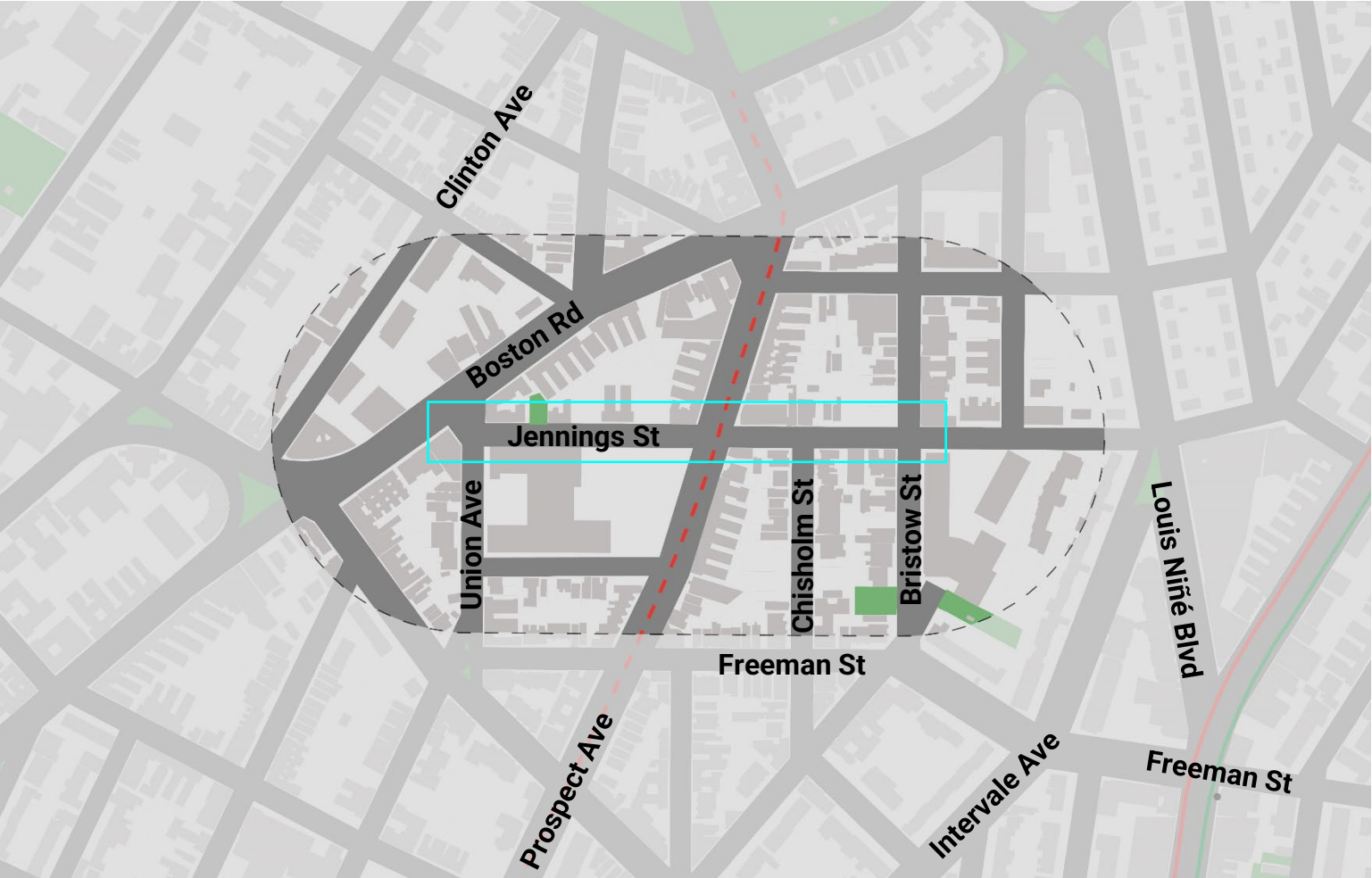
**32%** of  
Residents are  
Low Income



**28%** of Residents  
have Limited English  
Proficiency



**47%** of  
Workers Live in  
Households with  
No Vehicle



Project Area



10-Minute walk Area



Vision Zero – Priority Corridor

*Data Source: 2017-2021 American Community  
Survey 5-Year Estimates*



# Appendix Parking Changes



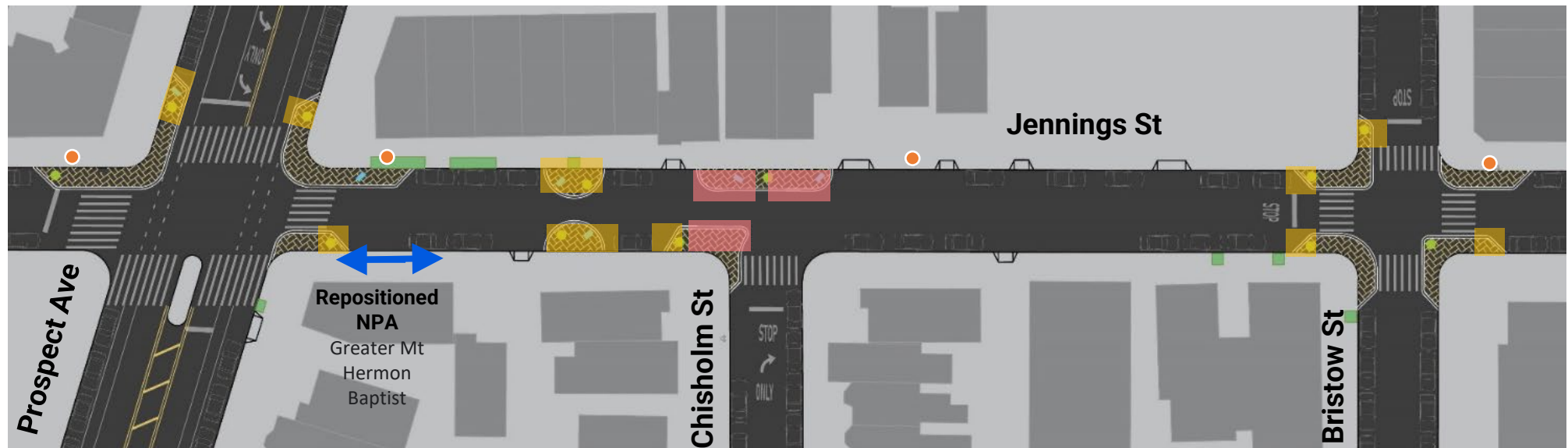
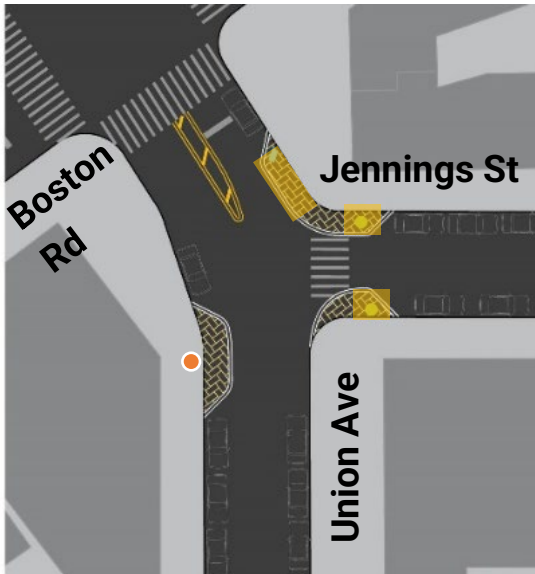
Approximately 13 Parking space repurposed



Parking spaces subject to new 'Top of the T' rule



Fire Hydrant



# Appendix NYC Open Streets Evolution

## Emergency Response Program – May 2020 to May 2021

- Open Streets as an emergency response program during COVID-19 pandemic
- Jennings St Open Street established

## Permanent Open Streets Program – May 2021 to present

- 2021 Local Law 55 made Open Streets permanent program in NYC
- As part of the legislation, DOT is required to evaluate existing Open Streets to determine whether any such Open Streets could benefit from additional traffic calming measures and streetscape elements.



Gateway Traffic Calming – West 22nd Street, Manhattan