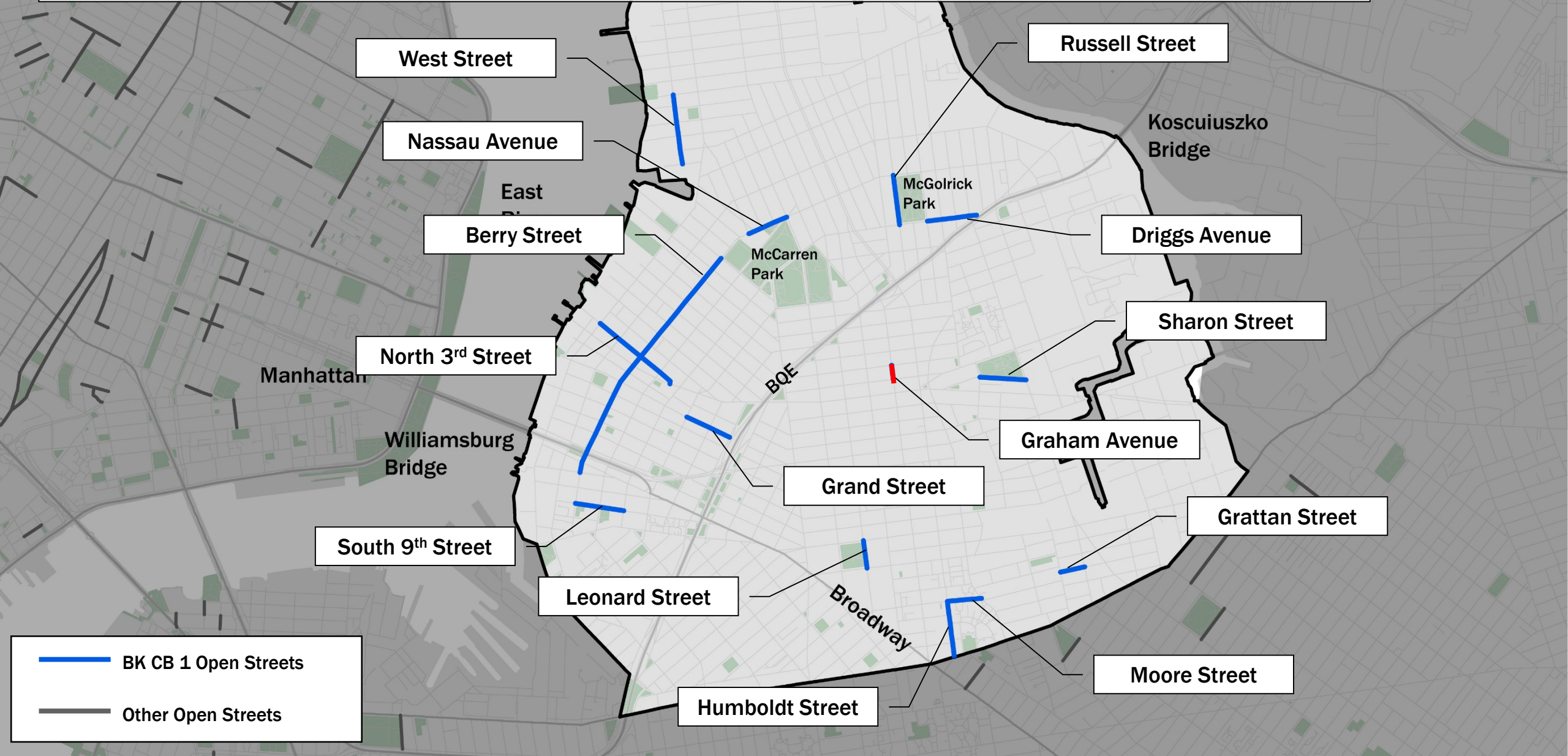




BK CB1 OPEN STREETS – 3.03 MILES



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

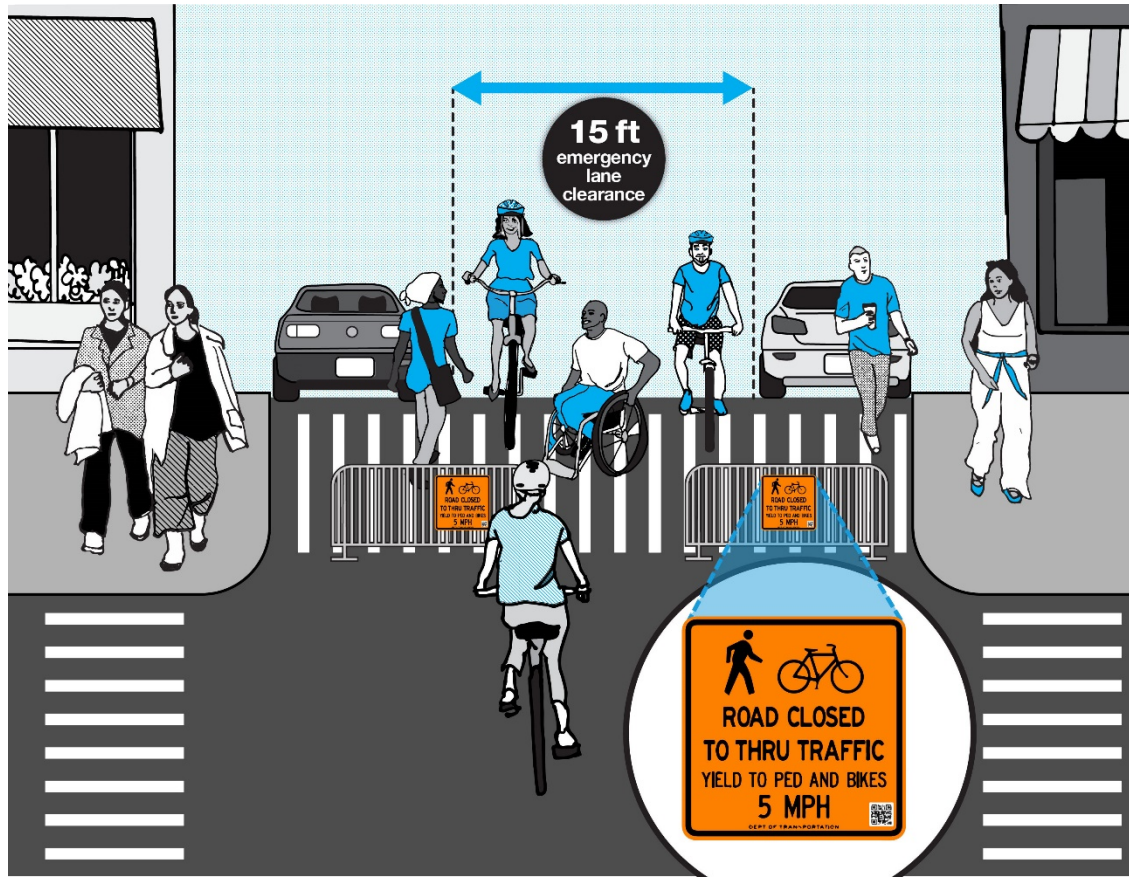


**North Brooklyn Open Streets
Community Coalition**

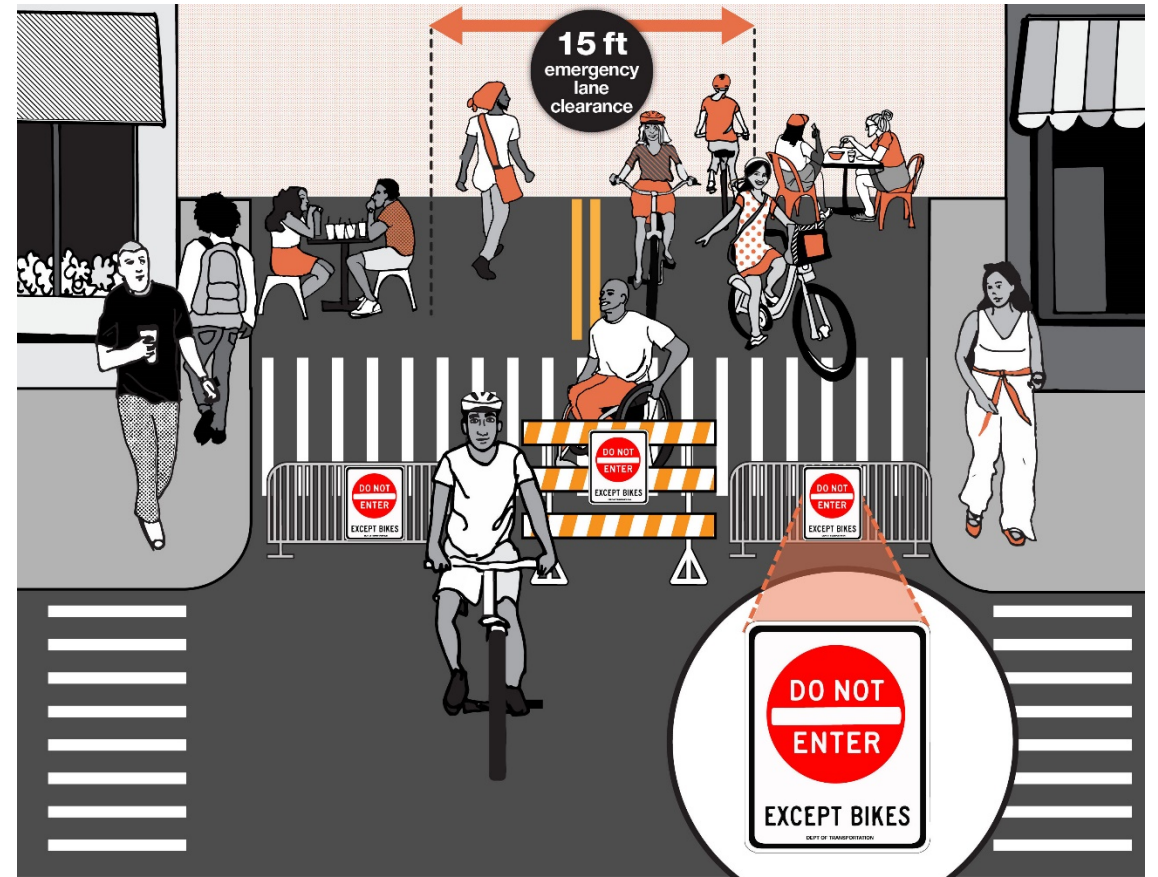


- DOT partners responsible for the day to day execution of some Open Streets across North Brooklyn
- Consists of neighbors, community based organizations, businesses, and other members of the North Brooklyn community working together collaboratively to create public space
- Stepped in to manage Open Streets when City resources were limited at the height of the pandemic

HOW OPEN STREETS WORK



Temporary Limited Local Access



Temporary Full Closure



NORTH BROOKLYN OPEN STREETS

Community Outreach Overview



DOT OUTREACH EFFORTS TO DATE

BK CB 1 Transportation Committee

- 6/17 and every meeting since December 2020

Stakeholder Meetings

- Various meetings since spring '20 with community members

Community Feedback Survey

- Open from December '20 to February '21 – 2,000+ responses

Public Workshops via Zoom

- 2/10 evening + 2/11 day – 200+ participants

Inter Agency Coordination

- Regularly checking in with the NYPD, FDNY, and DSNY

Inspections by DOT Team

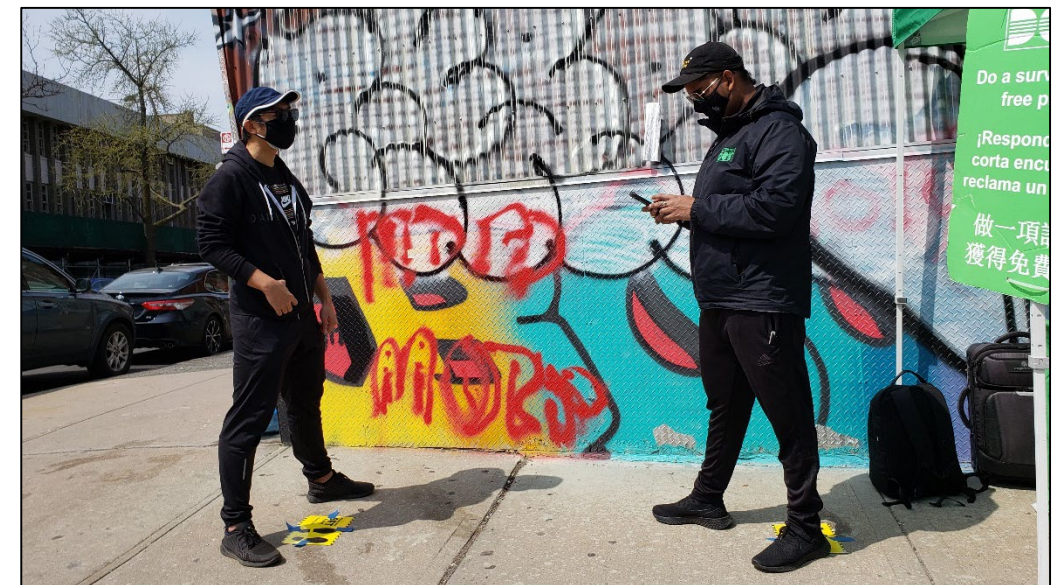
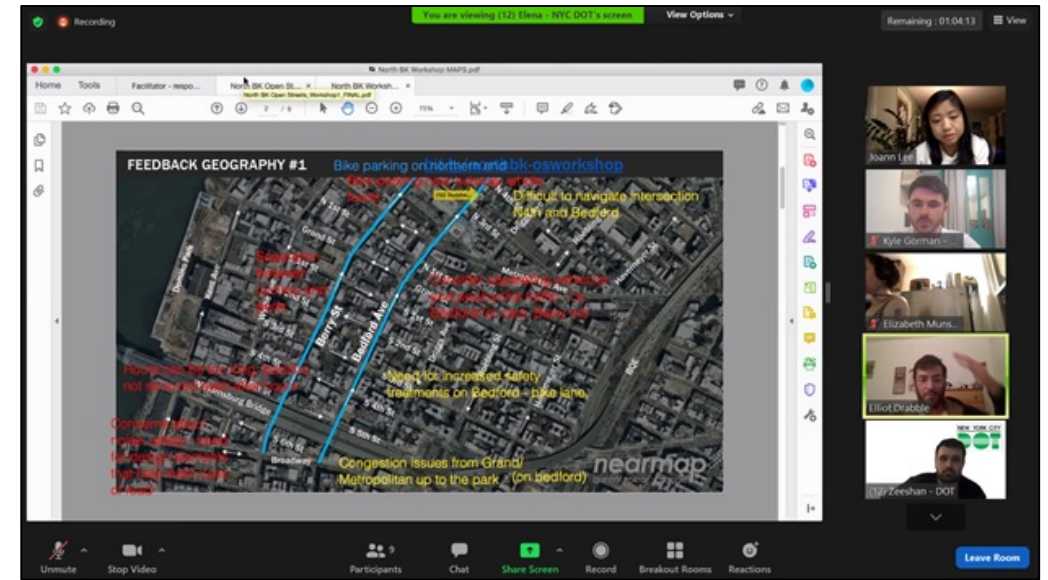
- Ensuring barrier placement, schedule, usage, etc.

Street Ambassador Deployments

- On street, in person engagement opportunities in April '21

Restaurants and Bars Check In

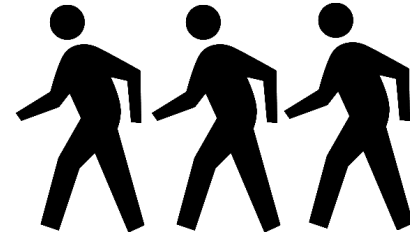
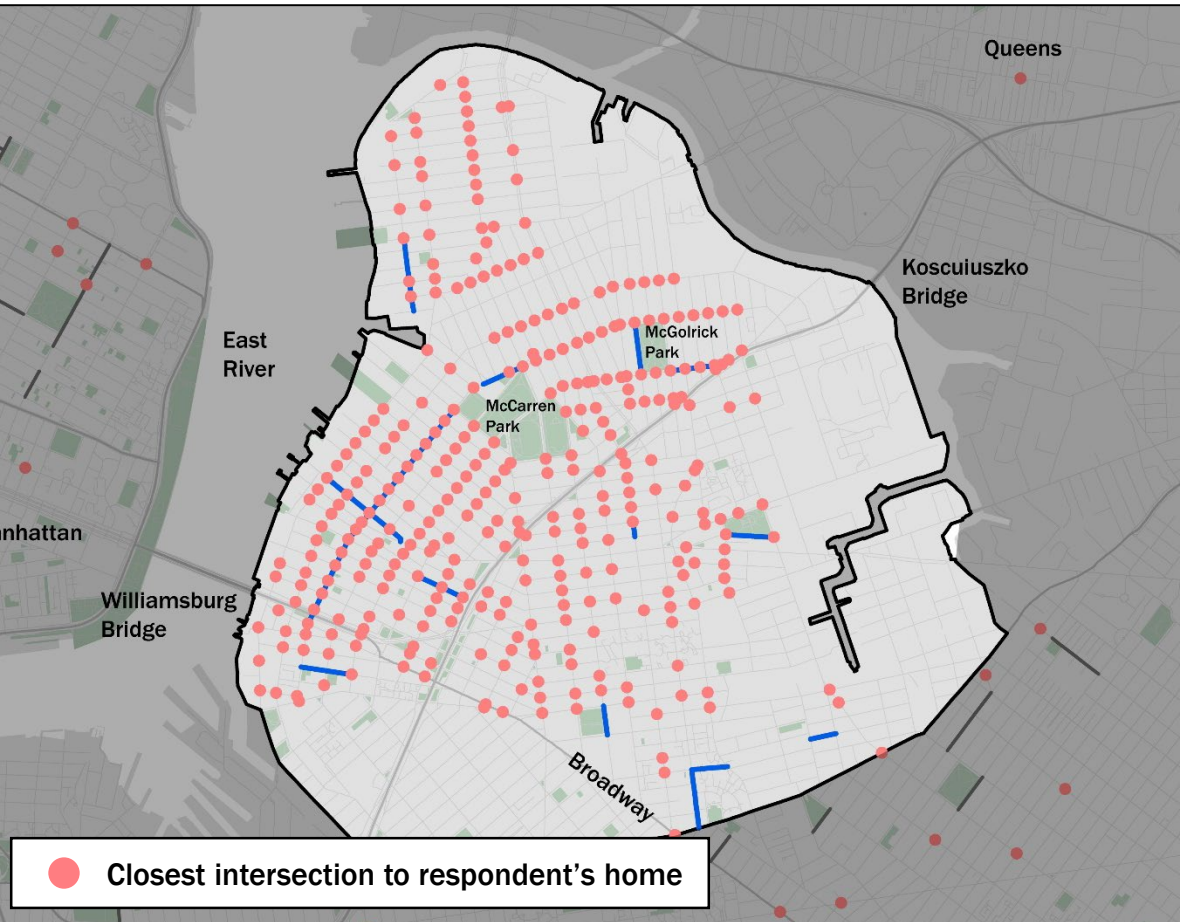
- Scheduled for 5/5 – planning for NYC reopening



COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

2,183

Community Survey Responses



85%

Respondents indicate they used
Open Streets while walking



77%

Respondents visit Open Streets
daily or several times a week

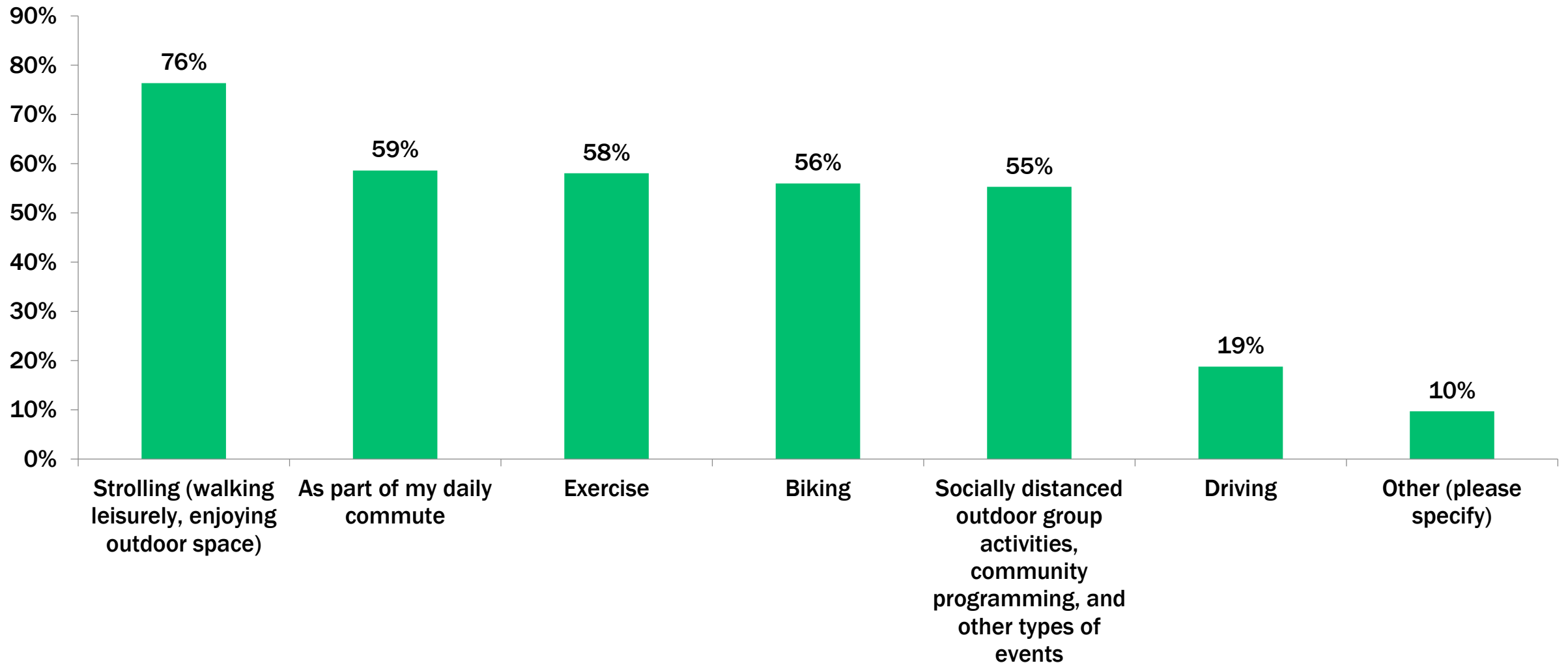


28%

Respondents indicate they used
Open Streets while driving

- 93% of respondents lived within Community Board # 1
- 38% lived on Berry St, Driggs Av, Nassau Av, or Sharon St

How do you want to use these Open Streets corridors in the future?



SUCCESES

- **Open Streets have become neighborhood hubs and a tool for recovery from the pandemic**
- **They provide more open space for community use and enjoyment**
- **Lack of thru-traffic has made the street quieter and feel safer for pedestrians and cyclists**
- **For businesses, benefit of a street closure is the increase in foot traffic to their establishment**



CHALLENGES

- Community partners need operational support for long term success – relying on volunteer labor is not sustainable in the long term
- Issues, such as amplified sound, can affect neighbor's quality of life
- Light touch elements (i.e. barriers with temporary signs) can be ineffective and hard to manage
- Traffic safety issues persist and repeated instances of dangerous driving
- Access needs along any corridor are complex and variable - must consider all road users



SOLUTIONS & NEXT STEPS

- **Mayor recently announced a \$4 million investment in Open Streets**
- **DOT will provide resources and support to community partners to execute Open Streets**
- **Coordinate around and with other planning efforts in North Brooklyn**
- **Continue reviewing and getting community feedback that can inform a future project**
- **Circle back later in 2021 with design proposals**



THANK YOU!

Email openstreets@dot.nyc.gov with any questions or to provide further feedback