West 22ND Street Open Street Design Proposal
CB4 Transportation Planning Committee – June 21, 2023
Project History and Outreach to Date
Site Context
Project History

Emergency Response Program – May 2020 to May 2021
• Open Streets as an emergency response program during COVID-19 pandemic
• West 22nd Open Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues established as Limited Local Access Open Street

Permanent Open Streets Program – May 2021 to present
• 2021 Local Law 55 made Open Streets permanent program in NYC
• As part of the legislation, DOT is required to evaluate existing Open Streets to determine whether any such Open Streets could benefit from additional traffic calming measures and streetscape elements.

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Public Realm Toolkit

- Granite Blocks
- Planters
- Flexible Delineators
- Epoxy Gravel
- Gravel Blocks
Outreach to Date

Community Survey – May ‘21
• Performed by Transportation Alternatives and Open Streets partner
• 156 responses

Community Visioning Workshop – October ‘22
• Organized by W 22nd OS and the Collective for Community, Culture and Environment
• 50 participants, over 552 comments and suggestions
• SWOT analysis and feedback on design and programming proposals

Community Board 4 – ‘22-‘23
• December: Voted in favor of changes to the W. 22nd Open Street, including changes to hours of operation, barricade placement, and frequency of programming
• January: Voted to support the goals of the Community Workshop Report to implement designs that encourage slow vehicle speeds while maintaining access

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### TOP 20 COMMUNITY FINDINGS, PRIORITIES, and CONCERNS (by number of individual comments)

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<td>Improve Open Street Entrance Signage</td>
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<td>Add Different Open Street Activities</td>
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<td>Add Plants and Green Zones</td>
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<td>Love Existing Street Trees</td>
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<td>Ensure Good Open Street Management</td>
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Project Goals:
• Evolve the W 22nd Open Street beyond the barricades
• Formalize the traffic calming effects from the Open Street
• Enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists
• Provide public space amenities

Precedents:
• Sharon Street, Brooklyn
• W. 103rd Street, Manhattan
Mid-Block Traffic Calming – Sharon Street
Design Proposal

- Slowed Turns and Traffic Calming at Street Entrance
- Mid-Block Traffic Calming
- Planters, Granite Blocks, and Flexible Delineators
- Expanded Sidewalk Space
- Shortened Crossings
- Garage Access Maintained
- 5 MPH Signage
- Bike Parking
- Existing Truck Loading Zone

Legend:
- Bike Parking
- Slowed Turns and Traffic Calming at Street Entrance
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Dimensions (in feet):
- 62' 9'
- 10'
- 128' 21' 148'
- 189'
- 787'
- 148'
- 21'
- 174'
- 82'
- 21'
- 189'
- 62'

Note: The diagram shows the proposed changes and the existing truck loading zone.
Parking

Total Parking Impact
12 Spots
2 Spots (Weekend/Overnight)

1 Spot

2 Spots (Existing Truck Loading Zone)

2 Parking Spots per Pair of Hugs

5 Spots
Emergency Access

Turn Clearance for FDNY and other Emergency Vehicles

Clearance for FDNY Vehicles

Hydrant
Next Steps

June
• Community Board 4 Presentation

Summer/Fall 2023
• Potential implementation
• Project evaluation

2023 & Beyond
• Based on evaluation and additional community feedback assess future expansion of Slow Street network
Thank You

Questions?