PROSPECT PARK DRIVES PILOT

Background
• Prospect Park has been car free since January 2018, but drives are still marked for dedicated vehicular use
• Authorized vehicles only allowed, NYPD/FDNY, Parks, and special events commercial vehicles

Unmet Demand
• Pedestrian space only on the inner ring creates crowding and forces all pedestrian to cross the drives upon entering the park
• Not all access points have crossings
• High volume of cyclists and low volume of vehicles results in vehicle lane being used by cyclists
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- Necessary repaving of the East Drive in 2023 presents opportunity to pilot new lane markings

- Reallocate vehicle travel lane into an extra-wide shared bike/vehicle lane with pedestrian space on both sides of the drive

- Dashed lane markings and bike sharrows will be marked every 250’ to provide guidance for authorized vehicles using the East Drive

Proposed signage

Roadbed Widths Within Pilot Extents
- 35’ – 40’
- 41’ – 46’
- 47’ – 57’

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Grand Army Plaza
Park Circle
Ocean Ave

16th St

Proposed signage

![Proposed signage](image.png)
PROPOSAL BENEFITS

Benefits

• Reduce crossing conflicts as pedestrians can remain on the outer ring if desired or cross when convenient
• Provide greater access to pedestrian crossings and paths that cross the main drive
• Shortened crossing distances
• Provide safer designation of space that pedestrians and cyclists are already using
• Removes vehicle-only lane
• Increased space for cyclists on drives

Outreach

• Street Ambassadors will conduct public outreach to get feedback on pilot
RESURFACING SCHEDULE

• Resurfacing of the East Drive will begin as early as the night of March 13th

• Resurfacing will occur at night from 8pm to 4am to minimize impact on Park users

• The East Drive will be resurfaced in stages. The almost two-mile stretch will be completed within four or five stages / weeks, weather allowing

• Each section will be milled for approximately 3 nights followed by 2 nights of paving. This staged approach is to ensure all sections of the drive are sealed by each weekend for cyclist and pedestrian use

• Markings layout will follow resurfacing