



Montague St. Design Proposal

CB2 Transportation & Public Safety Committee – May 8, 2025



Public Realm Feedback Loop



Community Partnership + Engagement



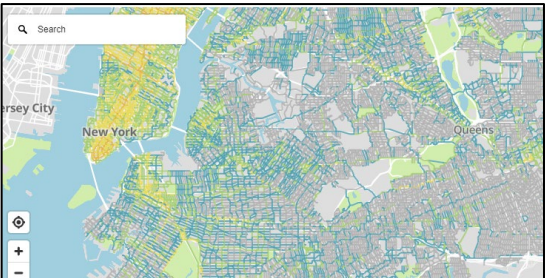
Open Streets



Crossings + Intersections



Dynamic Curb + Corridor Strategies



Comprehensive Planning + Policy



Equity Focused Maintenance



Programming + Concessions



Premier Public Spaces



Partners



Project History



Neighborhood Context

- Upcoming DOT Projects**
- 1

Montague Street Open Street | 2025
- 2

Court Street | 2025
- Past DOT Projects**
- 1

Schermerhorn Street | 2022 & 2015
- 2

Columbia Place & State Street | 2018
- 3

Atlantic Avenue & Court Street | 2016
- 4

Atlantic Avenue at BQE Entrance | 2012
- 5

Atlantic Avenue | 2012
- 6

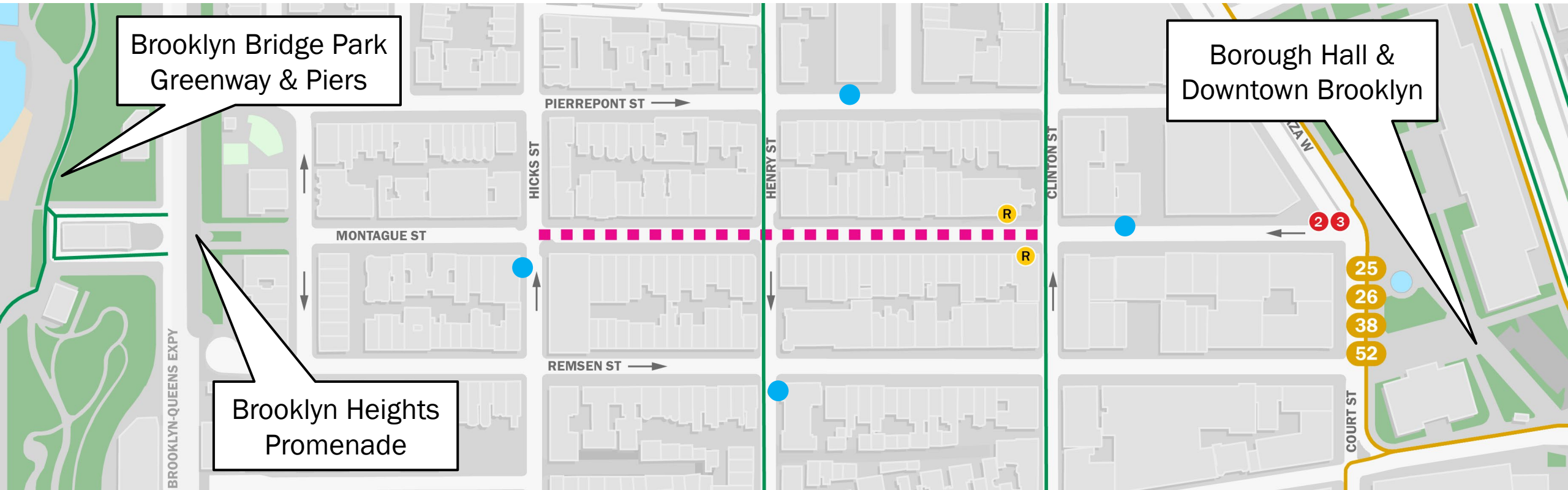
Furman Street | 2011
- Brooklyn Queens Expressway Corridor Vision**
- Open Streets
- Bus Route
- Bike Lane
- Bikeshare Station



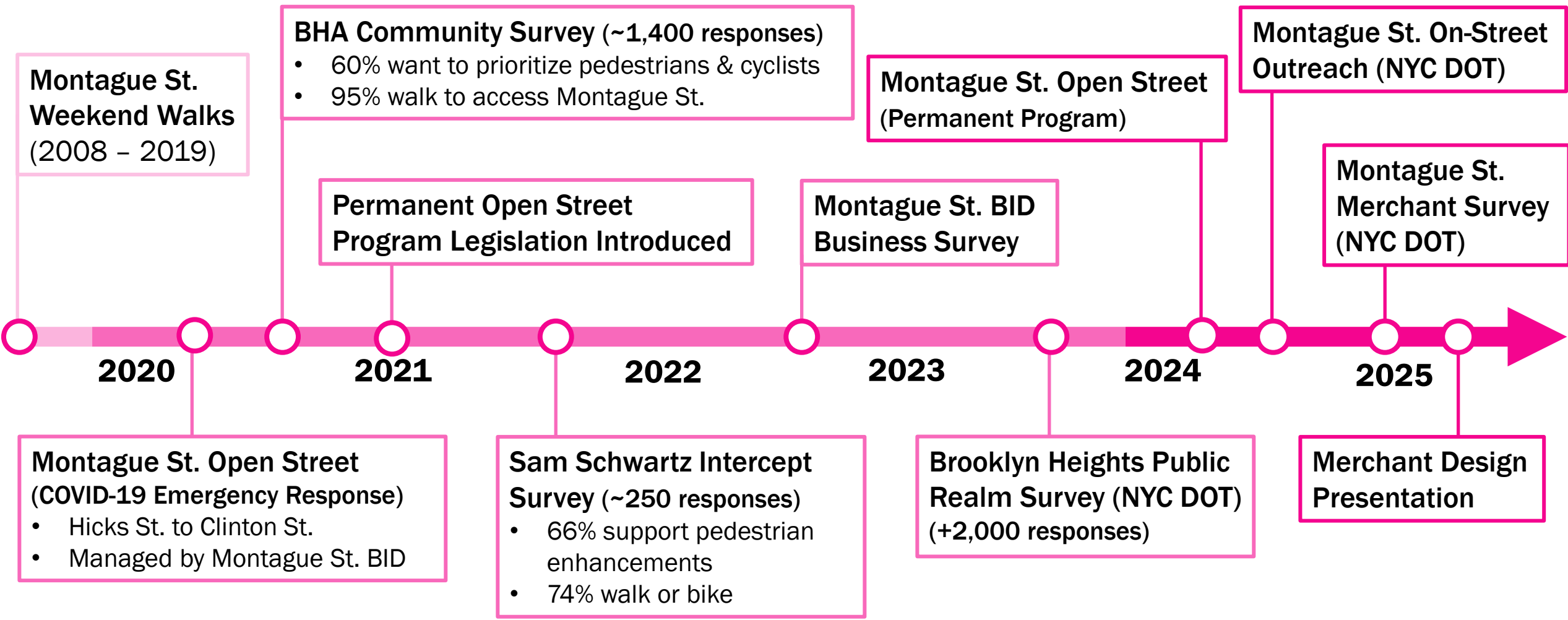
Project Area

- Commercial Corridor (Hicks St. to Court St.)
- Important connection from Downtown Brooklyn to Brooklyn Heights Promenade and Brooklyn Bridge Park
- Accessible by 2, 3, and R trains

- Montague St. Open Street
- Bike Lane
- CitiBike Station
- Bus Route



Project & Outreach History



What We've Heard

Public Realm Survey & On-Street Outreach

- Sidewalks can be narrow and get crowded
- Want more public space and to bring the feel of the Open Street to everyday
- Frequent double parking on the corridor causes congestion
- Improve visibility and permeability between vehicles on the corridor
- Intersections can feel dangerous and need daylighting



What We've Heard

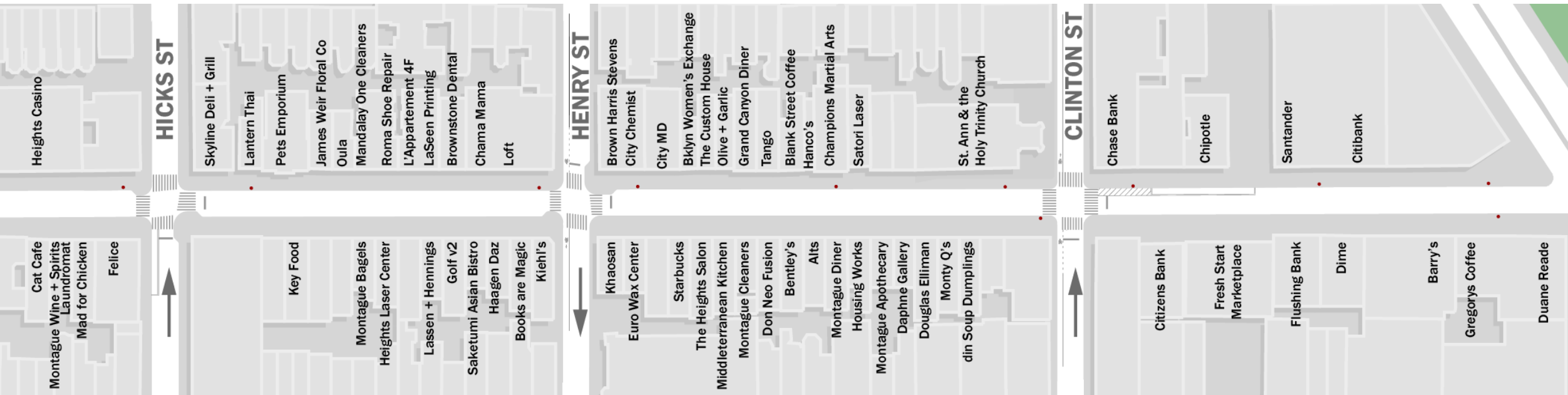
Merchant Survey

Parking:

- Most customers arrive via public transit, walking, or biking
- Some requests for more loading areas instead of metered parking

Loading & Deliveries:

- High demand for loading during the day (6a-6p), minimal demand overnight
- Placard vehicles park in Truck Loading areas, causing truck to double park or unload in front of hydrants (NSA)
- Most businesses cannot control when they get deliveries
- Less conflicts with loading on the side streets



Existing Conditions



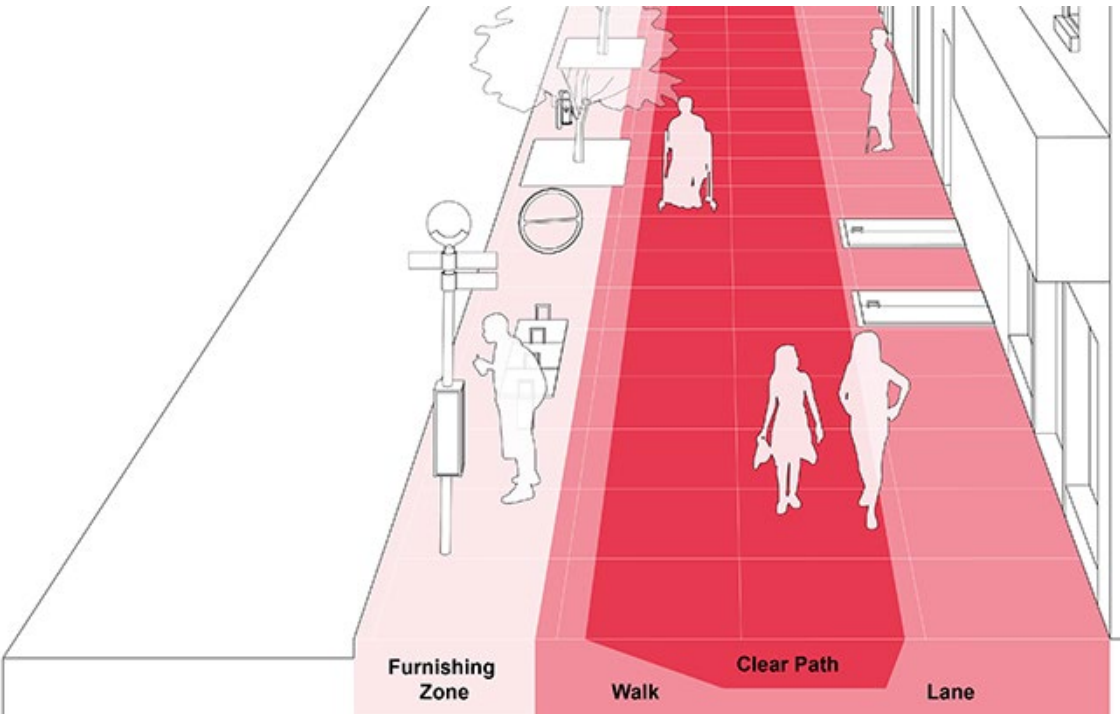
Pedestrian Mobility Plan

The Pedestrian Mobility Plan uses pedestrian volumes and trip generators to categorize streets and provide design guidelines to improve pedestrian comfort and convenience.

Montague Street

Regional Corridor

- Crowds of people passing each other
- Concentration of pedestrian destinations or amenities that draw people from the region
- **Suggested width of 20'+, clear path of 12'**
 - Average total width ~15' total



Corridor Category	Sidewalk Width	Furnishing Zone	Walk			
			Lane	Clear Path		
Baseline Street	8' +	3'	5'	4'		
Community Connector	10' +	2'	8'	5'		
Neighborhood Corridor	15' +	3'	12'	8'		
Regional Corridor	20' +	5'	15'	12'		
Global Corridor	25' +	5'	20'	15'		

Pedestrian Experience

Demand for sidewalk space by utilities, bike corrals, scaffolding, storefronts, and subway entrances create pedestrian pinch points.



Pedestrian Experience

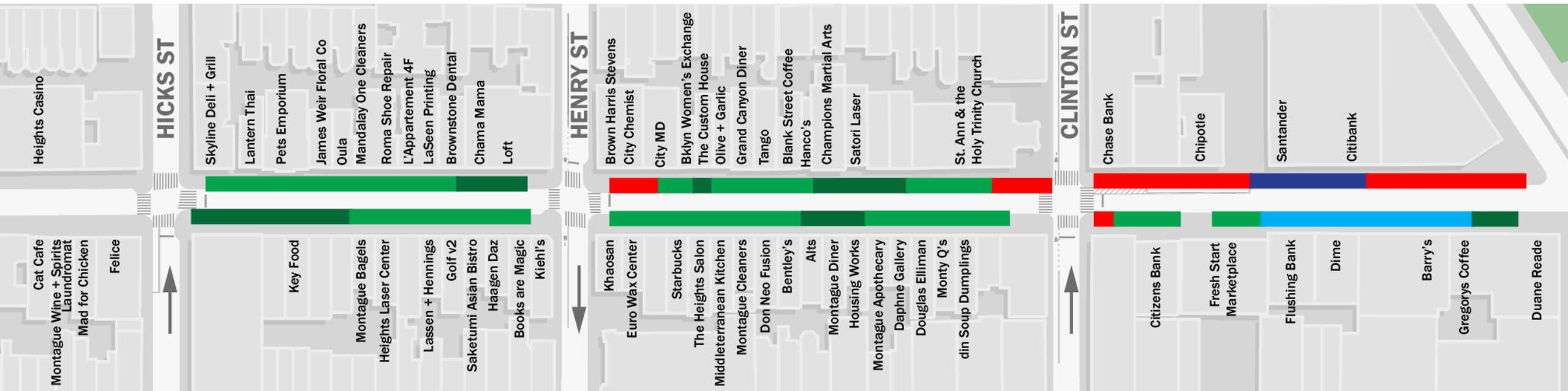


Curb Management & Loading

Existing

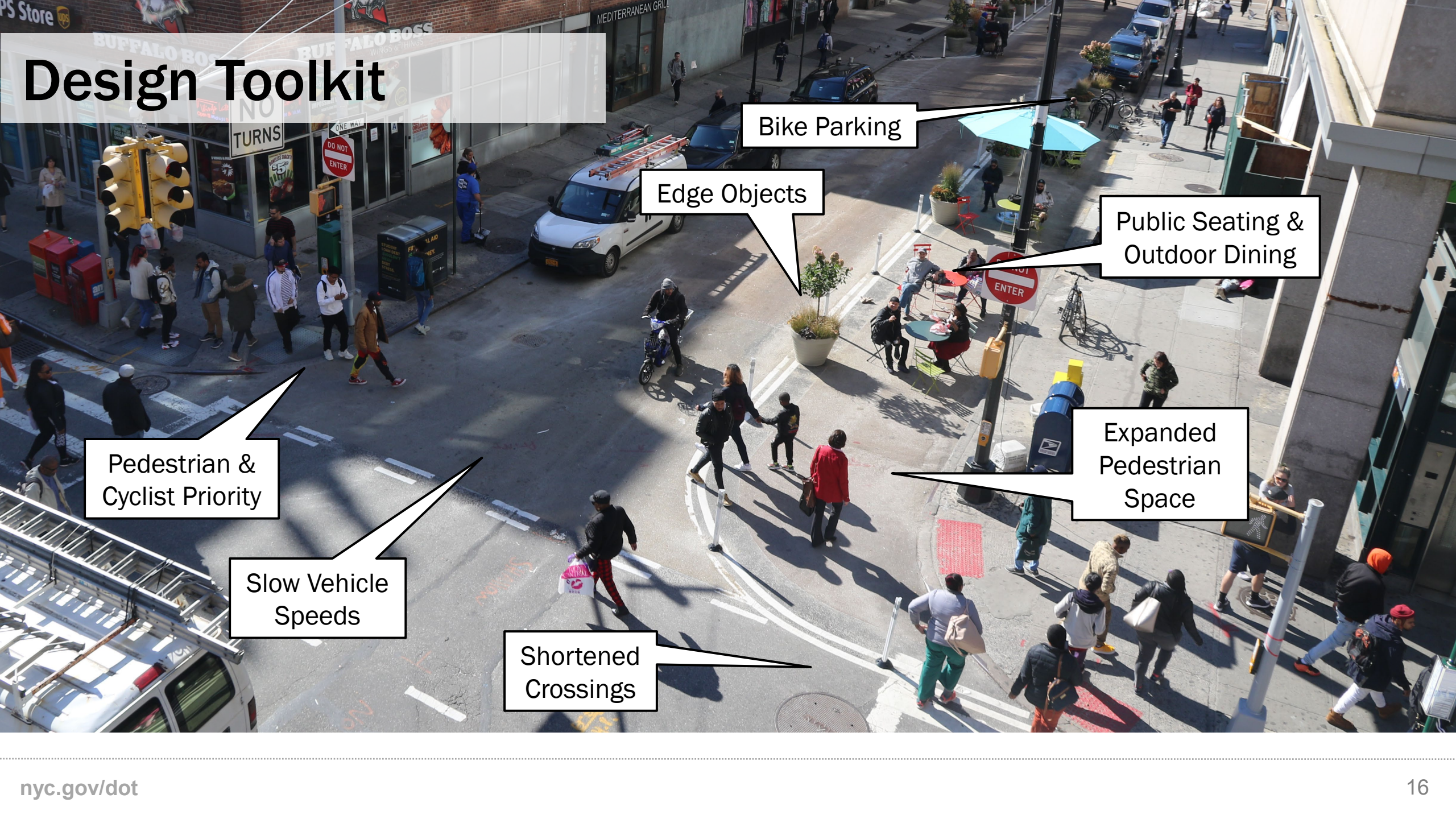
- Authorized Vehicle Parking near Court St.
- 2 Hour Metered Parking with weekday Truck Loading
- No Standing Anytime near fire hydrants
- Open Street regulations: No Standing, May – September, Sundays 10am-7pm

- █ No Standing Anytime
- █ 2 Hour Metered Parking
- █ Truck Loading, 8a-7p, M-F
- █ Authorized Vehicle Parking
- █ Access-A-Ride



Design Proposal





Design Toolkit

Bike Parking

Edge Objects

Public Seating &
Outdoor Dining

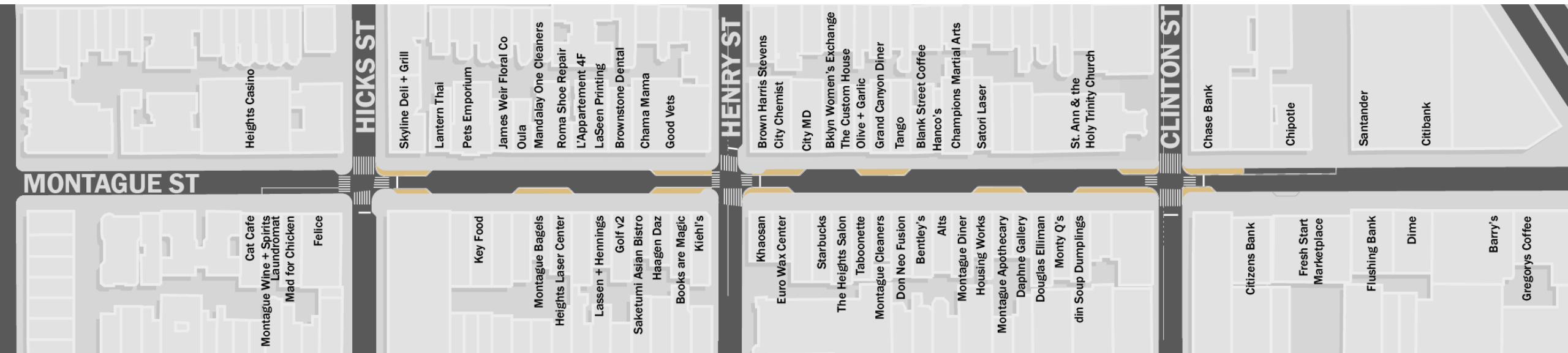
Pedestrian &
Cyclist Priority

Slow Vehicle
Speeds

Expanded
Pedestrian
Space

Shortened
Crossings

Montague Street Proposal



Montague Street Proposal

Support Loading Needs



Calm Traffic + Support Open Street Operations



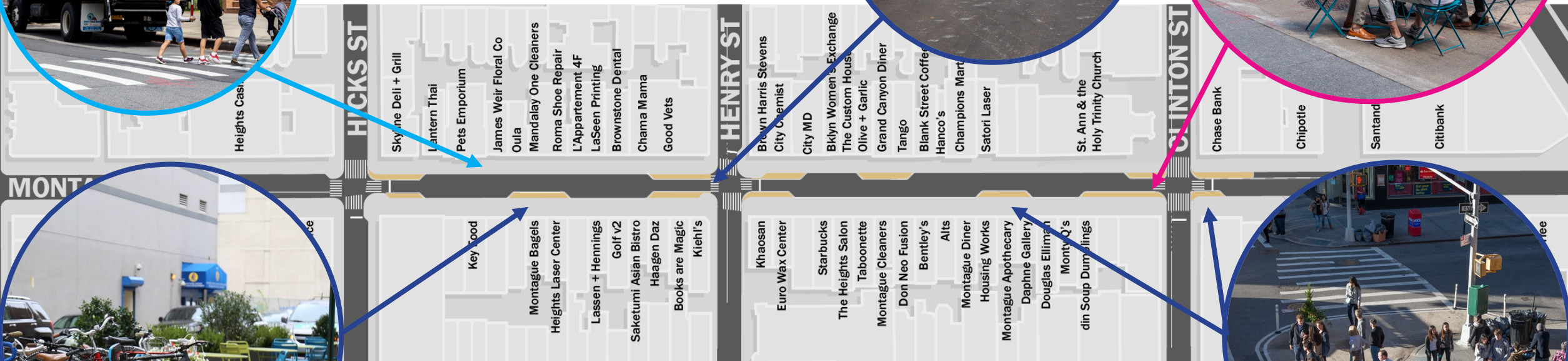
Create Public Spaces



Add Public Realm Amenities

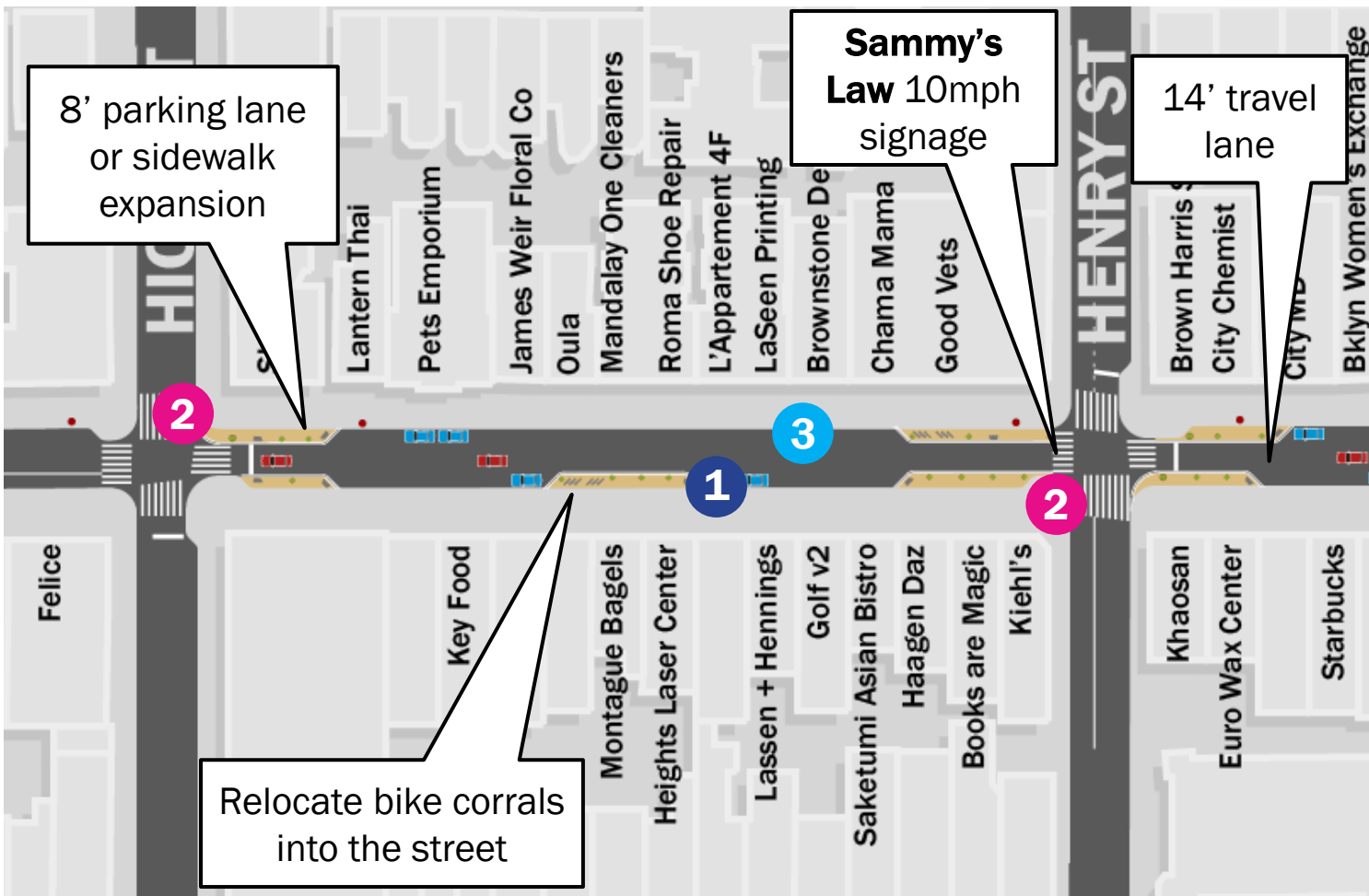


Improve Visibility & Pedestrian Mobility



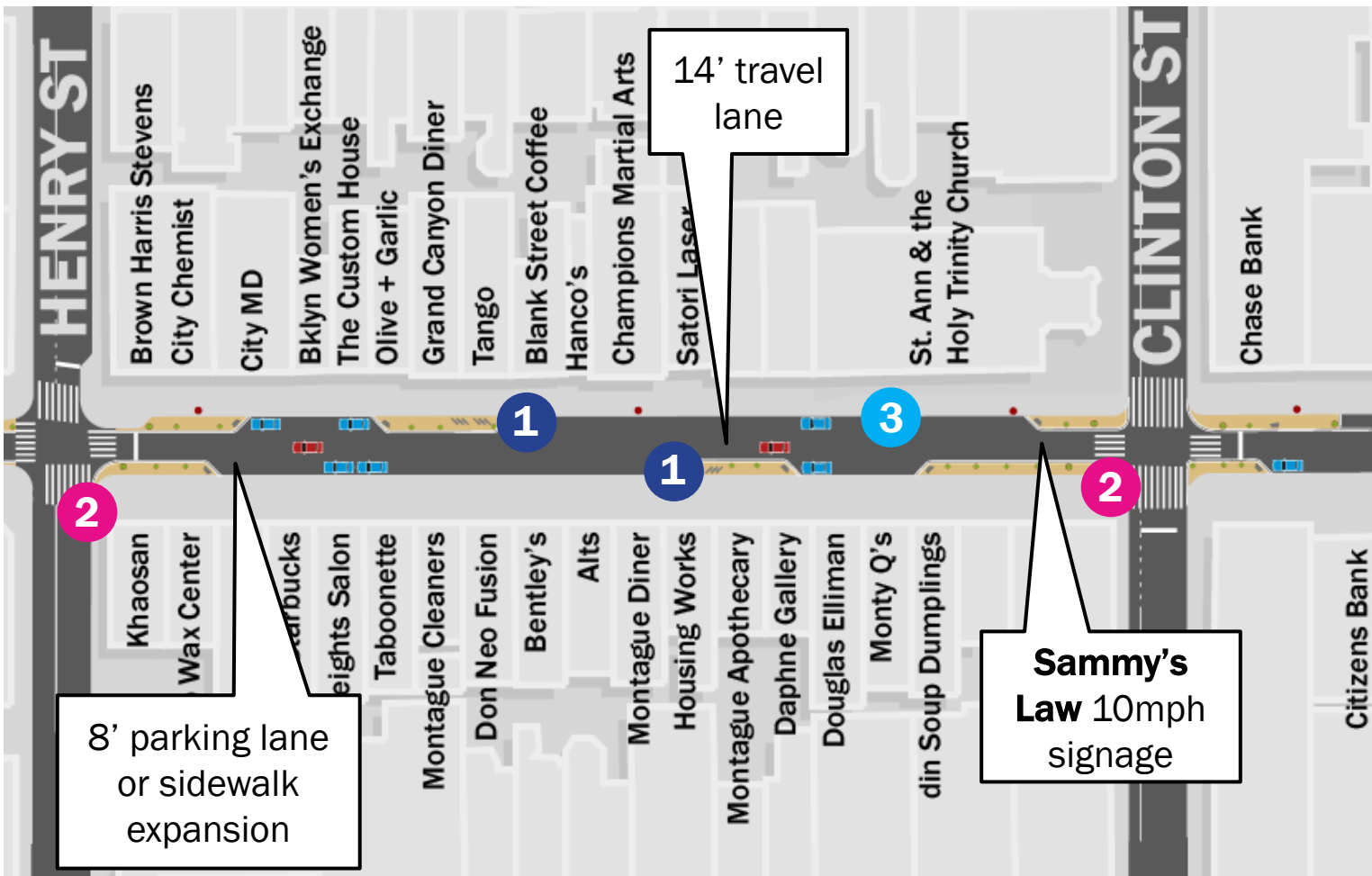
Montague Street Proposal

Hicks St. – Henry St.



Montague Street Proposal

Henry St. – Clinton St.



Pedestrian Mobility & Relocated Amenities

1



Public Space

2



Curb Management

3

Project Timeline

2024	Summer	Partner Coordination (Montague St. BID, Brooklyn Heights Assoc.) Design Development
	Fall	On-Street Outreach during Open Street Merchant Survey Design Updates
2025	Winter	Montague St. Merchants Presentation Targeted Stakeholder Outreach + Ongoing Partner Coordination
	Spring	Community Board Presentation
	Summer	SIP Implementation

Thank You Questions?



Appendix



Parking

- -25 spots (2 Hour Metered)
- -4 spots (Saturday 2 Hour Metered, M-F Truck Loading)
- 52 spots remaining, approx. 1,044 Linear Feet

