# Neighborhood Loading Zones (NLZ) Expansion

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### Overview

# Summary

### Increasing Demand for Curb Space

#### Background:

- Deliveries and For Hire Vehicle traffic growing in residential streets
- Leading to congestion and unsafe street conditions for bikes, pedestrians, and drivers

**Goal:** Reduce the amount of delay and safety issues that stem from double parking





Clear travel lane and bike lane!



## **Signage and Regulation**

Neighborhood Loading Zone (NLZ)

- 'No Parking' M-F/7AM 7PM
- Permits both passenger pickup/drop-off and goods delivery
- Pedestrian level information signage
- Replacing Alternate Side Parking



Pedestrian Level Signage Info

## **Basic Characteristics of NLZ**

### **Basic Placement Criteria**

- Front of residential buildings mostly adjacent to curb cuts, hydrants and other open curb spaces
- Corner of blocks near retail stores and commercial corridors
- Refrain from blocks with police precinct, fire house

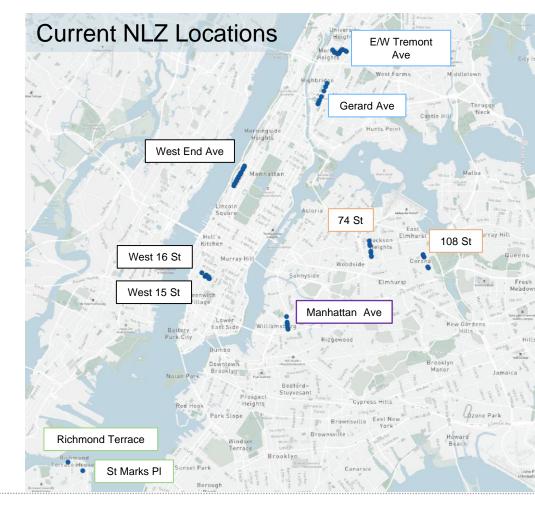


Example NLZ on E Tremont Avenue

# **Current Locations**

#### **Placement Decision**

- 62 loading zones in 10 corridors of various street typologies
- Most corridors are 4-10 blocks long, one to two NLZ per block
- Loading zone length standard:
  - 40' if standalone
  - 30' if adjacent to fire hydrant/curb cut
  - 20' if adjacent to bus stop



### Where it works best

### Effective placement

Effectiveness varied by:

- Range in use of loading zone
- Length of loading zone
- Demand for curb space
- **Residential demand** for NLZs is generally lower than commercial use; pickup and drop-off activities are much higher at NLZs placed in front of large residential buildings
- Street Geometry: Narrower streets showed relatively larger decrease in double parking instance after NLZs were installed



Narrower streets showed higher use of NLZ and decreased double parking behavior, wider streets such as 108<sup>th</sup> St, West End Ave had more vehicles double parking although NLZs were unoccupied on the block

108<sup>th</sup> St between 43<sup>rd</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave, QN

Proposed Locations, Next Steps

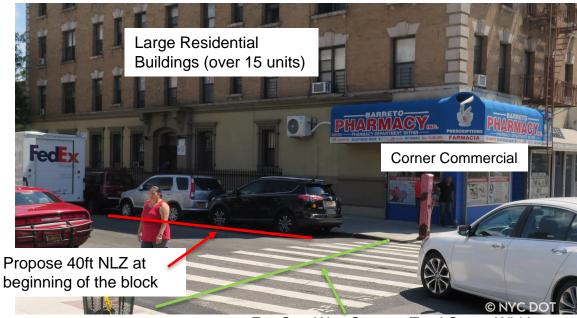


## **NLZ Placement Criteria**

#### Main Criteria:

- Narrow streets with large residential buildings
- Existing Bus Stops and/or bike lanes
- Double parking a common occurrence

#### NLZ Corridor Criteria Example

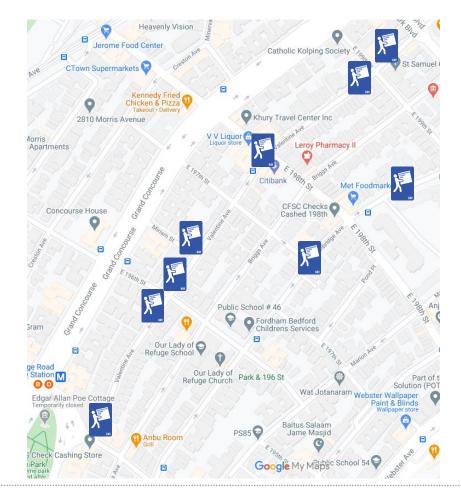


For One Way Streets, Total Street Width Should Be Less than 40 ft unless other conditions apply such as bike lanes

## **Next Steps**

### Expansion

- 2 corridors selected:
  - Valentine Ave from Bedford Park Blvd. to E 194<sup>th</sup> St. (with one spur on Miriam St.)
  - Bainbridge Ave from E 197<sup>th</sup> St. to E 199<sup>th</sup> St.
- Total of 9 locations on 8 blocks to converted to NLZ



### **Thank You!**

Questions? <u>NLZ@dot.nyc.gov</u>

