

# Neighborhood Loading Zones (NLZ) Manhattan CB8

Freight Mobility

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# **Delivering New York**

## A Smart Truck Management Plan for NYC

- Released as part of the Mayor's Streets Week Announcements, *Delivering New York* is the City's strategic freight management plan that provides a comprehensive policy framework for a safe, sustainable, equitable, and efficient last-mile freight delivery system.
- Among major initiatives, new innovative policies will reduce truck congestion; expand curbside space for deliveries; promote cargo bikes, encourage the transition to smaller, greener trucks; and improve the safety and efficiency of New York City's truck routes.

#### Goals of *Delivering New York*:

- Safety: Improve the safety of truck travel through and within the city
- **Efficiency:** Improve the efficiency of freight movement to, from, and within the city
- Sustainability: Foster the sustainable and responsible movement of goods
- Partnerships and Knowledge: Expand partnerships within the public and private sectors to increase awareness and understanding of freight activity



## **Freight Toolkit**

## How We Manage Freight













# **Summary**

## Increasing Demand for Curb Space

#### **Background:**

- Deliveries and For Hire Vehicle traffic growing in residential streets with rise in e-commerce orders
- 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 especially on residential streets.

#### **Target Users:**

- Personal vehicles for quick pickup/drop-off of passengers, groceries etc.
- Commercial delivery vehicles for residential and commercial delivery.
- Taxis and FHV for passenger pickup/drop-off





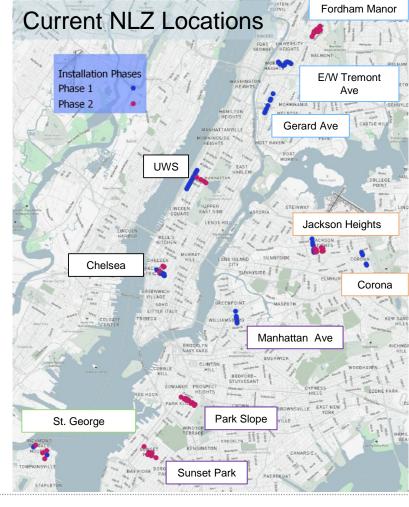
Clear travel lane and bike lane!



# **Current Locations**

#### Placement Decision

- Currently, there are 111 loading zones citywide in 28 corridors of various street typologies
- 62 were installed in 10 corridors back in Summer of 2019 (Phase 1)
- Additional 49 were installed in 18 corridors winter of 2020/21(Phase 2)
- 30 NLZs in Manhattan
- Moving onto Phase 3 for Spring 2021
  - Expanding into Community District 8



# Signage and Regulation

## Neighborhood Loading Zone (NLZ)

- 'No Parking' M-F, 7AM 7PM (adjusted for specific sites)
- Permits both passenger pickup/drop-off and goods delivery
- Pedestrian level information signage
- Replacing Alternate Side Parking
- Email address set up for direct communication with community members.







Pedestrian Level Signage Info

# **Basic Characteristics of NLZ**

#### **Basic Placement Criteria**

- Typically 40ft zones to accommodate ease of access for delivery vehicles, unless adjacent to other open curb spaces such as curb cuts and fire hydrants.
- In front of residential buildings
- Corner of blocks near retail stores and commercial corridors.
- Refrain from blocks with police precinct, fire houses and most other public facilities.



Example NLZ in front of residential building (74<sup>th</sup> Street)

# **Overall Usage**

### **Current Success Rate**

- Overall double parking has decreased on corridors with NLZs from 10% to 70%.
- Narrow corridors with large high vehicle traffic has performed well, especially with residential delivery vehicles.
- NLZ also used by commercial delivery vehicles when placed near commercial retailers.



Box Truck on W 15th Street NLZ



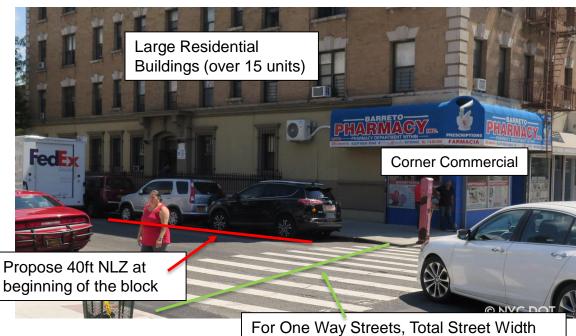
Passenger Vehicle on West End Ave NLZ

## **NLZ Placement Criteria**

## Main Criteria

- Narrow streets (eg.
   One-way streets with
   less than 35ft width)
   with large residential
   buildings
- Existing Bus Stops and/or bike lanes
- Double parking a common occurrence

NLZ Corridor Criteria Example

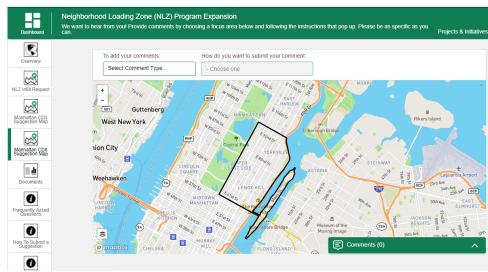


For One Way Streets, Total Street Width Should Be Less than 35 ft unless other conditions apply such as bike lanes

# **Community Outreach**

#### **Utilizing DOT's Projects & Initiatives Tool**

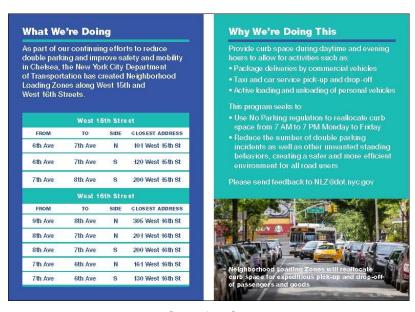
- Receive feedback on placement decisions directly from the community. They can access this page to request any additional NLZ within existing neighborhoods with NLZ, as well as new expansion neighborhoods.
- DOT will review inputs by the community, send finalized locations to Community Board for comments.



Screen capture of the P&I tool showing a map anyone can fill-in to request an NLZ

# **Community Outreach**

## **Outreach Materials**



Example: Palm Card for Chelsea with all expansion locations listed



Example: WHH flyer developed for expansion on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Park Slope, Brooklyn

# **Next Steps**

# Phase 3 Expansion

- Expand NLZ into new neighborhoods to double the total number of NLZs citywide.
- Install additional NLZs in neighborhoods already explored based on community feedback.



Focus on narrow residential streets

## Thank You!

Questions?

NLZ website:

https://nyc.gov/nlz

Projects and Initiatives Tool:

https://nycdotprojects.info/project/neighborhood-loading-zone-nlz-program-expansion



# **Appendix A**

# Related Freight Programs

Off Hour Deliveries: Shifting commercial deliveries to off-peak hours (7pm-6am) to reduce congestion, trucks double parking, and improve street safety.

Cargo Bike Pilot Program: Working with industry partners to improve last mile delivery method with cargo bikes, leading to improved street safety, more efficient deliveries and reduced congestion.



Image: Program partner conducting OHD.



Image: Examples of Cargo Bikes