



# PROSPECT HEIGHTS OPEN STREETS

Community Board 8 Update – 9/28/21





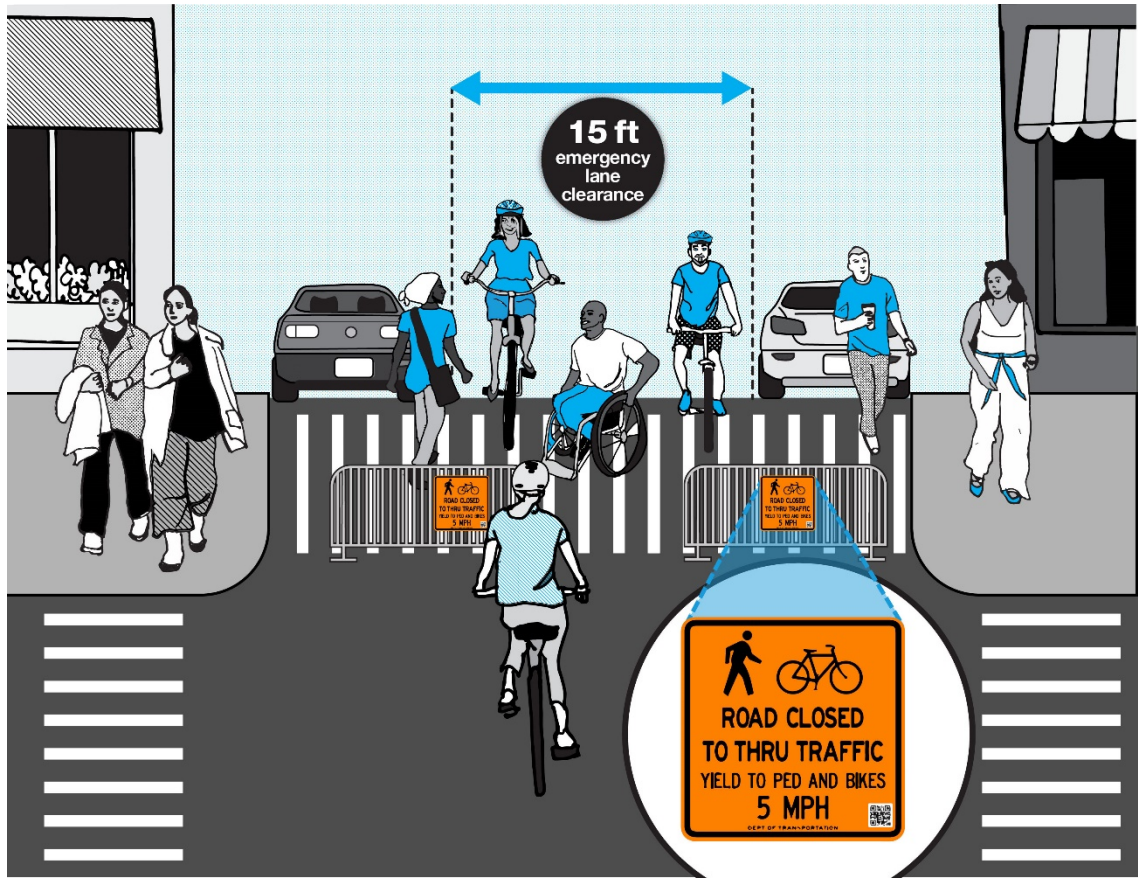
# COMMUNITY PARTNERS



- DOT partner responsible for the day to day execution of Open Streets in Prospect Heights
- Consists of neighbors, businesses, and other members of the Prospect Heights 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

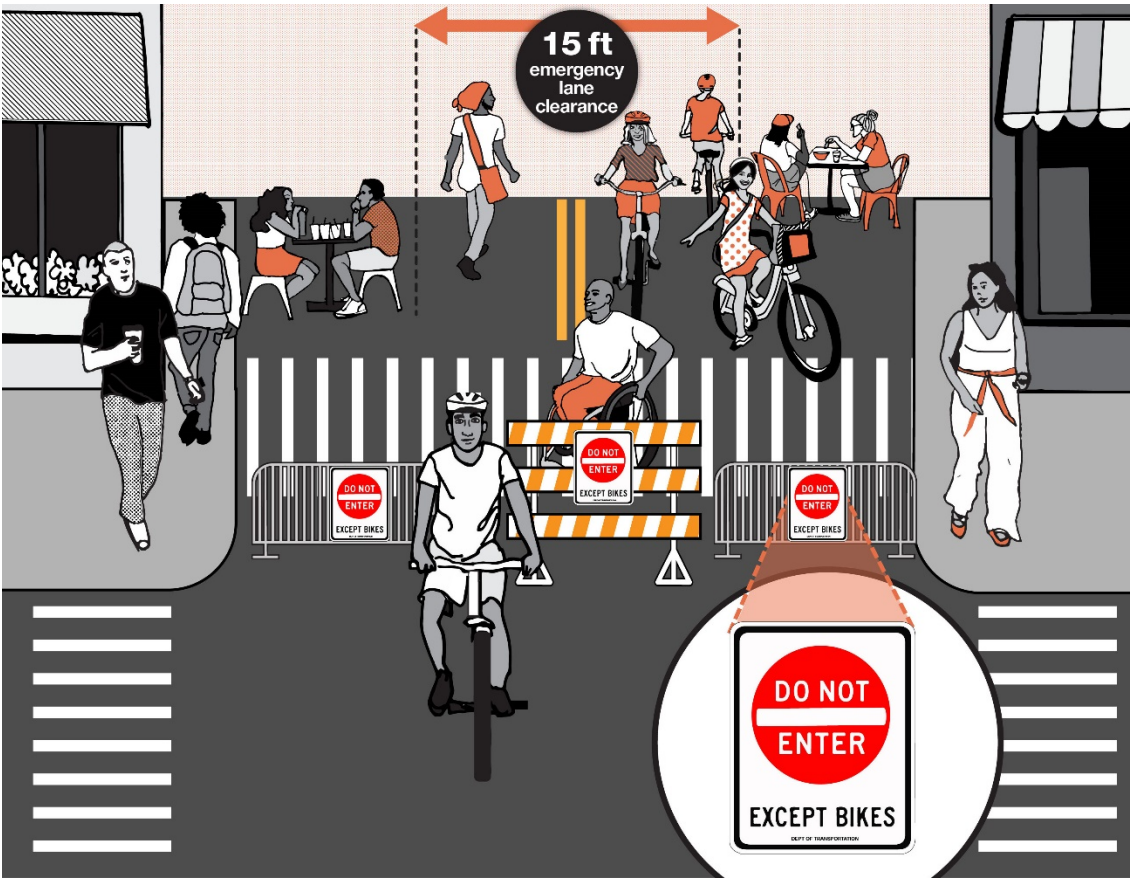
# HOW OPEN STREETS WORK

## Temporary Limited Local Access



Underhill Avenue

## Temporary Full Closure



Vanderbilt Ave



# EFFORTS TO DATE

## Emergency response program – May to Nov. '20

- Open Streets on Underhill, Carlton, and Vanderbilt Avenues as an emergency response program during COVID-19

## Community feedback survey – Feb to May '21

- 1,468 responses with feedback on how the existing Open Streets on Underhill + Vanderbilt Aves are operating and can be used in the future
- Promoted via flyers, digital media, flyers, email blasts, and in person opportunity on 5/26

## Traffic study for Open Streets – March to Nov. '21

- Collecting vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian count data for Open Streets and surrounding corridors

## 2021 Open Streets program – March to present

- Working with PHNDC, made programmatic and operational tweaks to enhance Open Streets from lessons learned in 2020

## Community Workshop – September '21

- 3 pop up workshops on Vanderbilt and Underhill Aves (9/11, 9/17, 9/22) to build on the survey feedback + offer in person feedback opp.

## Clean Up Corps – July to present

- Regular operational, sanitation, and horticultural support w/ The Hort

## Emergency Services Coordination– Ongoing

- Working with FDNY, NYPD to ensure smooth emergency operations





# 2021 Open Street Improvements



Bike lane improvements



New signs and barriers



Clean Up Corps support



Public art



Programming and activations



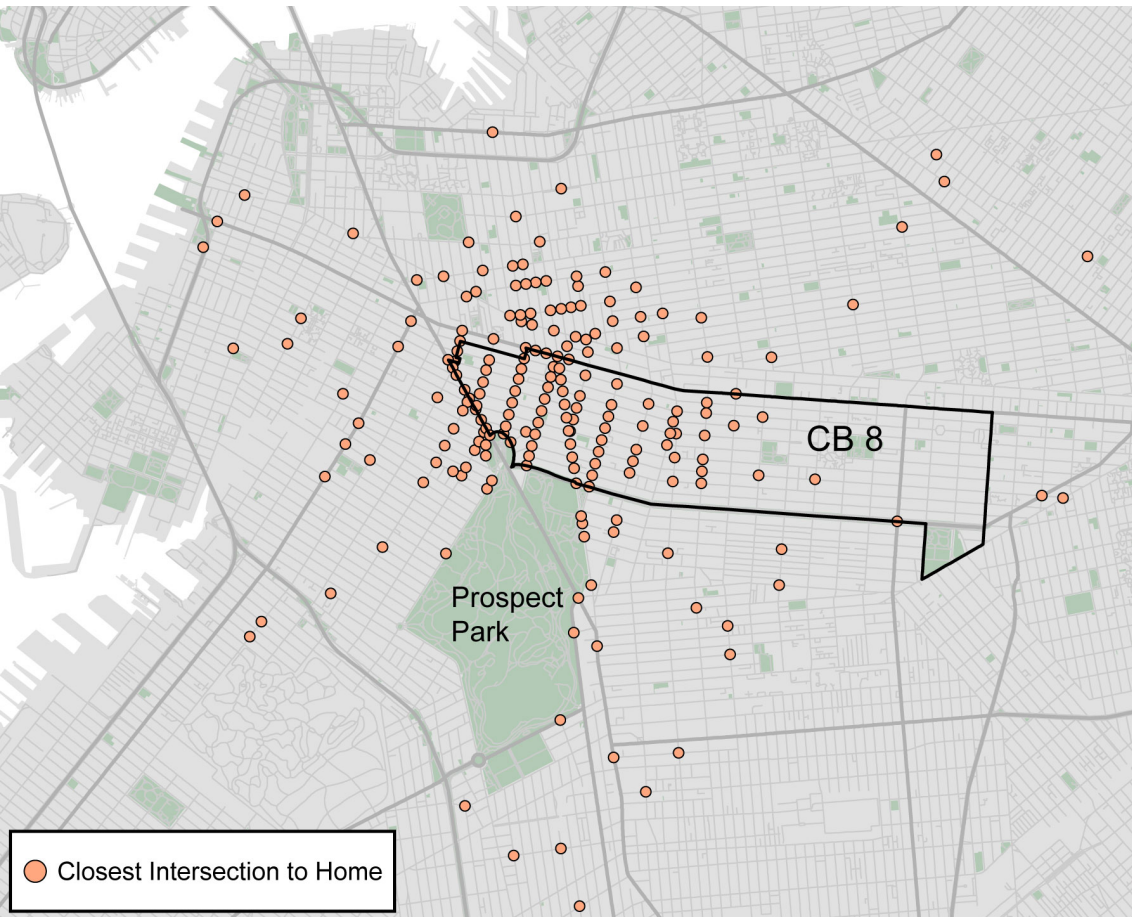
# Community outreach overview



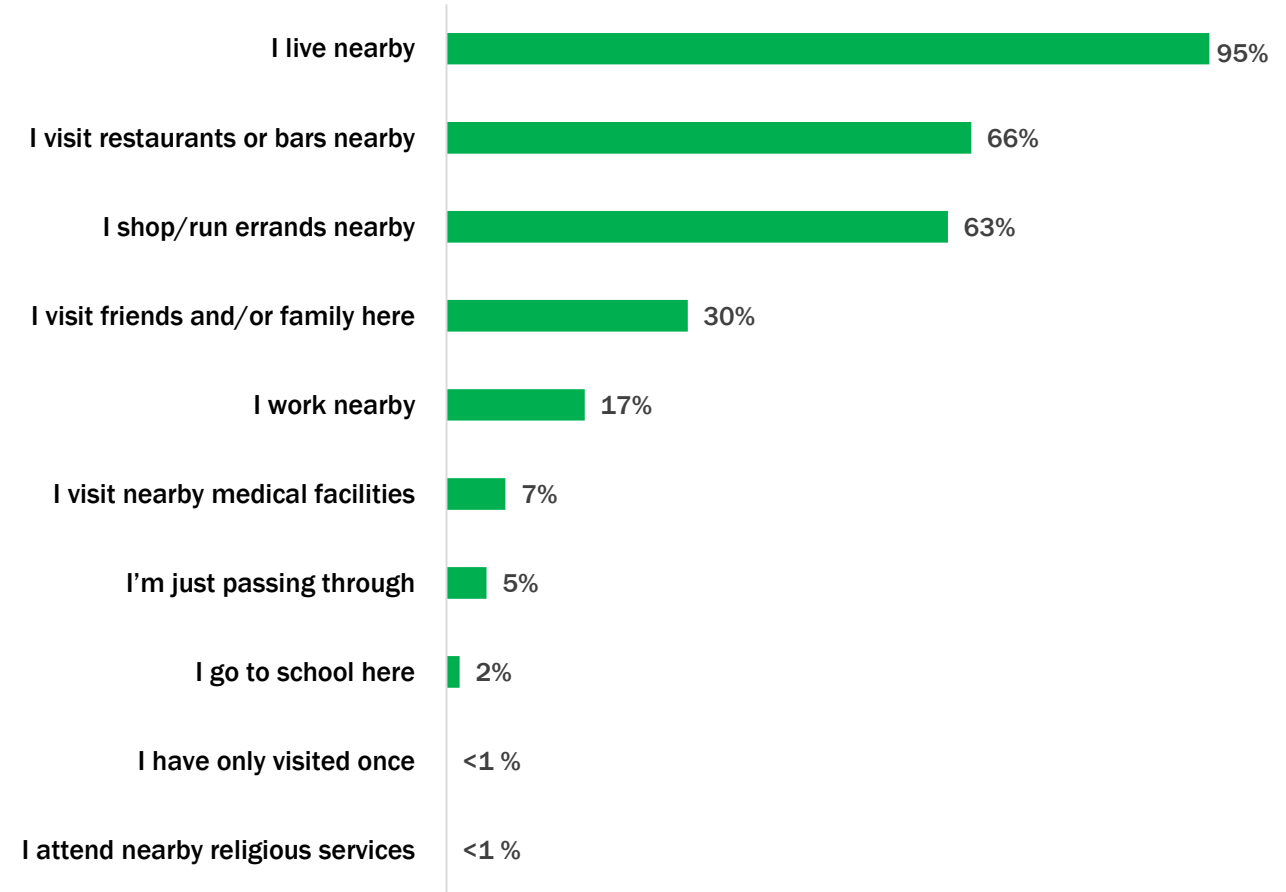
# COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

# 1,468

## Community Survey Responses



### Relationship to Prospect Heights Open Streets

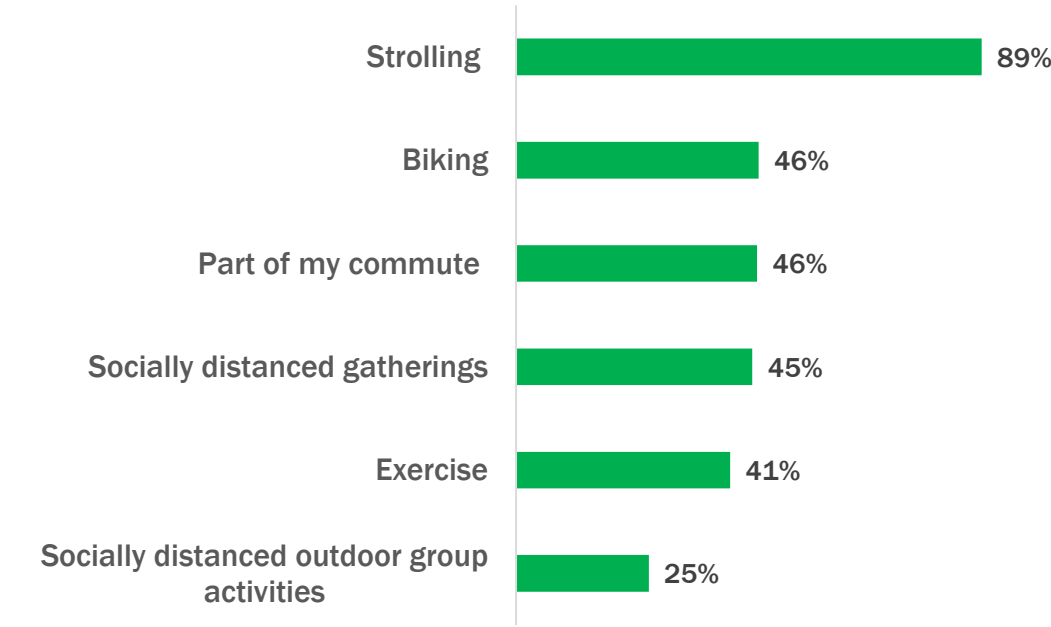


**80% of respondents lived within Community Board 8**

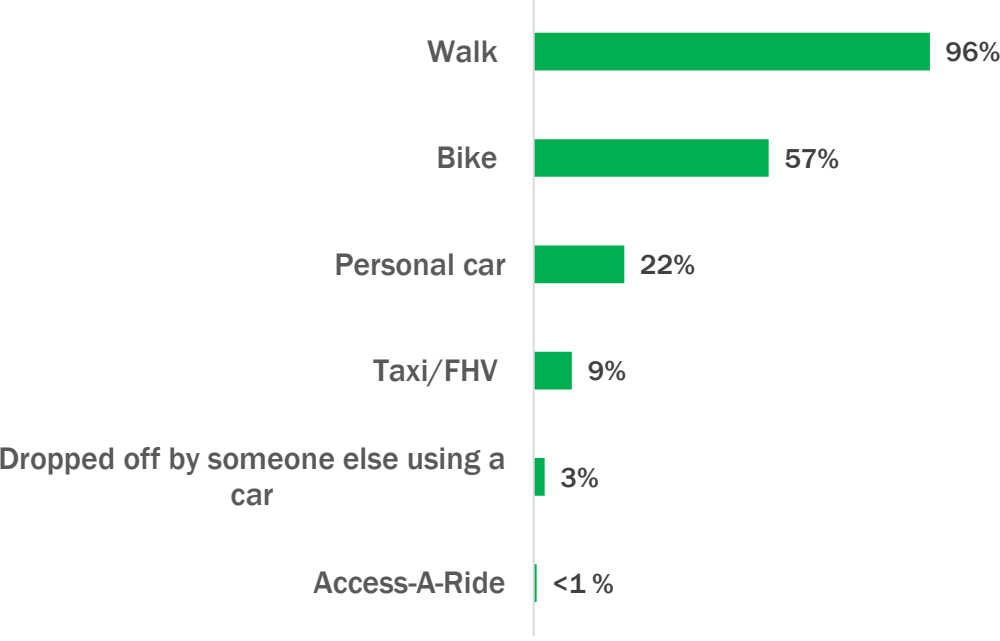


# UNDERHILL AVENUE FEEDBACK

Activities on Underhill



Modes of Transportation





# UNDERHILL AVENUE WRITTEN FEEDBACK

## Opportunities

- » Make Open Streets permanent
- *"It was such an amazing program and everyone in the neighborhood seemed to like it! I hope it comes back again this summer!"*
- » This space allows people to safely gather, exercise, and connect with the community.
- *"This is a great program and should be kept! There are many families around Underhill and the Open Streets help keep the area safer"*

## Room for Improvement

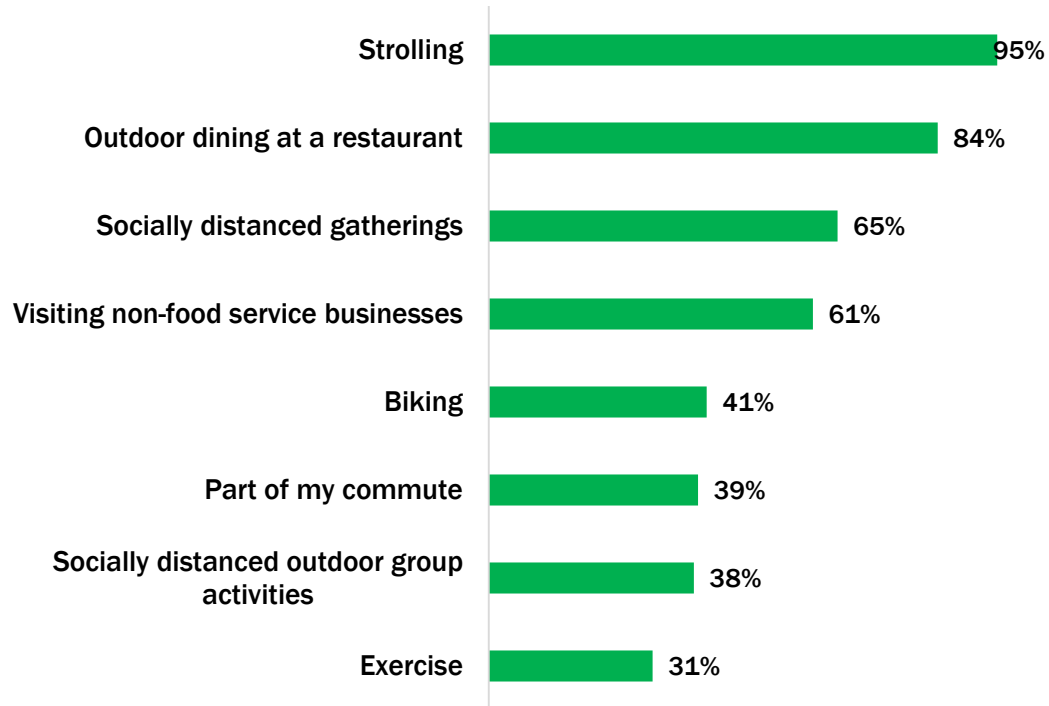
- » Needs better monitoring for bikes and cars (100+ mentions)
- » Needs stronger / permanent barriers (60+ mentions)
- » Traffic congestion on nearby side streets have increased. (30+ mentions)



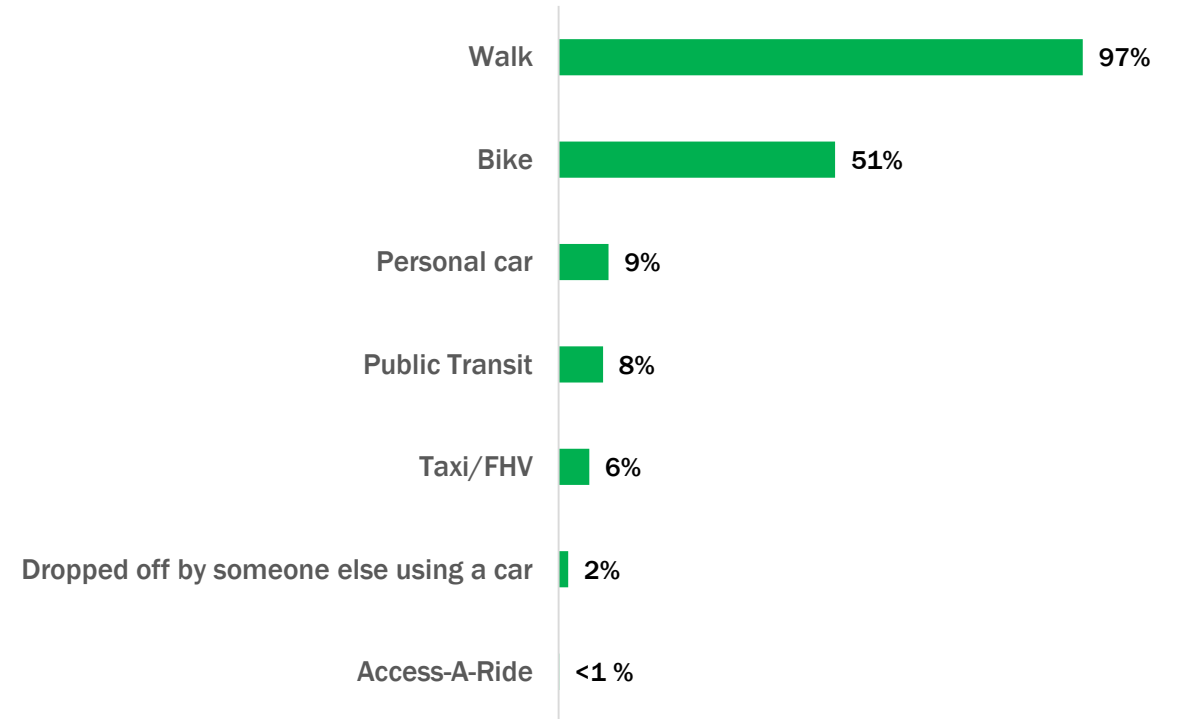


# VANDERBILT AVENUE FEEDBACK

## Activities on Underhill



## Modes of Transportation





# VANDERBILT AVENUE

## WRITTEN FEEDBACK

### Opportunities

- » This space allows people to safely gather, exercise, and connect with the community (200+ mentions)
- » Great for businesses and improving the neighborhood (100+ mentions)
- » Make Open Streets permanent (100+ mentions)

### Room for Improvement

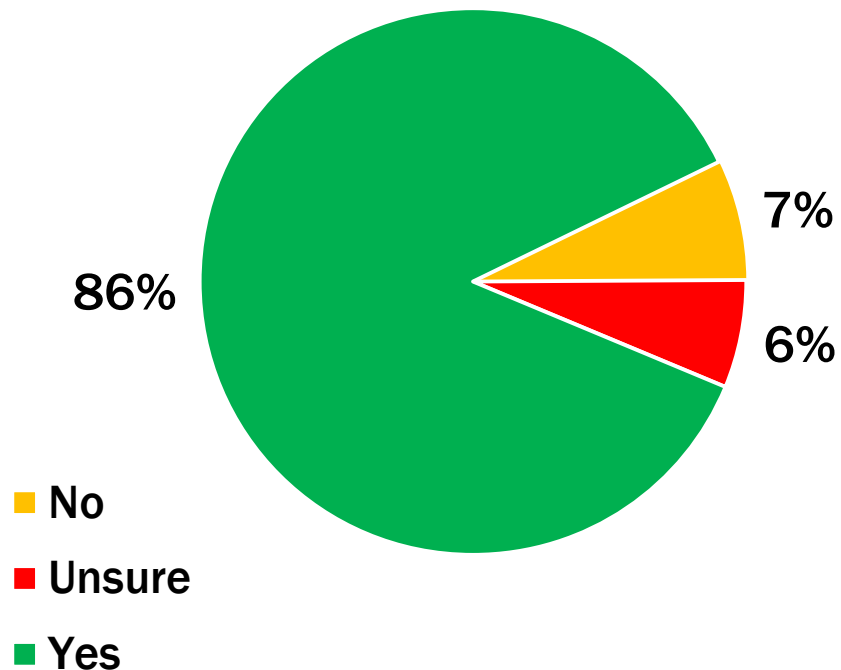
- » Designate a clearer bike lane (30+ mentions)
- » Lack of Organization and Inadequate Garbage Cleanup (40+ responses)
- » Traffic congestion on nearby side streets have increased. (20+ mentions)



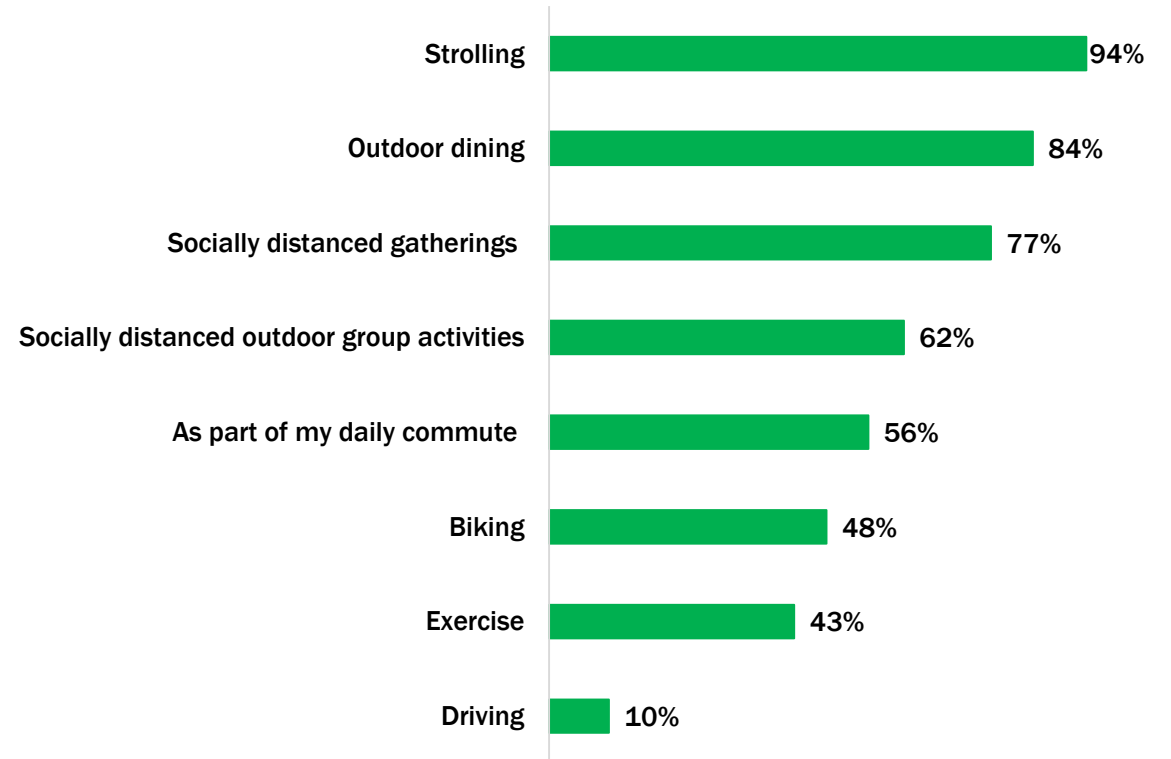


# COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Would you like to see permanent changes to make Prospect Heights Open Streets pedestrian and/or cycling priority corridors?



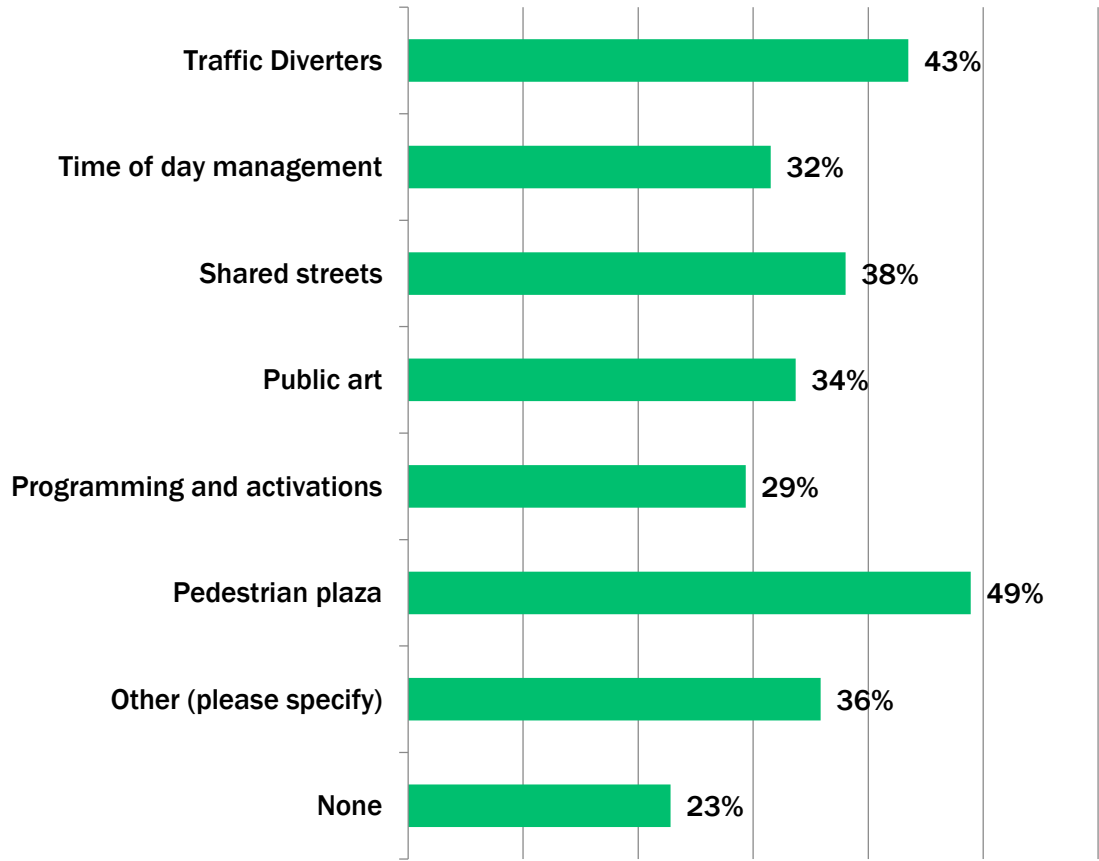
How do you want to use Prospect Heights Open Streets in the future?





# IN PERSON WORKSHOP FEEDBACK

Which public space tool kit items would you like to see implemented?



Data collected at 3 in person workshops on Vanderbilt and Underhill Avenues – 9/11, 9/17, and 9/22



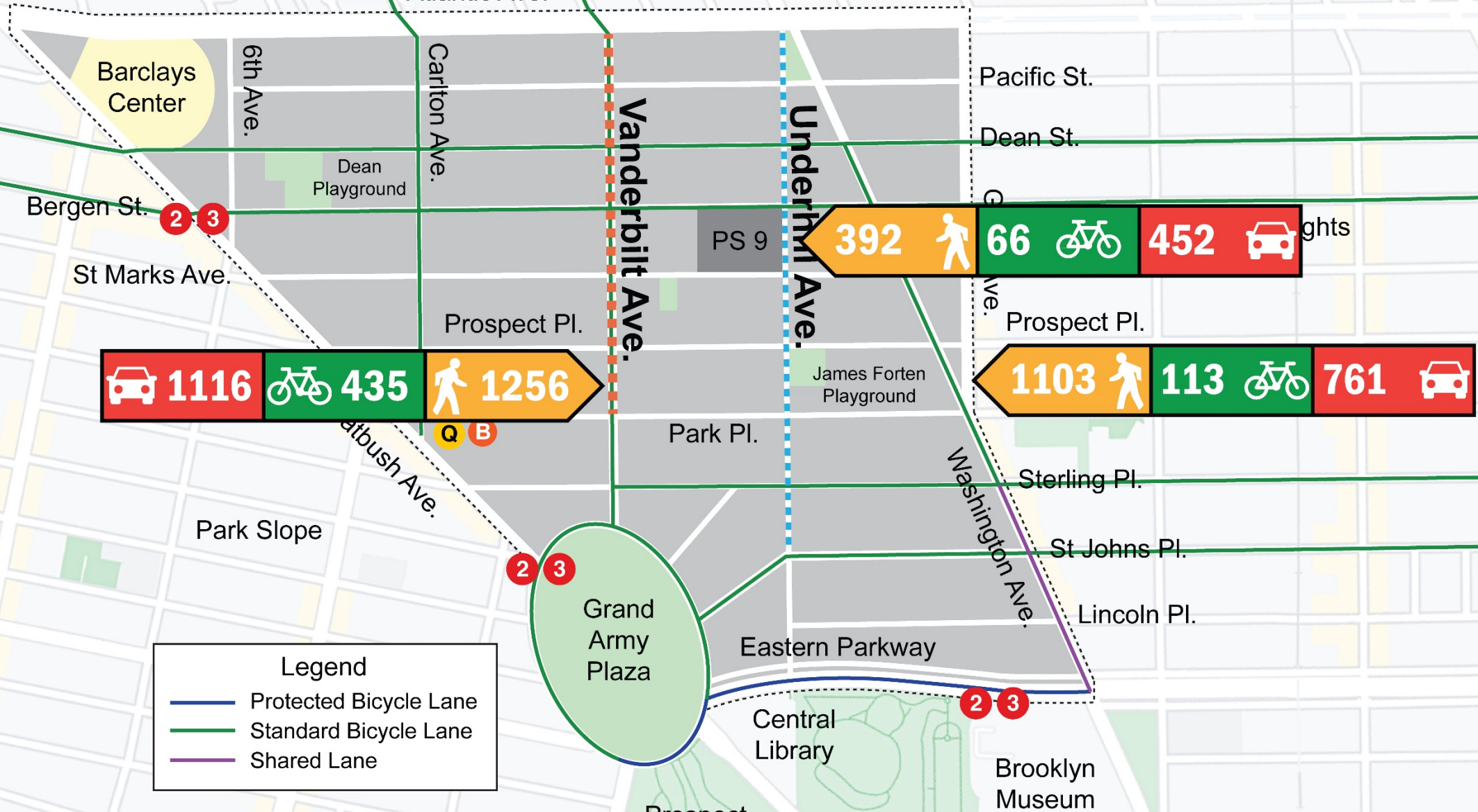


## Traffic data overview





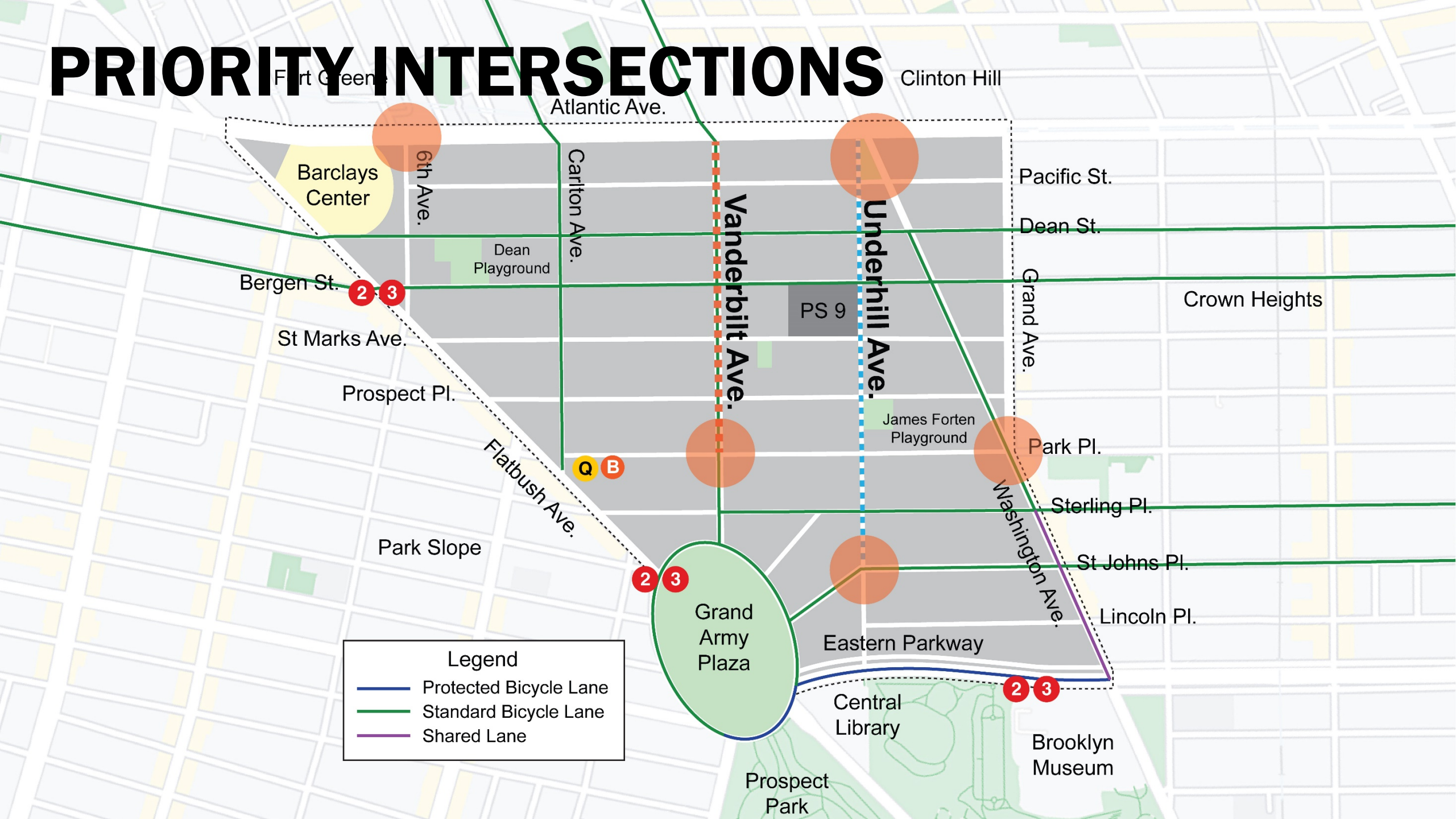
# “BEFORE” TRAFFIC COUNT DATA



Counts collected Friday 3/26/21 5pm to 6pm



# PRIORITY INTERSECTIONS





# NEXT STEPS

## Supplemental Traffic Counts – Oct/Nov ‘21

- Collect further traffic count information about existing conditions in the Prospect Heights traffic network

## Further analysis– Winter ‘22

- Working with DOT Traffic Planning, fully analyze traffic data to understand Open Streets impact on traffic network
- Use traffic data as projects are developed



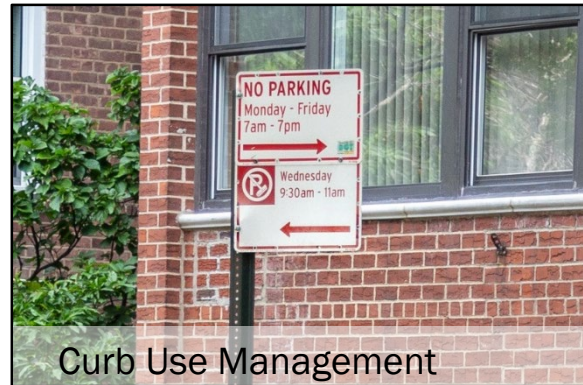




**Looking ahead towards 2022**



# DOT TOOL KIT



Curb Use Management



Gateway Treatments



Programming



Delivery Management

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Traffic Controls



Bicycle Infrastructure

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Edge Objects

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StreetSeats



Bike Parking



Shared Streets



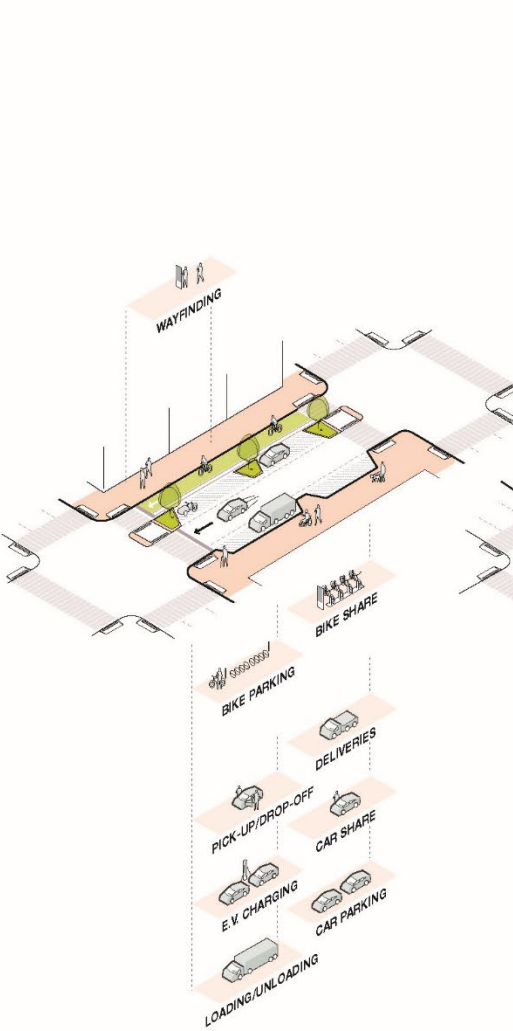
Pedestrian Improvements

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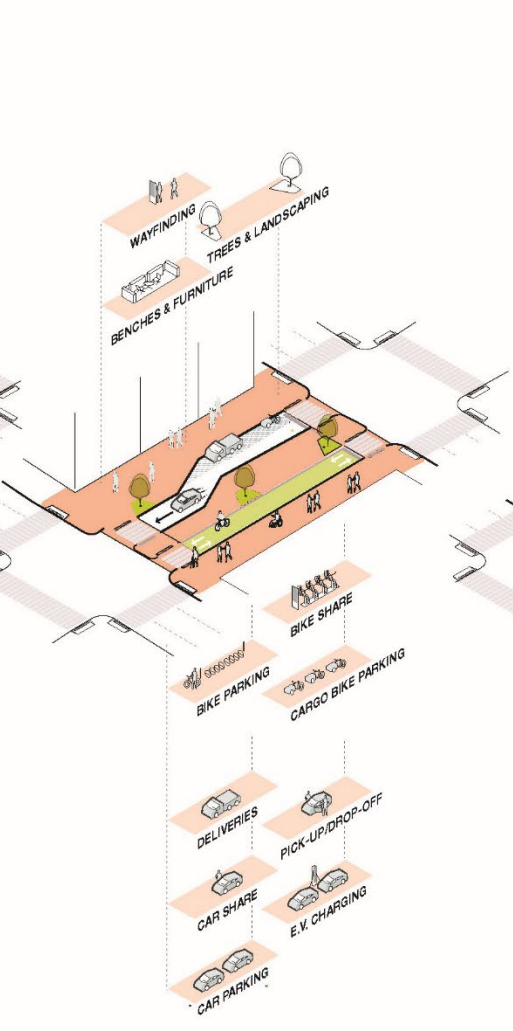


# PUBLIC SPACE TOOL KIT

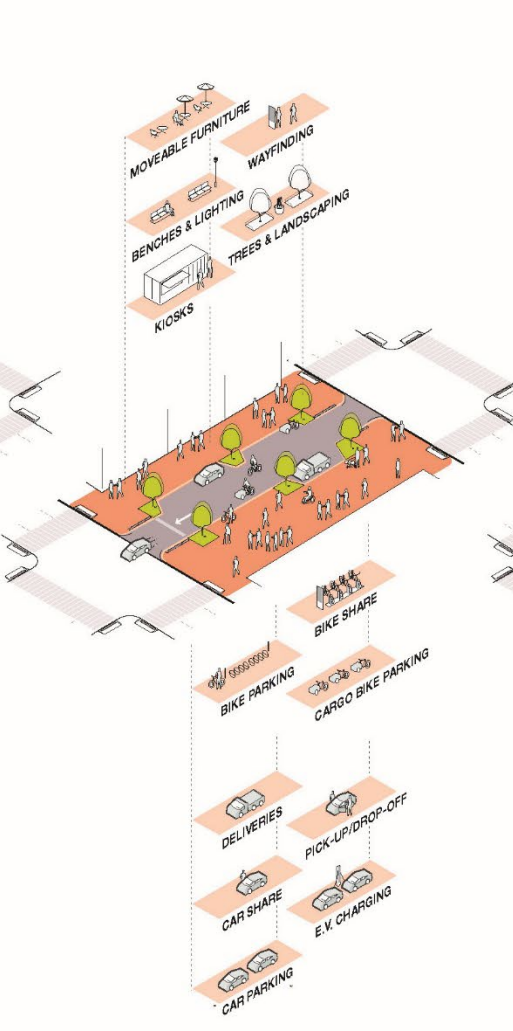
BASE BLOCK



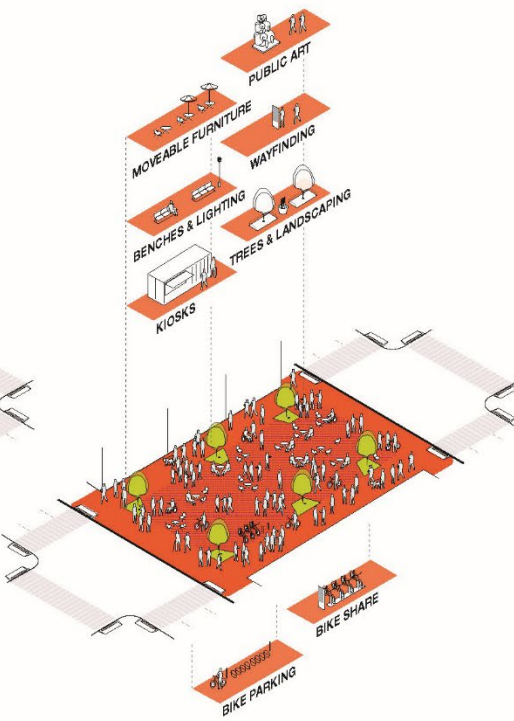
SLOW BLOCK



SHARED BLOCK



PLAZA BLOCK





# Time of Day Management – Berry St





# Shared Streets – Union Square



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# Plazas – Jitu Wesi Plaza





# Street Furniture - Lower East Side





# LOOKING AHEAD

## Community Board 8 Update – Sept. ‘21

- Summarize community feedback heard to date, traffic count data, and present a timeline for 2022

## In person community workshop – November ‘21

- DOT will host a community workshop in November to get feedback about design proposals for 2022 projects

## Community Board 8 Update – Winter ‘22

- Present final 2022 projects to CB 8 for final feedback

## Project Implementation – Spring/Summer ‘22

- Develop public space and traffic calming projects using community feedback and traffic data
- Continue developing a traffic network and public realm plan for Prospect Heights







# THANK YOU!

Email [openstreets@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:openstreets@dot.nyc.gov) with any questions or concerns

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