

Linden Blvd: Van Sinderen Ave to 78 St

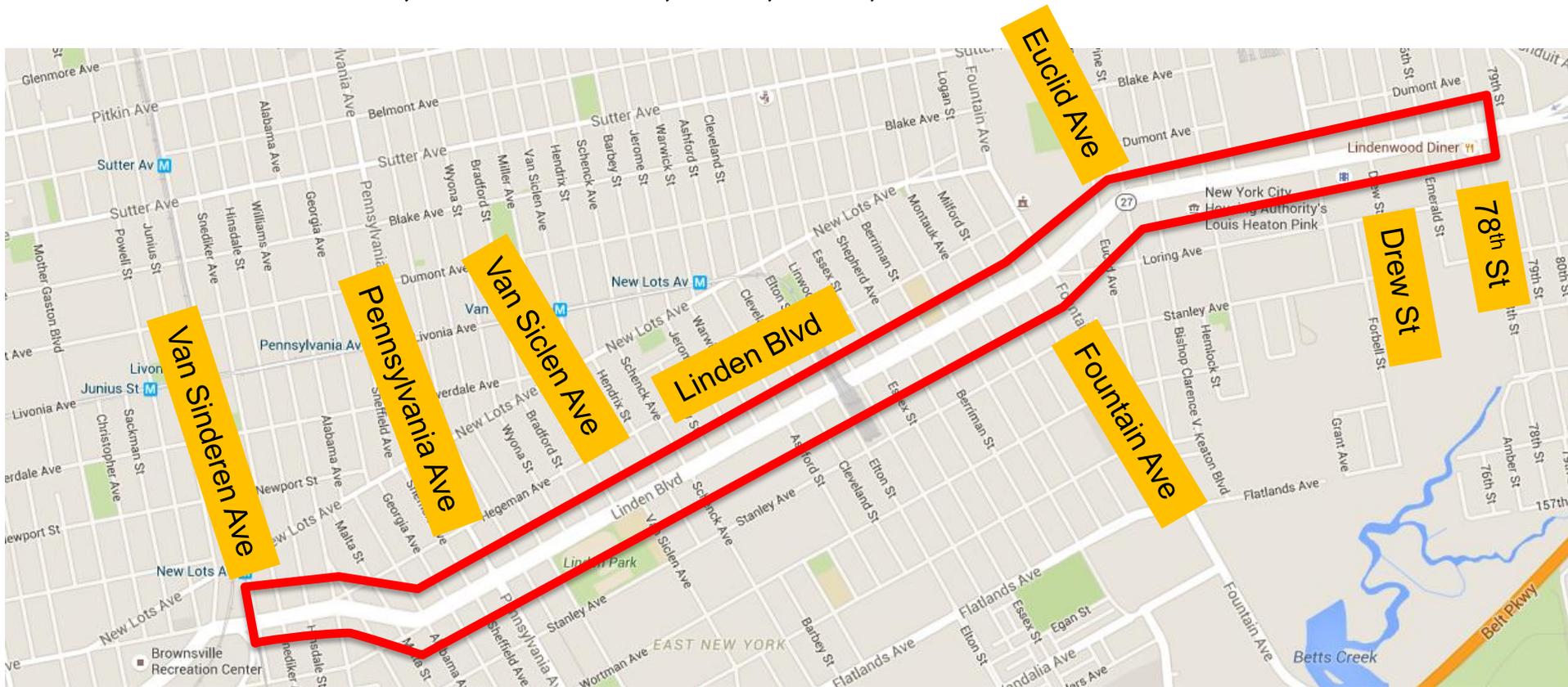
Corridor Safety Improvements

2016



Project Location

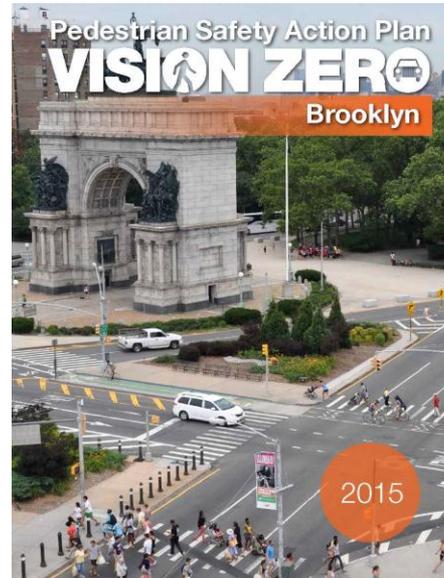
- Phase II of Linden Blvd (Van Sinderen Ave to 78 St)
- 2.4 miles of a major east/west corridor in Eastern Brooklyn
- Residential, light industrial, and commercial land use
- Heavy vehicle volumes at rush hours
- Local truck route; **Buses:** B13, B15, B20, and BM5



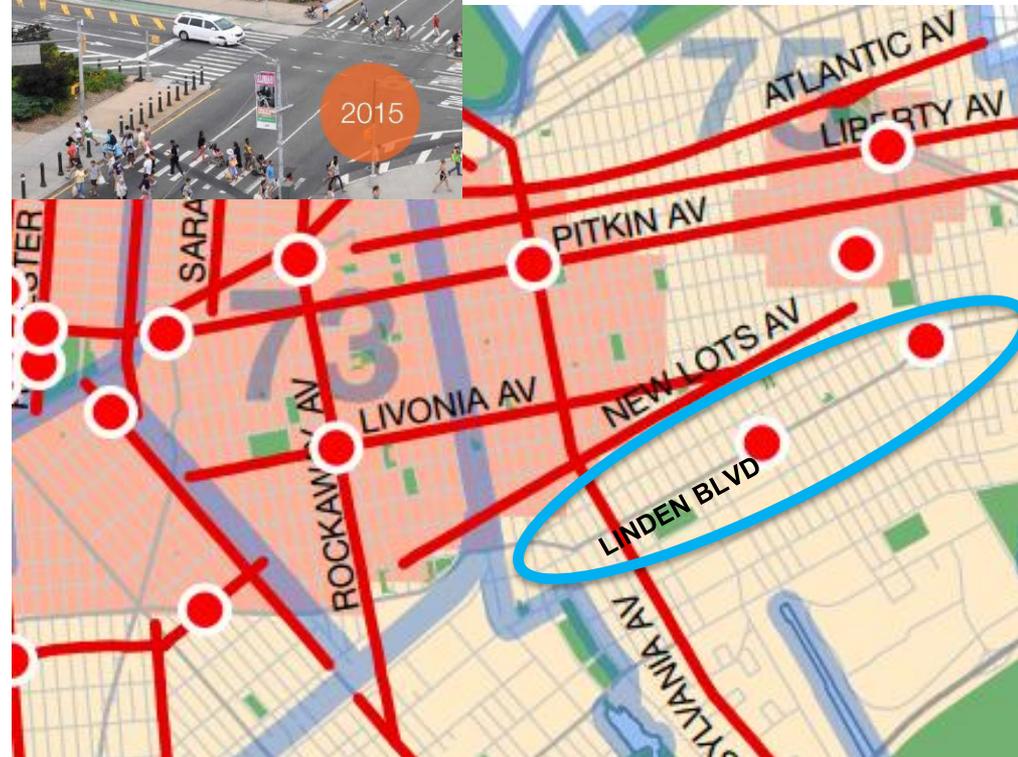
Vision Zero Priority Corridors

Vision Zero

- Multi-agency effort to reduce traffic fatalities in NYC
- Borough Action Plans released in 2015
- Priority Intersections, Corridors, and Areas identified for each borough
- On Linden Blvd:
 - Ashford St and Euclid Ave were identified as a Priority Intersections for Brooklyn



Brooklyn Priority Map

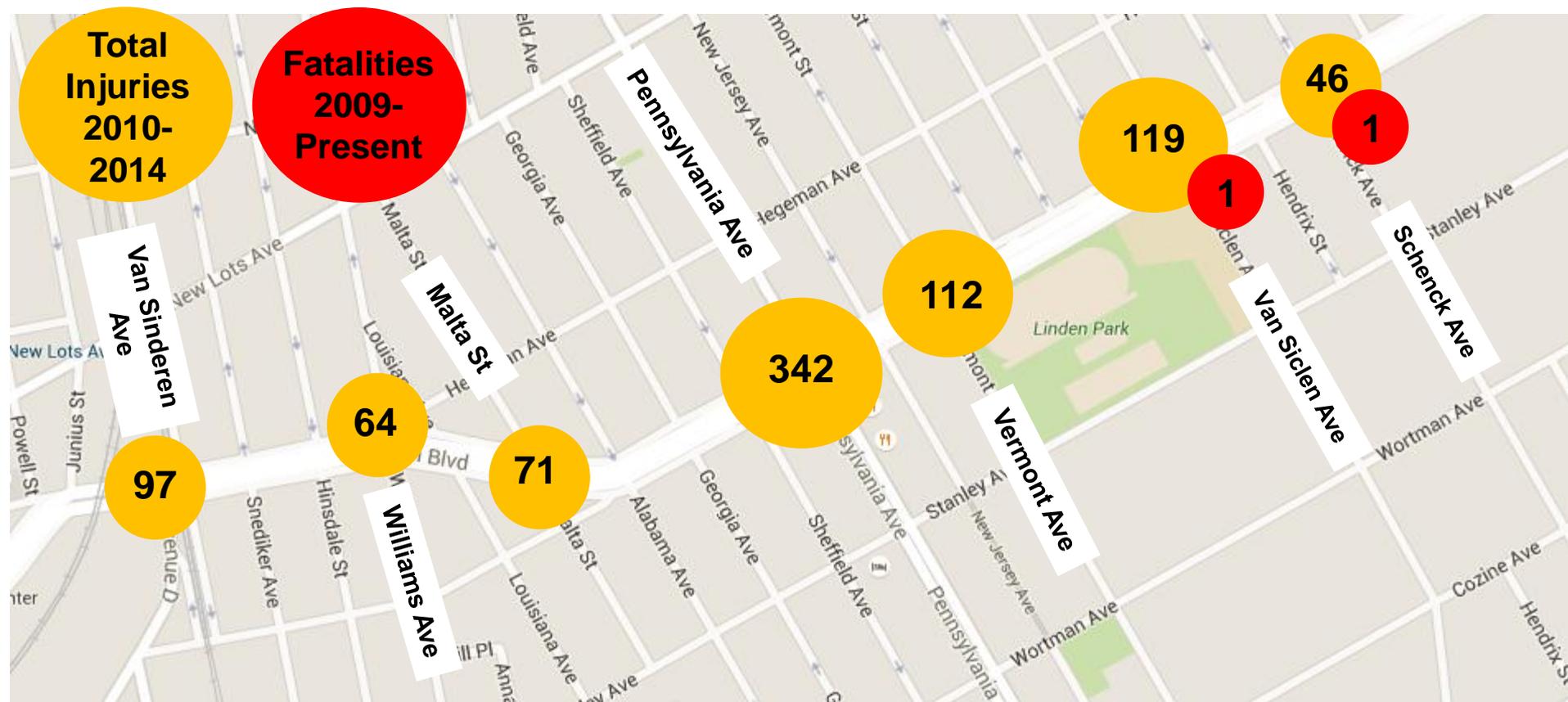


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Linden Blvd - Van Sinderen Ave to 78 St, BK
Injury Summary, 2010-2014 (5 Years)

	Total Injuries	Severe Injuries	Fatalities	KSI
Pedestrian	99	15	0	15
Bicyclist	33	5	2	7
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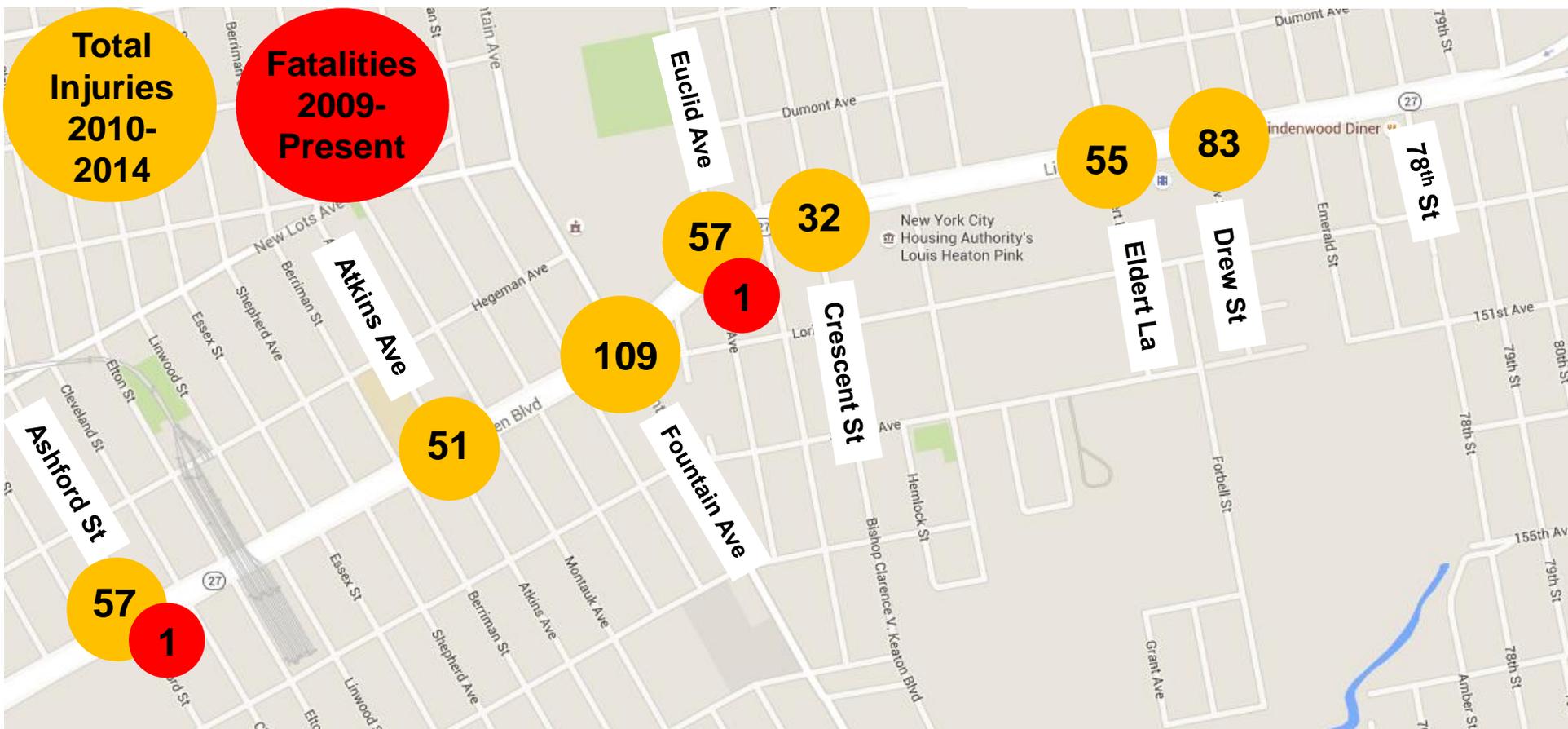


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Outreach- Community Workshops

Workshops held in February 2015 to get feedback from community on top issues with Linden Blvd



Linden Blvd Safety Workshop
February 5th, 2015
United Community Centers



SUBJECT: Join the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) to discuss traffic safety on Linden Boulevard between Kings Highway and 78th Street at two public workshops in Brownsville and East New York.
(Light refreshments available)

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:
Thursday, February 5, 2015	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	United Community Centers 613 New Lots Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207
Thursday, February 12, 2015	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Brownsville Recreation Center 1555 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11212

Contact: DOT Brooklyn Borough Commissioner's Office at (718) 222-7259

Workshop Goals:

Identify street safety concerns

Gather community input

Discuss street design solutions

Brainstorm ways to enhance safety on Linden Boulevard



Habrará un intérprete disponible en la reunión.



Outreach- Interactive Website

- Interactive website allowed community members to submit their top issues to DOT

The screenshot displays a Google Street View of Linden Boulevard. A green van is visible in the foreground. The interface includes a 'Return to Map' button and a list of reported issues:

- No Crosswalk** (02/05/2015 - 21:41)
Why is there no crosswalk here?
Average: 2 (1 vote)
- Failure to Yield** (02/05/2015 - 21:40)
I have almost been hit in the west crosswalk by cars turning fast from Euclid Ave
Average: 3 (1 vote)
- Dangerous Merge** (02/05/2015 - 21:39)
Cars almost hit each other here
Average: 3 (1 vote)
- Long Distance to Cross** (02/05/2015 - 21:37)
I get stuck on the small concrete in the middle of the street here.
Average: 4 (1 vote)
- Not Enough Time to Cross** (02/05/2015 - 21:35)
There is not enough time to cross at Fountain Ave. Can you increase the walk signal?
No votes yet
- Jaywalking** (02/05/2015 - 21:19)
Kids are walking across the street here
No votes yet

Top Issues

Long Crossing Distances

Not Enough Time to Cross



Top Issues

Not Enough Space to Wait

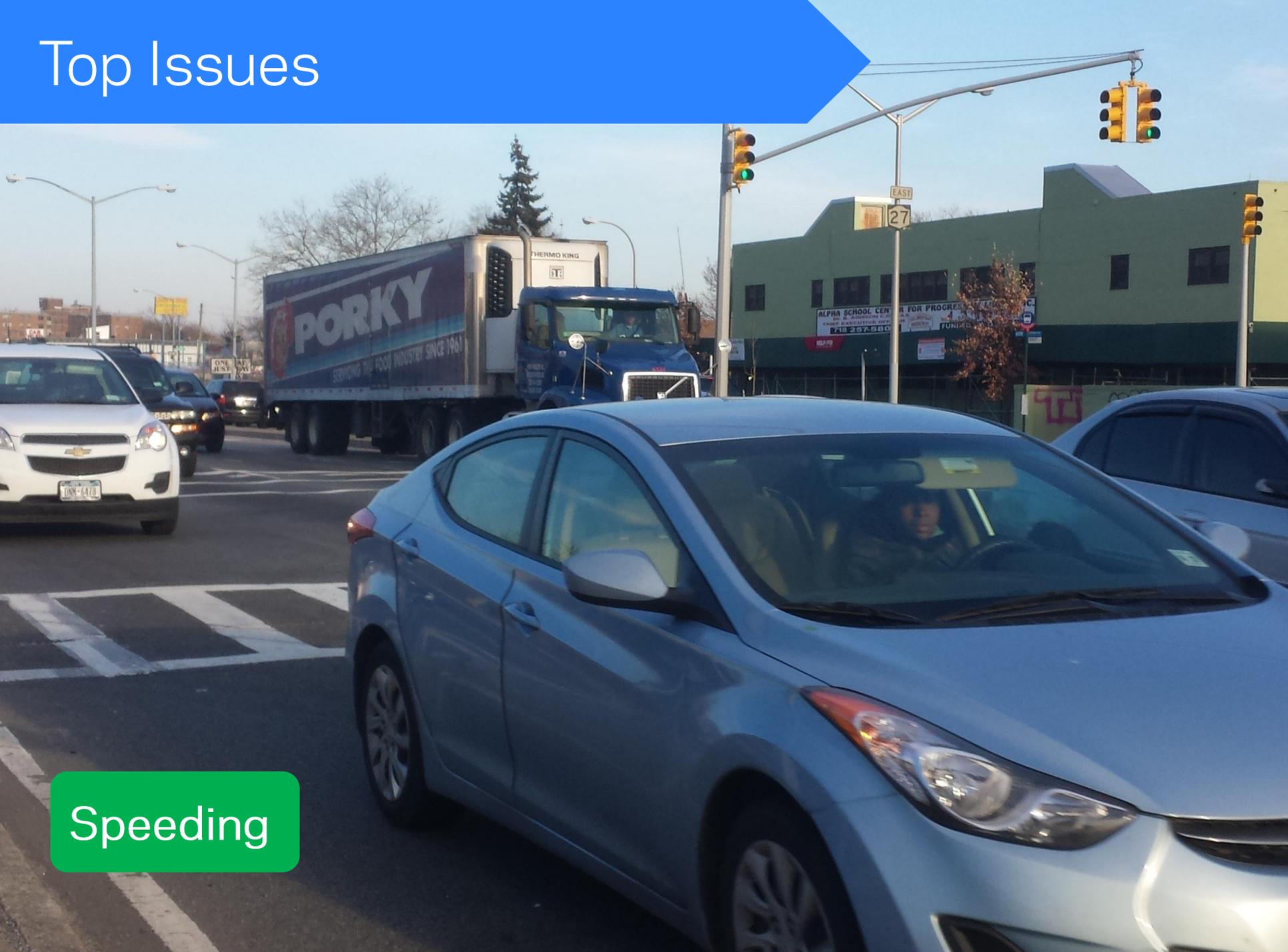


Top Issues



Lack of left turn
arrows at select
intersections

Top Issues



Speeding

Top Issues



Lack Of Markings on
Service Roads

Lack of Clear
Markings at Slips

Top Issues

Visibility/Lighting

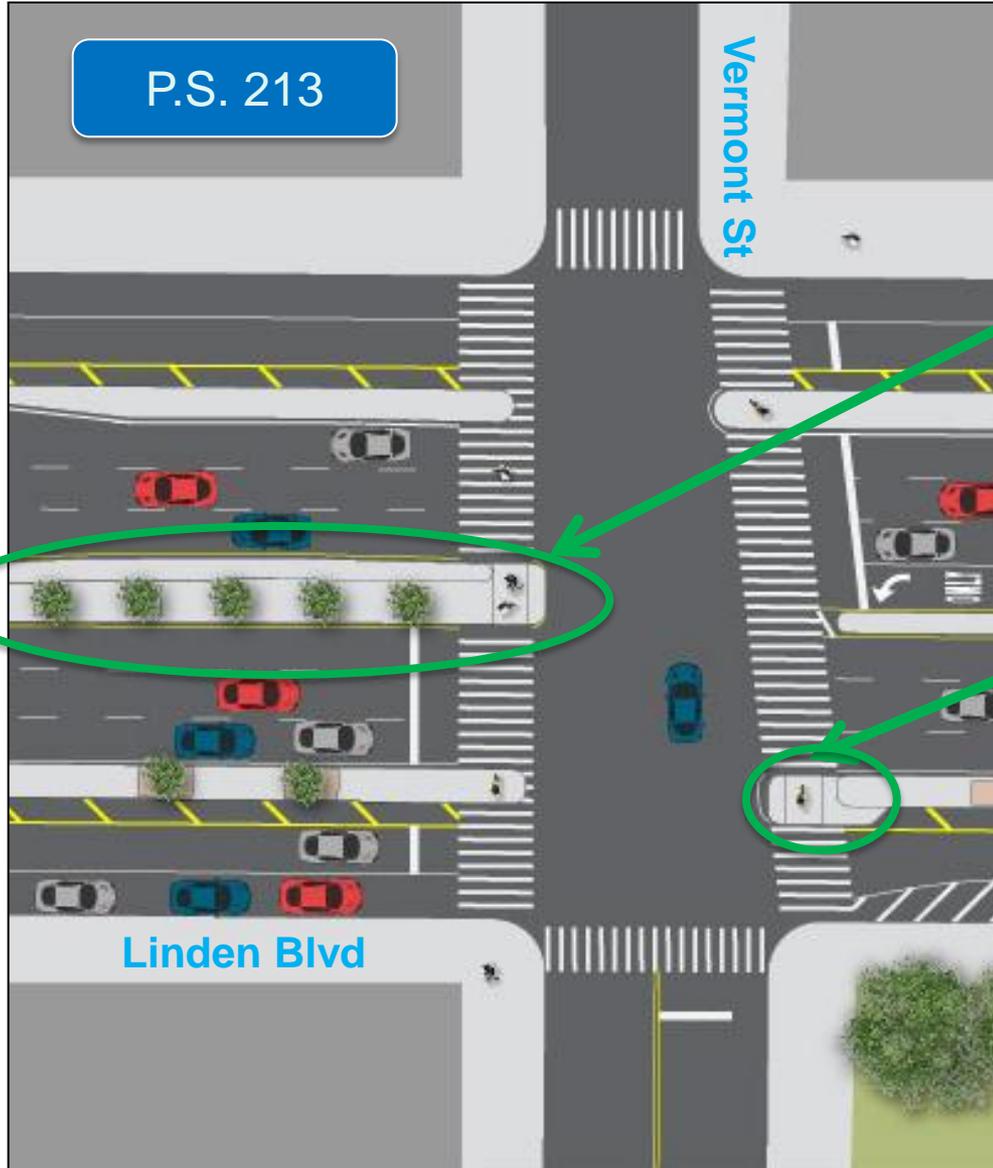
A photograph of a dark, cluttered tunnel or underpass. The space is dimly lit, with light coming from arched openings at the far end. Several people are walking through the tunnel, their figures silhouetted against the light. The floor is covered with debris, including a white box with 'H.M.' written on it. A sign on a pole reads 'NO PARKING Anytime' with an arrow pointing left. The overall atmosphere is one of poor visibility and inadequate lighting.

Proposed: Speed Limit and Signal Timing

- Reduce speed limit to 30 MPH
- Add protected left turn phases at:
 - Hinsdale St
 - Malta St
 - Alabama Ave
 - Vermont St
 - Schenck Ave
 - Fountain Ave
 - Crescent St
 - Eldert Ln
 - Drew St



Proposed: Vermont Street

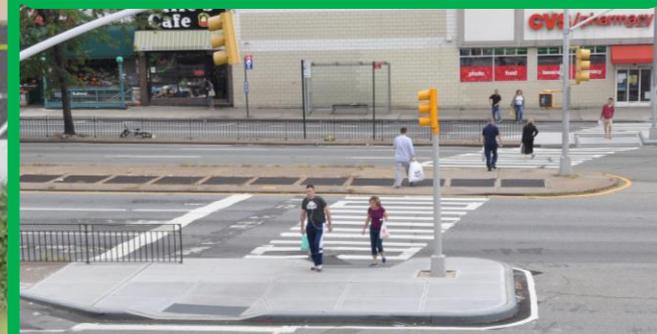


Ban low volume left turn to Vermont St. and construct improved median with trees



Example: center median

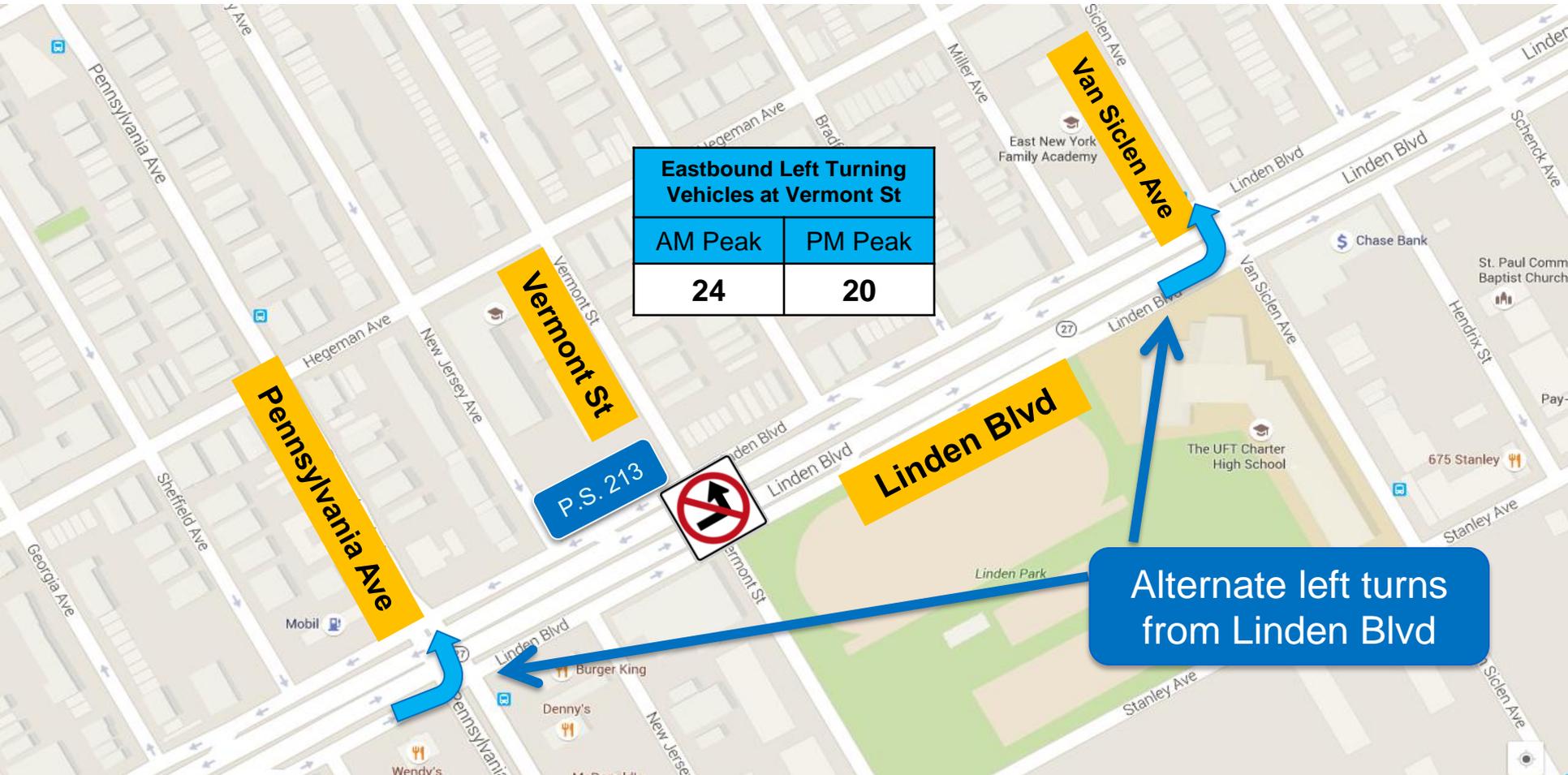
Construct median tip extension to shorten crossing distances and provide a refuge for pedestrians



Example: median tip

Alternate Routes: Vermont St Turn Restriction

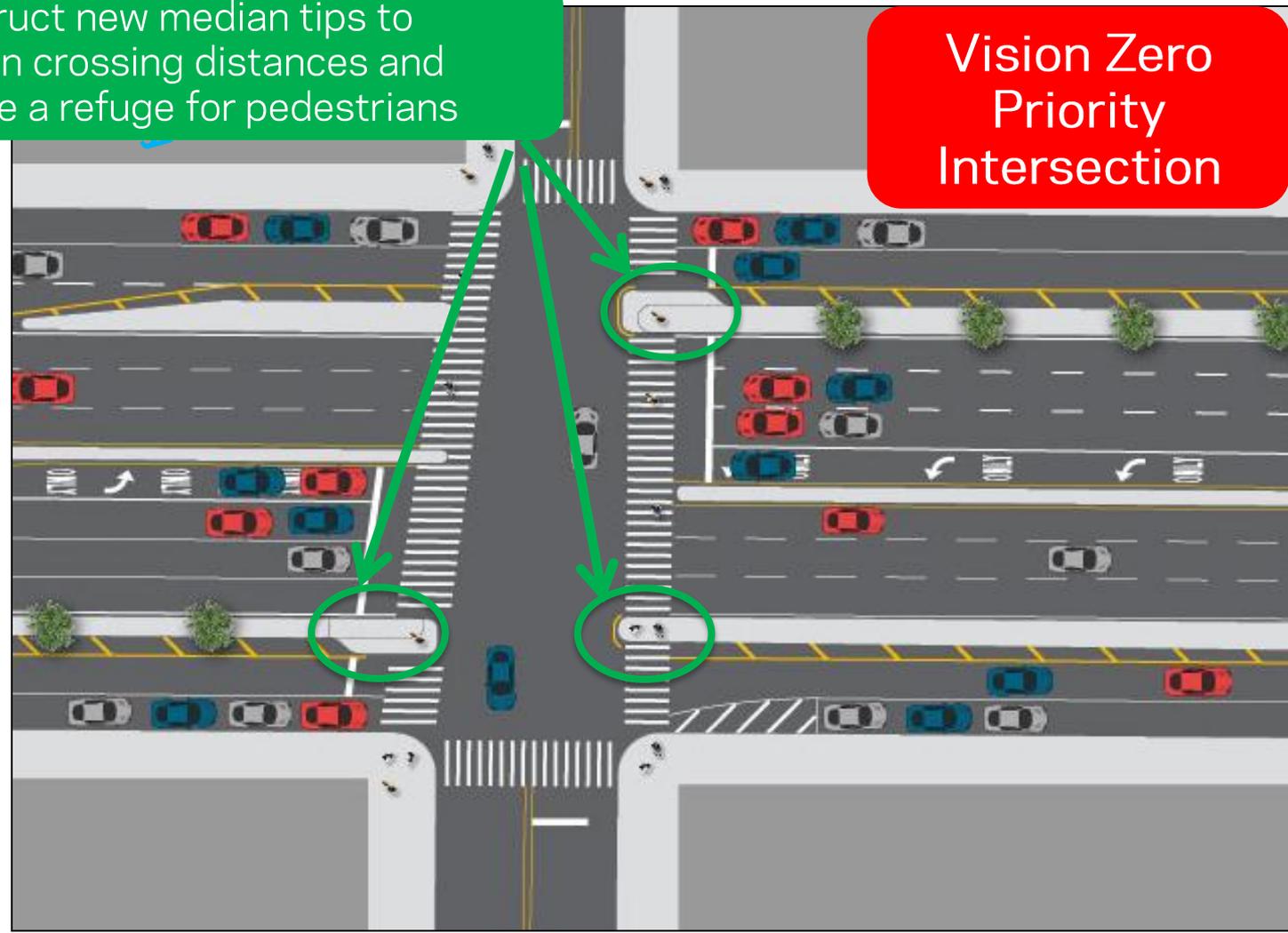
- Low volume eastbound left turns at Vermont St allow the opportunity to ban the eastbound turn to create a better pedestrian refuge crossing Linden Blvd to P.S. 213



Proposal Details: Ashford Street

Construct new median tips to shorten crossing distances and provide a refuge for pedestrians

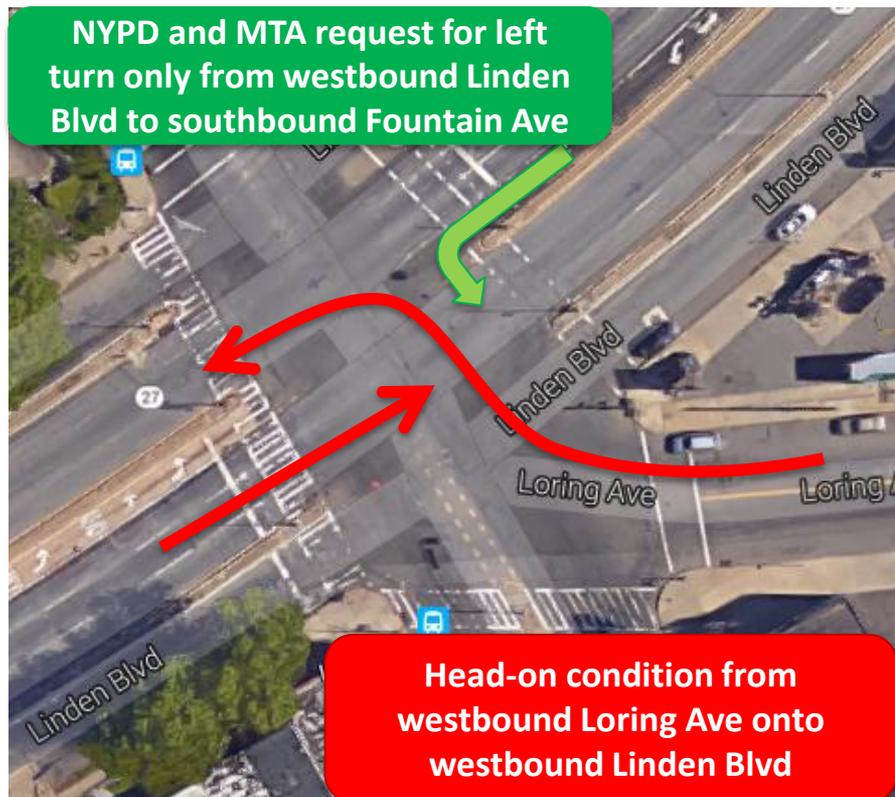
Vision Zero
Priority
Intersection



Proposal Details: Fountain Ave

Existing Conditions:

- Complicated intersection with 101 motor vehicle crashes
- Head-on condition: eastbound Linden Blvd and westbound Loring Ave
- 75 Precinct and MTA request for left turn only signal for westbound Linden Blvd to southbound Fountain Ave (Q8 bus makes this turn)
- Pedestrian desire line: crossing Fountain Ave to stay on south side of Linden Blvd



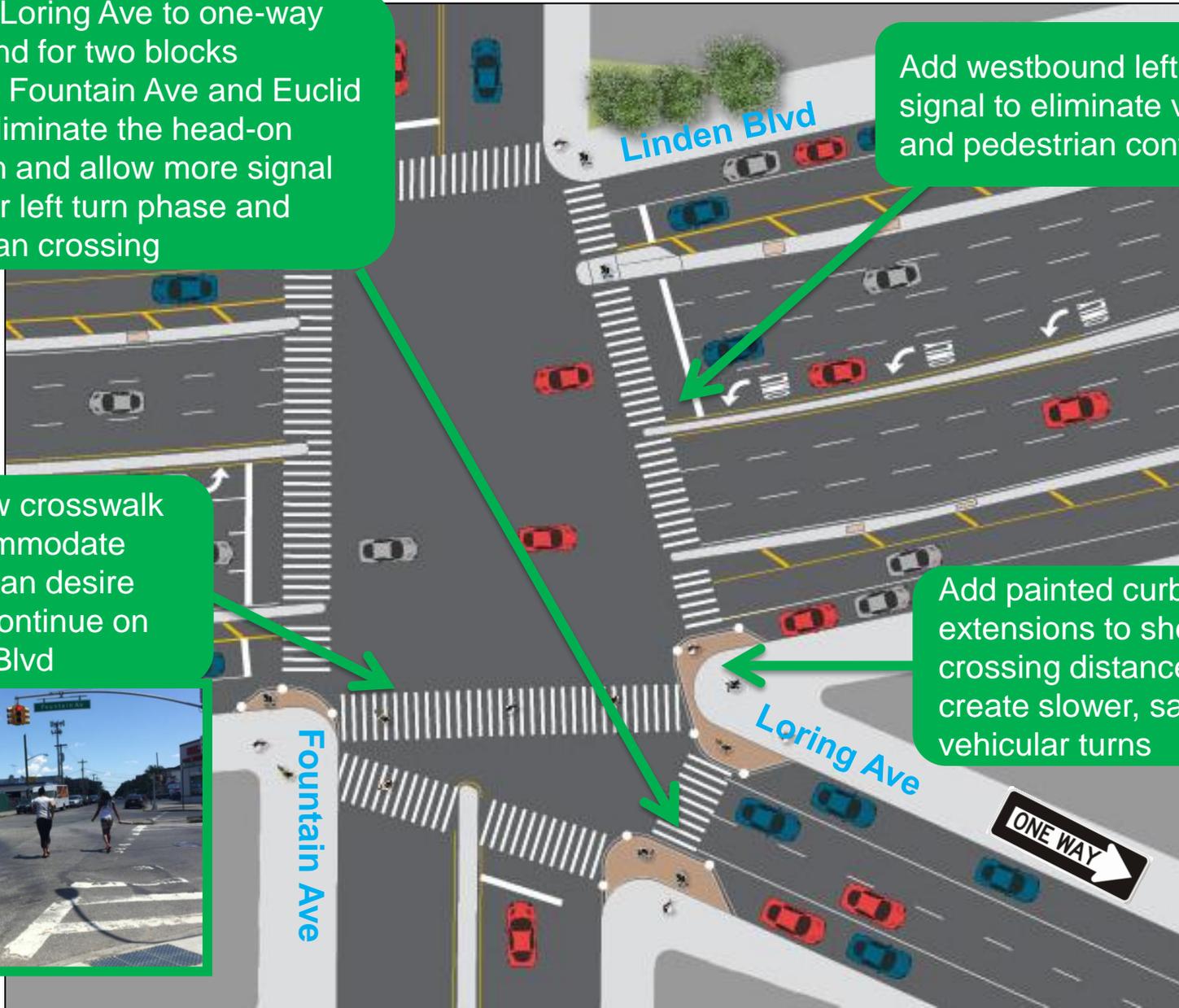
Proposal Details: Fountain Ave

Convert Loring Ave to one-way eastbound for two blocks between Fountain Ave and Euclid Ave to eliminate the head-on condition and allow more signal timing for left turn phase and pedestrian crossing

Add westbound left turn only signal to eliminate vehicular and pedestrian conflict

Add new crosswalk to accommodate pedestrian desire line to continue on Linden Blvd

Add painted curb extensions to shorten crossing distances and create slower, safer vehicular turns



Proposal Details: Loring Ave Alternate Routes

Convert Loring Ave (Fountain Ave to Euclid Ave) from two-way to one-way eastbound

- Mitigation measure for the EIS for the Gateway Estates II



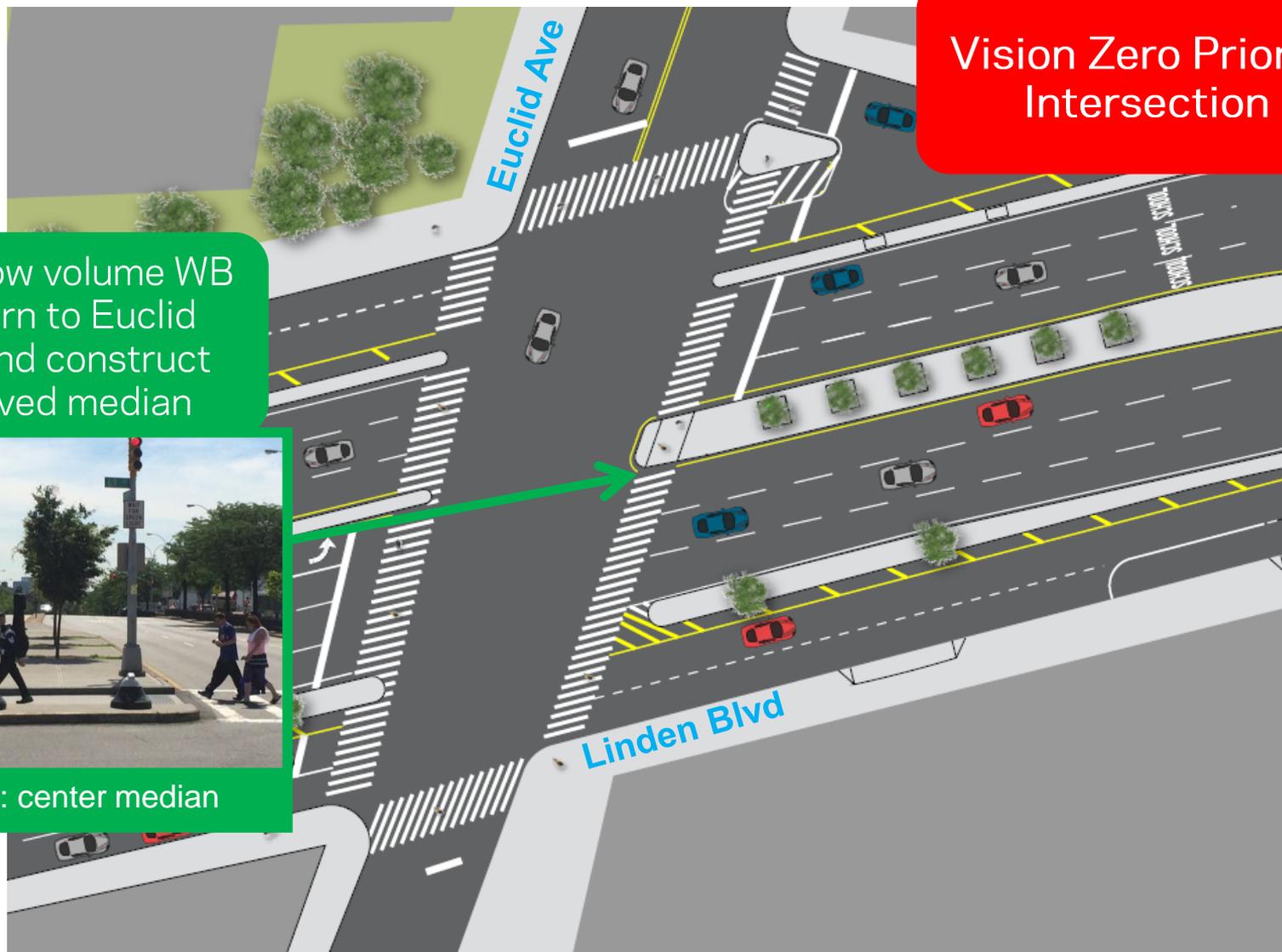
Proposal Details: Euclid Ave

Vision Zero Priority Intersection

Ban low volume WB left turn to Euclid Ave and construct improved median

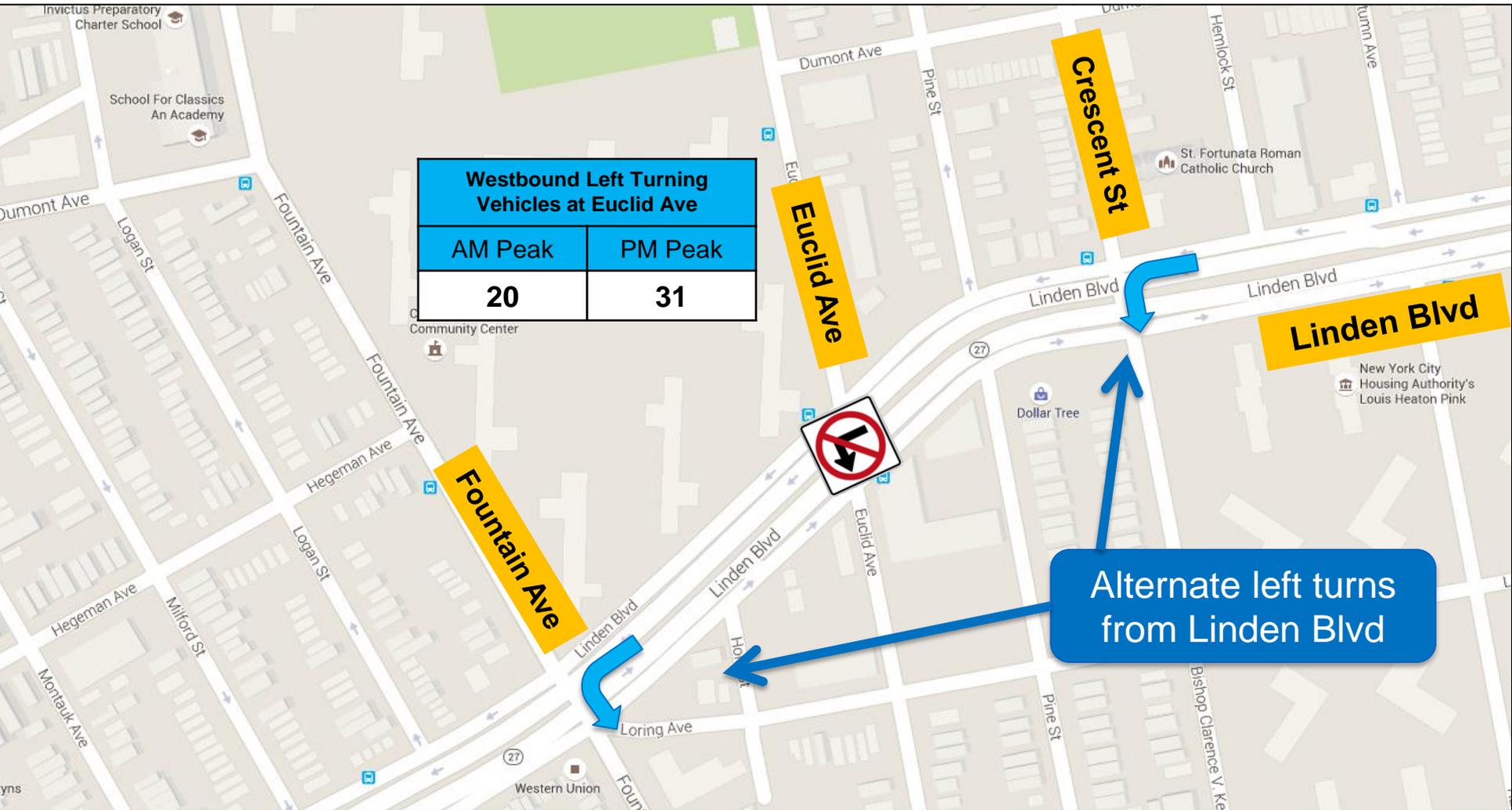


Example: center median

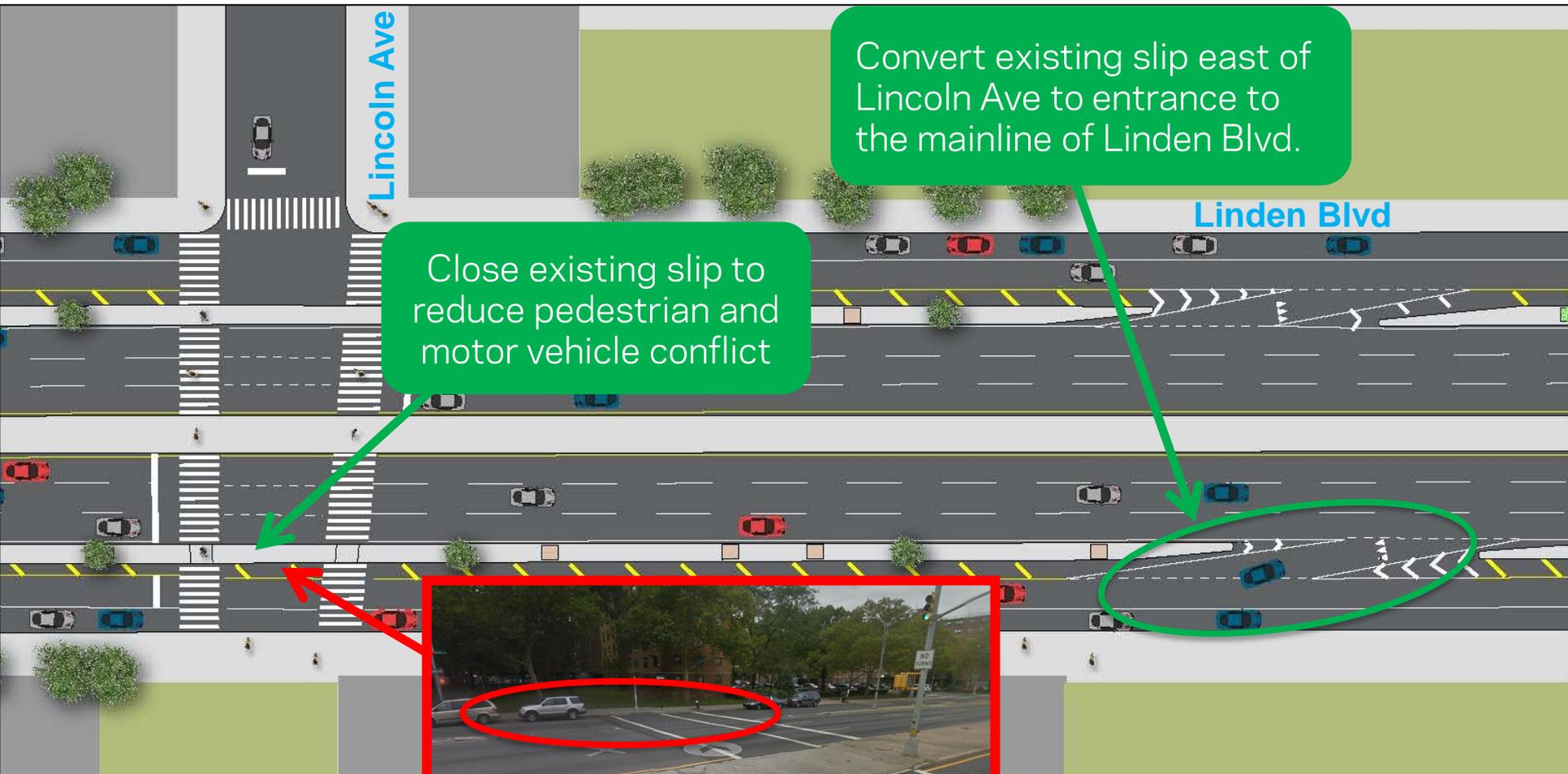


Alternate Routes: Euclid Ave Turn Restriction

- Low volume left turns at Euclid Ave allow the opportunity to ban the westbound turn and create a better pedestrian refuge crossing Linden Blvd at a Priority Intersection



Proposal Details: Lincoln Ave / Slip



Convert existing slip east of Lincoln Ave to entrance to the mainline of Linden Blvd.

Close existing slip to reduce pedestrian and motor vehicle conflict



Existing conditions: Crosswalk crossing Linden Blvd at Lincoln Ave intersects with the slip lane

Proposal Details: Other Intersections

Williams Ave

- Fill in turn bay on east side of intersection (existing turn ban), and construct improved center media
- Extend SW median tip

Van Siclén Ave:

- Construct 3 new median tips (NW, NE, SE)

Schenck Ave:

- Extend all 4 median tips

Atkins Ave:

- Fill in turn bay on west side of intersection (existing turn ban), and construct improved center median
- Extend all 4 median tips

Eldert Ln:

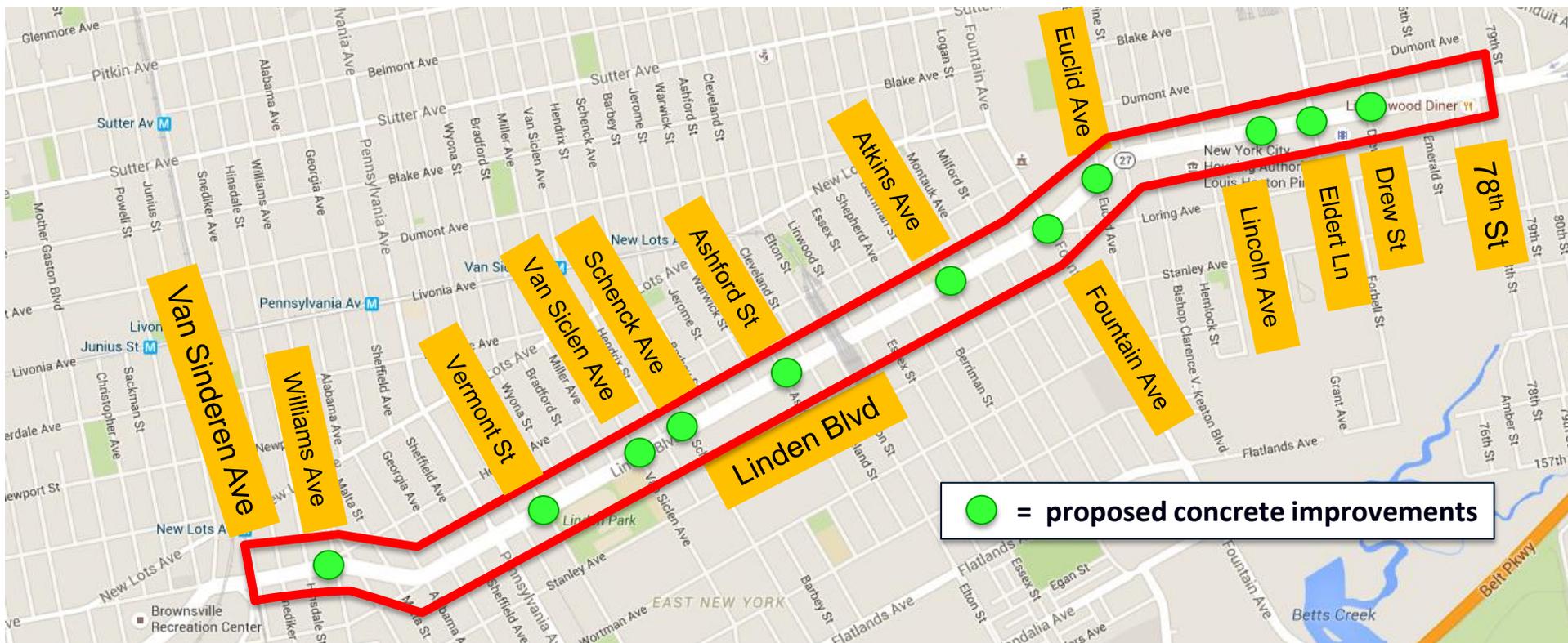
- Extend all 4 median tips

Drew St:

- Construct 3 new median tips (SW, NE, NW)

Proposal Details: Summary and Benefits

- Improvements to 2.4 miles of a high crash corridor and two Vision Zero Priority Intersections
- Concrete improvements at 11 locations will provide shorter, safer pedestrian crossings
- Lowering corridor speed limit to 30 MPH and improving markings and signage discourages speeding and better defines roadway space
- Left turn phases at 9 intersections will allow for safer left turns
- Curb extensions allow for simpler, safer right turns



Questions?

**Thank
You**

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