

Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan Working Groups Round Two

April 27, 2023

Streetscape, Physical Infrastructure, & Open Space



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Today's Meeting Objectives

- **Share information** about the Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan process, scope and timeline.
- **Validate the plan's Opportunity Statements** derived from community engagement at the Kickoff meeting and round one working group meetings.
- Begin to **draft community recommendations**

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PLANNING PROCESS

PRINCIPLES,
GOALS AND
EXPECTATIONS

Project Goals

Housing
Affordability

Holistic Planning

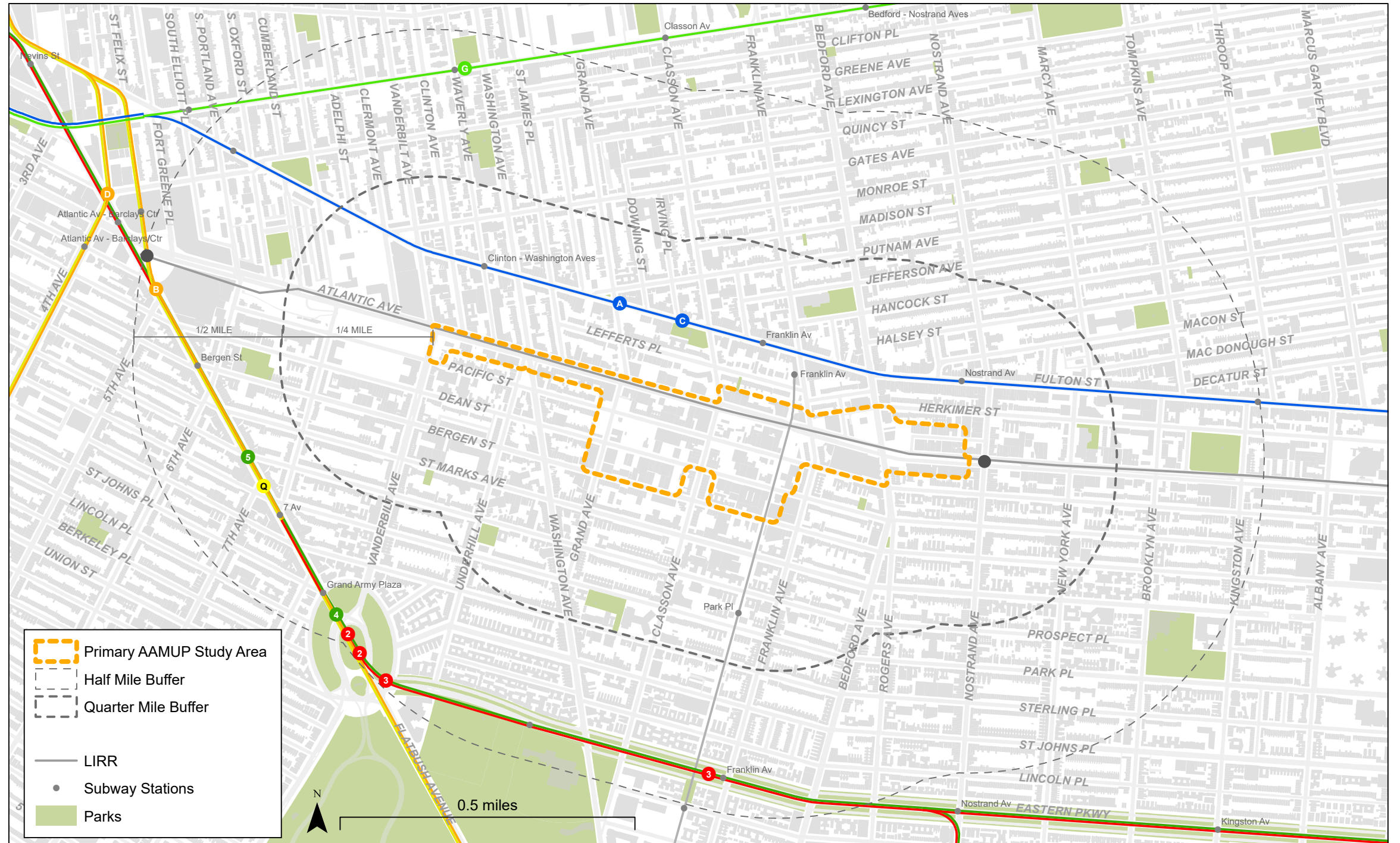
Promoting Job
Growth

Infrastructure and
Capital Planning

Street Safety



Project Area: Neighborhood Context



What's in Our Community Plan for Atlantic Avenue?

Focus Area A

Streetscape, Physical Infrastructure, and Open Space

- Transportation + Street Safety
- Accessibility
- Green + Open Spaces
- Climate Change Mitigation + Resilience

Focus Area B

Economic Development, Human Capital, and Services

- Economic Development
- Job Creation + Training
- Schools and Childcare
- Libraries and Community Spaces
- City Services

Focus Area C

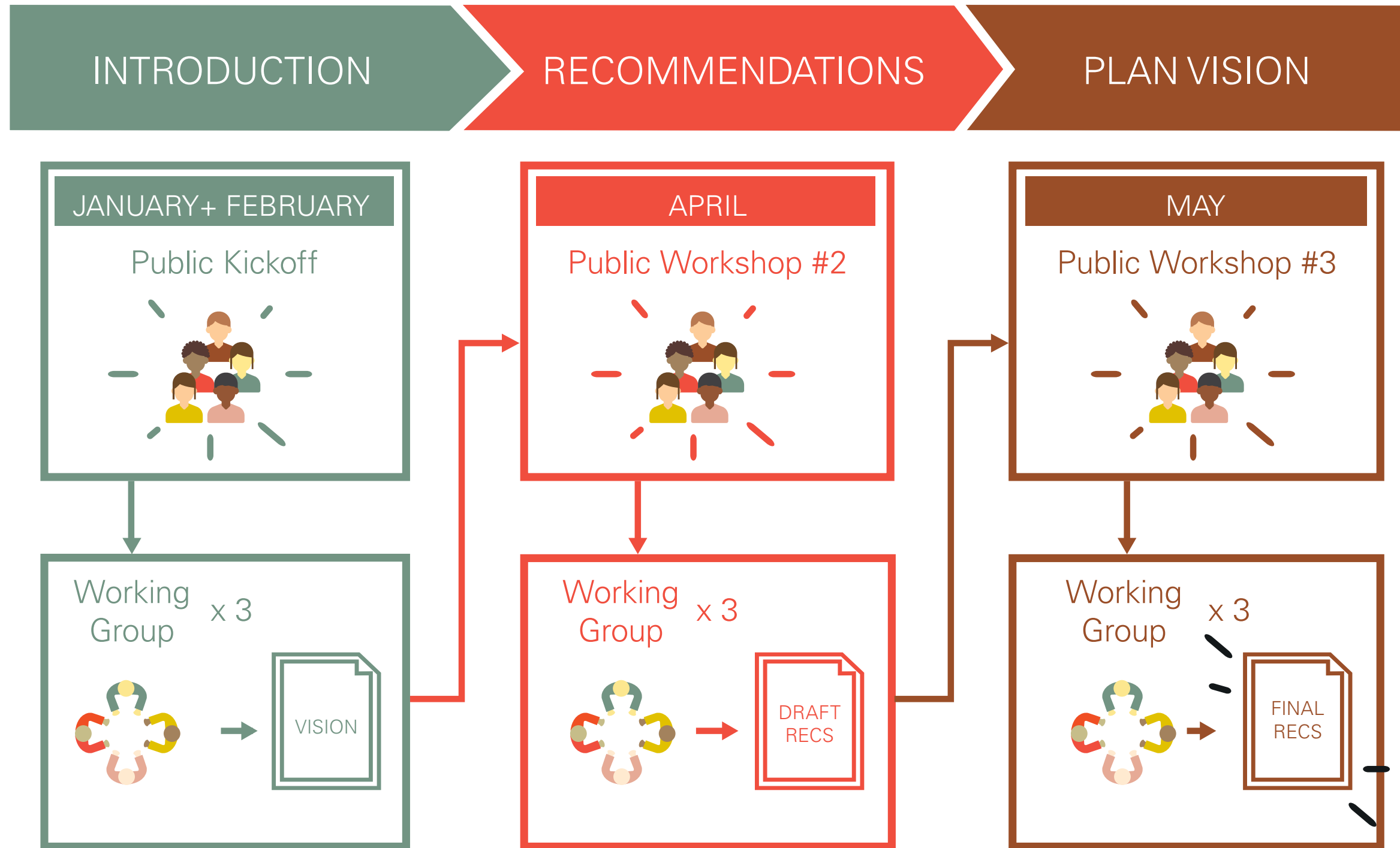
Land Use, Density, and Housing

- Affordable Housing
- Land Use + Zoning
- Neighborhood Amenities

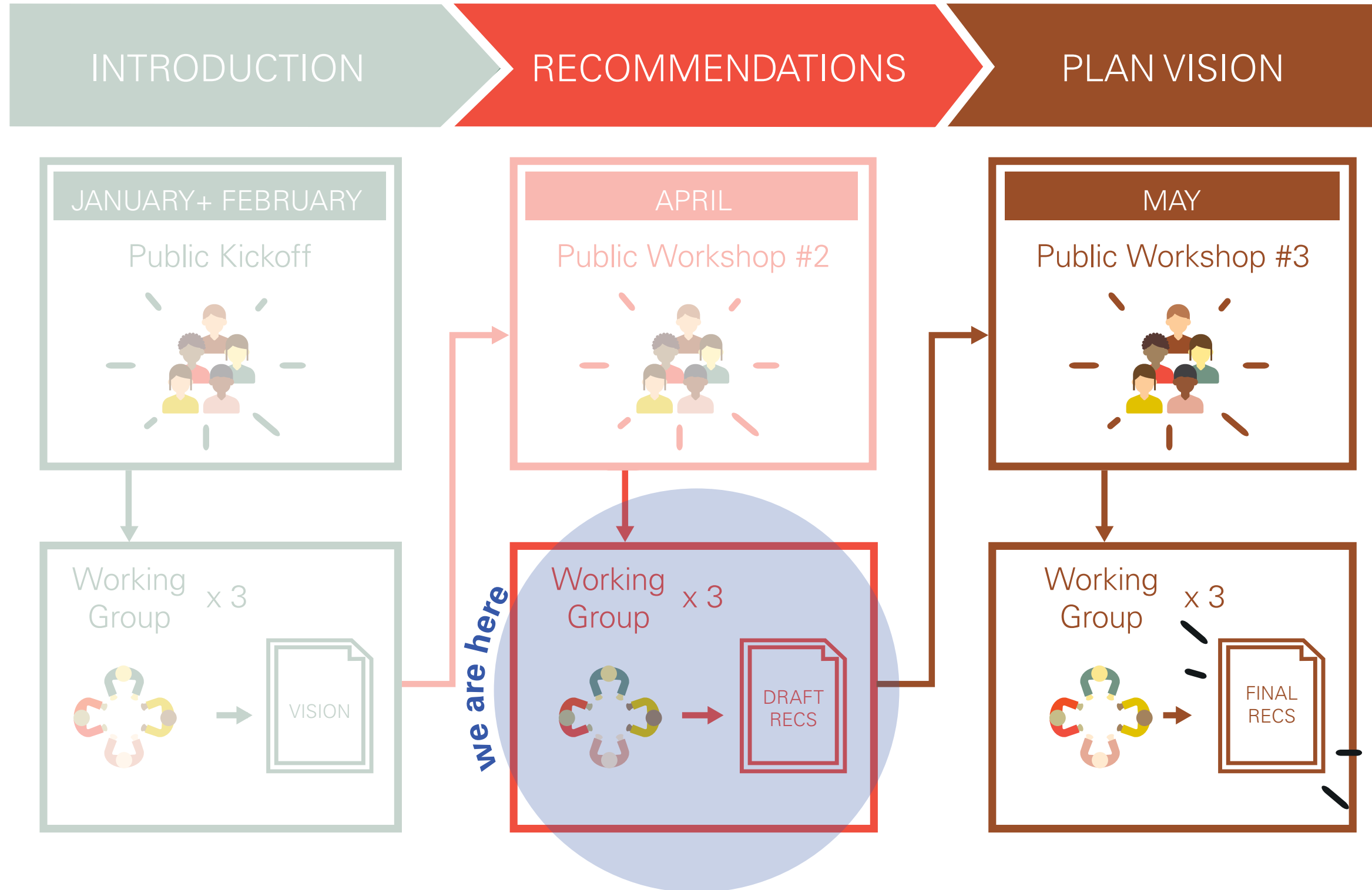


**Atlantic Avenue
Mixed Use Plan
Vision and Priorities**

Process Timeline

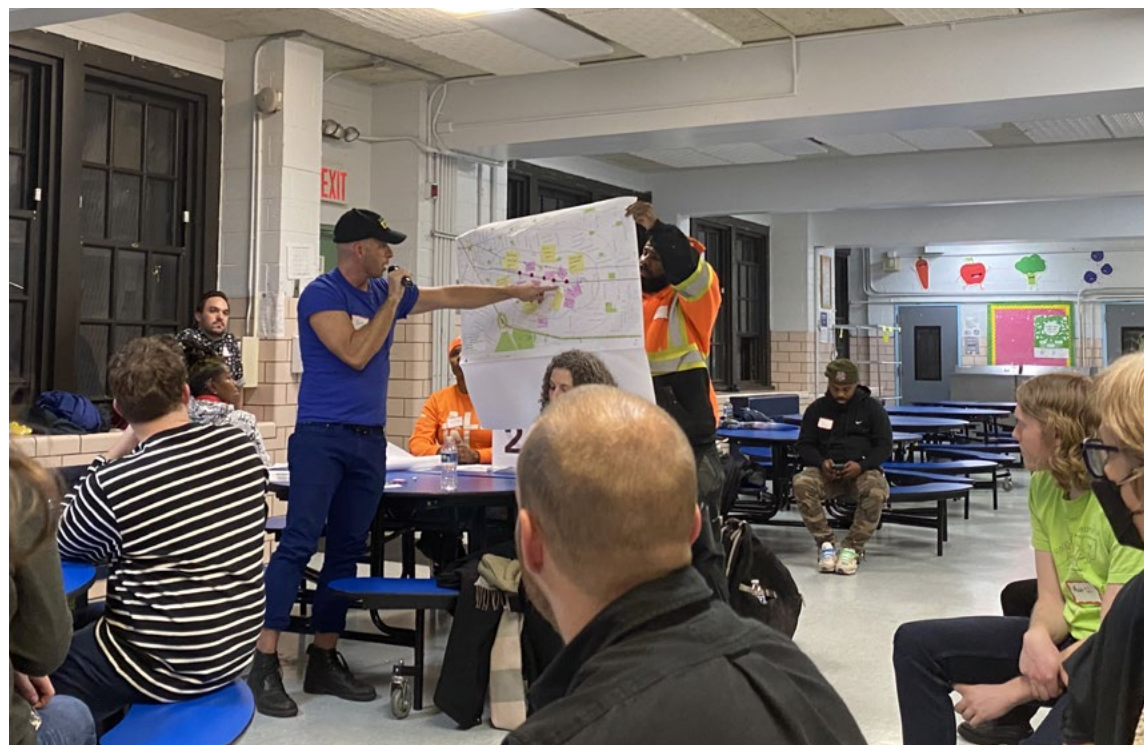


Process Timeline



Working Groups Round One

- Working Group Round One meetings took place in February
- Each Working Group discussed one of the AAMUP's three focus areas
- Over 180 people joined the discussion on three different evenings
- The AAMUP's Opportunity Statements are based on the feedback collected there, and serve as our guide as we now turn to developing draft recommendations

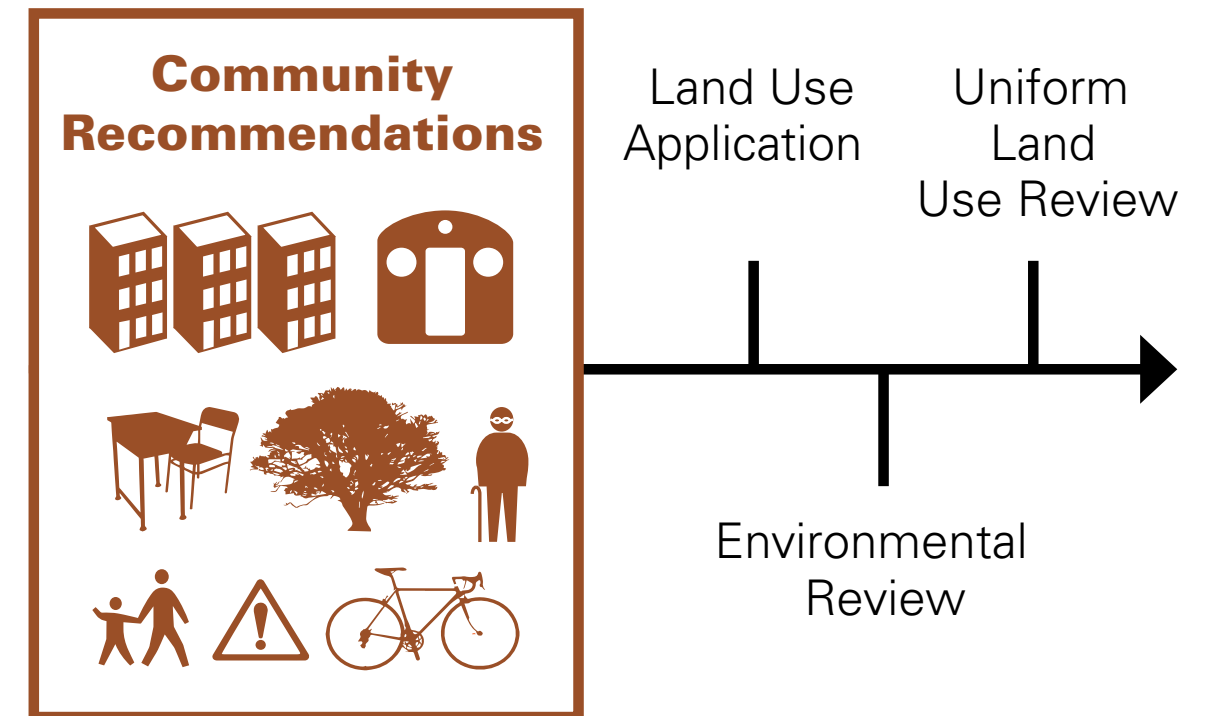


Next Steps in the Process

JUNE: AAMUP Planning Process sets Community Recommendations

- SUMMER -
AUTUMN**
- Develop draft zoning framework
 - Hold scoping meetings to start environmental review
 - Advance community rec's
 - Start the land use application

2024: Land use application advances to Uniform Land Use Review Process (ULURP)



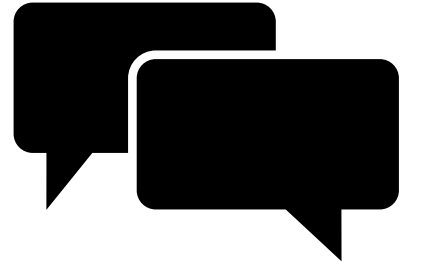
2 | TABLE INTRODUCTIONS



Discussion Community Agreements

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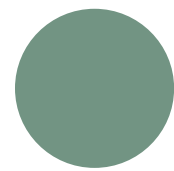
Icebreaker



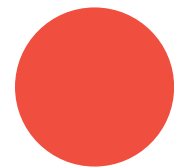
**What's one of your favorite green
or open spaces in the area?**

Opportunity Statements

The **Opportunity Statements** on the table reflect what we heard in round one meetings of the AAMUP process. They reflect the plan's goals.



Green sticker "I support this statement"



Red sticker "I disagree with this statement"

As you review the Opportunity Statements, discuss:
what types of recommendations support these goals?

Please mark the materials up with your own edits / ideas!

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CONTEXT, QUESTIONS, AND CONSTRAINTS



Multiple Agencies Govern the Public Realm

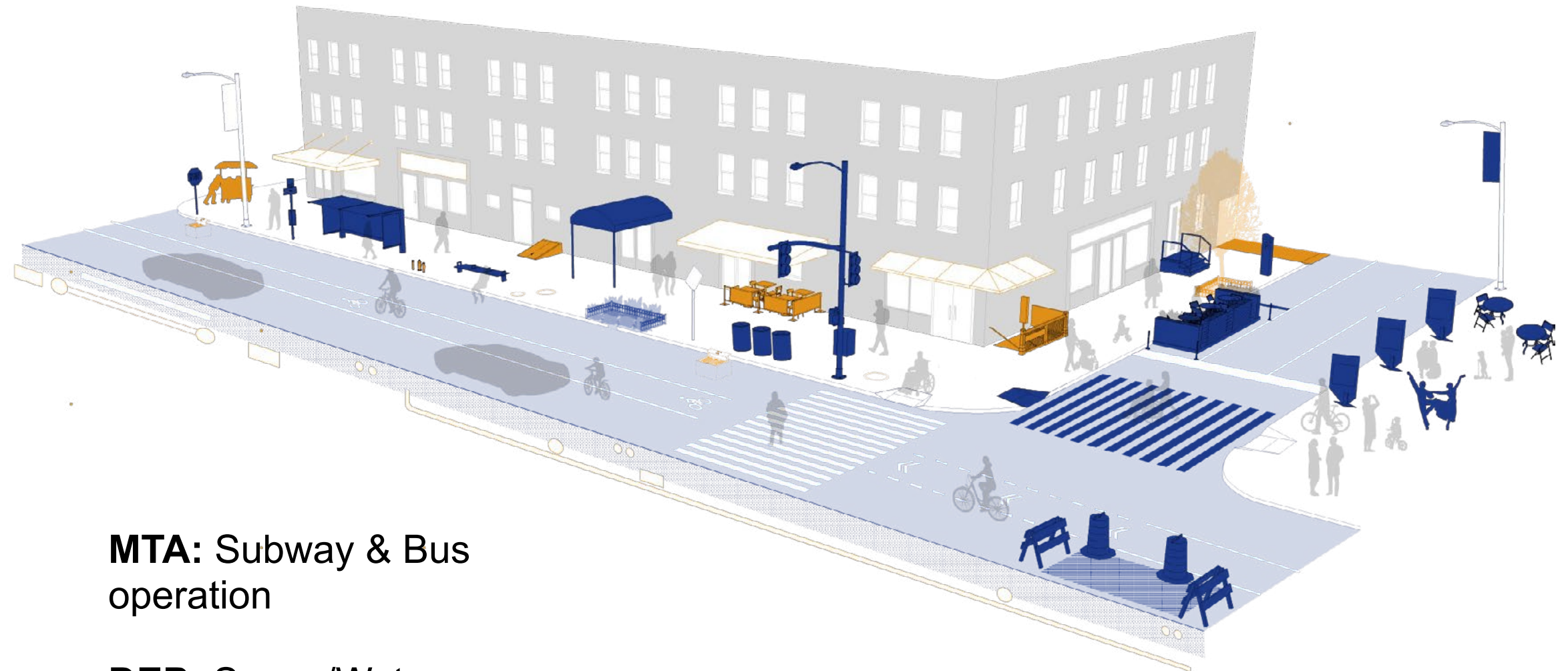
Department of Transportation

Street and Sidewalk construction, Street Furniture, Signage, Street Parking, ADA Ramps and curb cuts

Department of Parks and Recreation

Plazas, Open Space, Street Trees, Stormwater Management Practices

DSNY: Street Cleaning, snow removal, Litter removal



MTA: Subway & Bus operation

DEP: Sewer/Water, Hydrant, Stormwater management

Image Source: NYC Department of Transportation

Existing Parks and Green Spaces

- Most residents of the AAMUP study area are within walking distance of existing Parks
- Lowry Triangle and the adjacent Underhill Plaza is the only existing open space in the project area.



Ongoing Park Improvement Projects

The Parks Department is actively making improvements to green infrastructure.

Ongoing and planned capital investment projects include:

- Greene Playground
- Potomac Playground
- Cuyler Gore Park
- Dean Playground
- Grand Army Plaza
- Mount Prospect Park
- St. Andrews Playground



Lowry Triangle + Underhill Plaza

- What is the future of Underhill Plaza?
- The Plaza's in-house DOT improvement finished in 2022 and is currently in scoping for capital improvements
- How can these two open spaces combine to better serve the area?
- How would you like to see this space programmed?



Greenery and Street Trees

The project area has fewer street trees than streets in the surrounding residential areas



Community Plan Precedent: Grant Park Improvements

Where: Bronx

Grant Ave. between
169th St. and 170th St.

Agency: Parks

Status: In-Progress

- A result of the Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan
- Design and expansion of an existing park
- Doubled park space from 2 acres to 4.5 acres
- New Lawn space, basketball courts New Lawn space, basketball courts and new adult exercise area



Grant Park | Schematic Design

Key Questions: Parks and Open Spaces

Key Questions:

What improvements to existing green spaces should be part of this plan?

Where do you see opportunity to create new open spaces in the project area?

How and where do we integrate green infrastructure projects in the plan?

Atlantic Avenue Today

Today, Atlantic Avenue in the project area is designed to move cars and trucks, and has become unpleasant and dangerous to walk on and cross

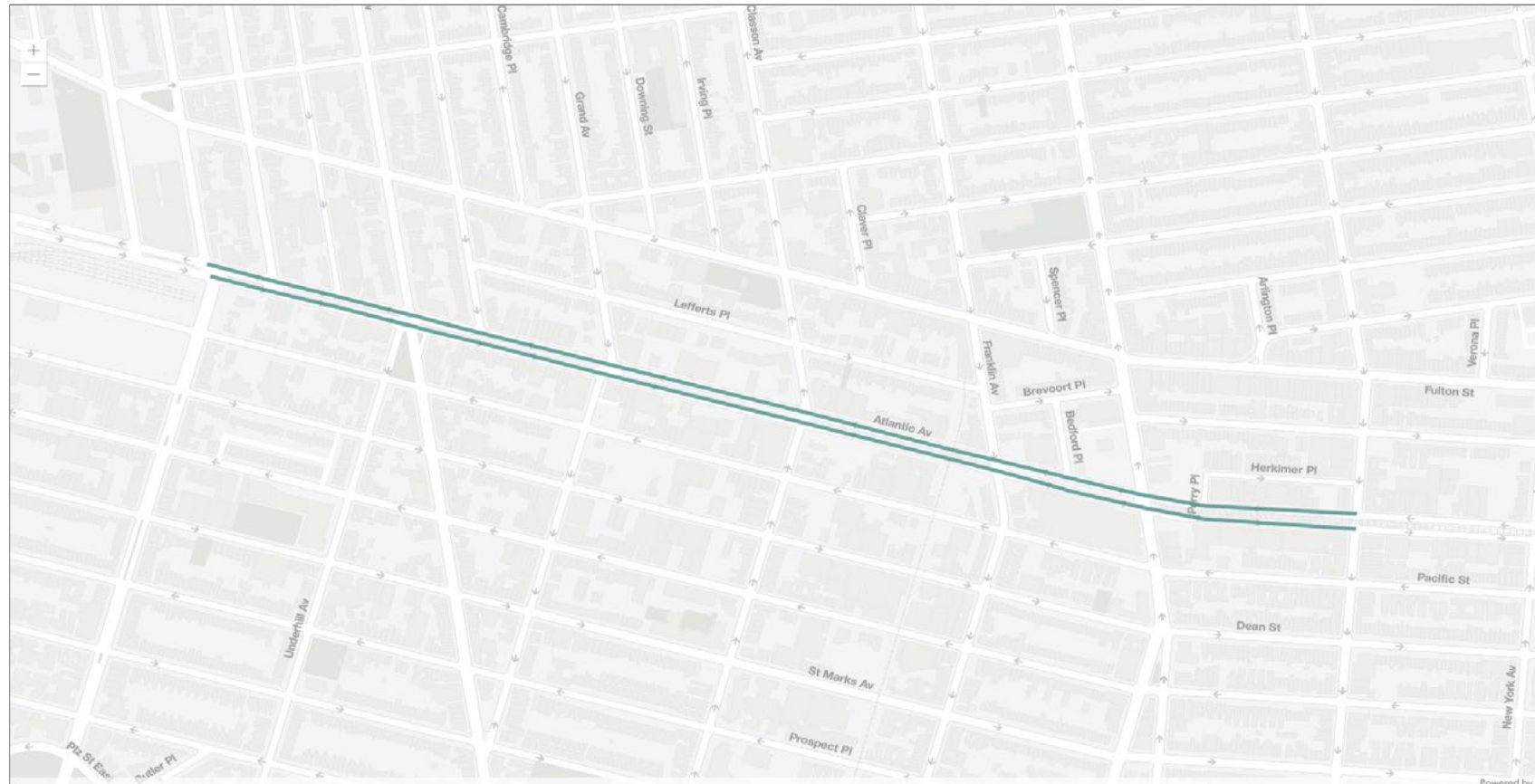


Street Safety



CORRIDOR TRAFFIC SAFETY REPORT

- 569 injuries on Atlantic Avenue between Vanderbilt and Nostrand Avenues (2016-2020), 75 were pedestrian injuries and 47 bicyclist injuries
- Bedford Avenue at Atlantic Avenue is the most dangerous intersection, where 2 people have been killed since 2017
- Atlantic Avenue at Nostrand and at Bedford avenues are Vision Zero Priority Intersections
- Atlantic is in the most dangerous 10% of corridors in Brooklyn with 32 killed or seriously injured per mile



REPORT SUMMARY	
TYPE	CORRIDOR
INJURY DATE RANGE	2016-2020 (5 Years)
LENGTH	0.97 mile
KSI	32 per mile
RANK	Top 10% in Brooklyn
FATALITIES	2
	2016-02/08/2023 (8 YEARS)
DANGEROUS INT.	ATLANTIC AVENUE/BEDFORD AVENUE (Based on Max KSI)
BOROUGH	BROOKLYN

Injury Summary, 2016-2020 (5 Years)

Mode	Total Injuries	Severe Injuries	Fatalities	KSI
Pedestrian	75	12	0	12
Bicyclist	47	8	0	8
Motor Vehicle Occupant	447	11	0	11
Other Motorized	0	0	0	0
Total	569	31	0	31

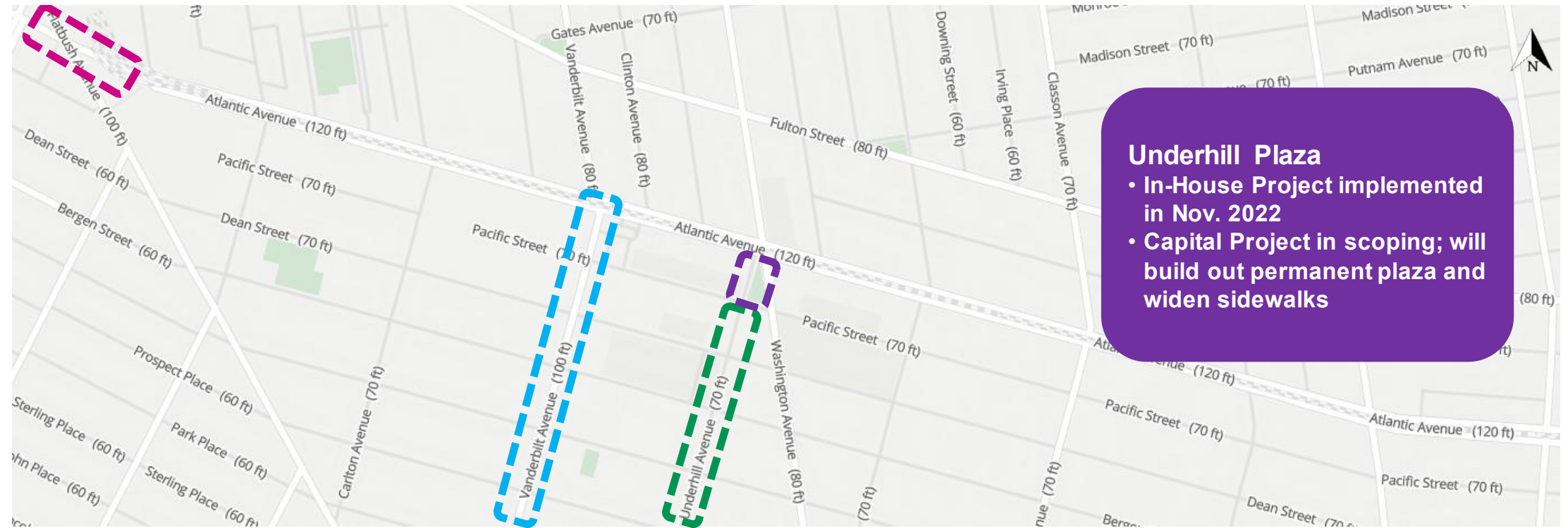
Source: Fatalities: NYCDOT, Injuries: NYS DOT KSI: Persons Killed or Severely Injured

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Total	0	2

Ongoing Street Improvement Projects

- Underhill Plaza improvements
- At the intersection of Flatbush and Atlantic Avenues DOT is working on sidewalk extensions to start work 2026
- DOT is making in-house improvements at Vanderbilt Avenue



Underhill Plaza

- In-House Project implemented in Nov. 2022
- Capital Project in scoping; will build out permanent plaza and widen sidewalks

Downtown Brooklyn Pedestrian Improvements Project: Flatbush Avenue at Atlantic Avenue

- Capital Project; Currently in Design
- Estimated Construction Start: 2026
- Extends curbs, shortens crossings, widens sidewalks

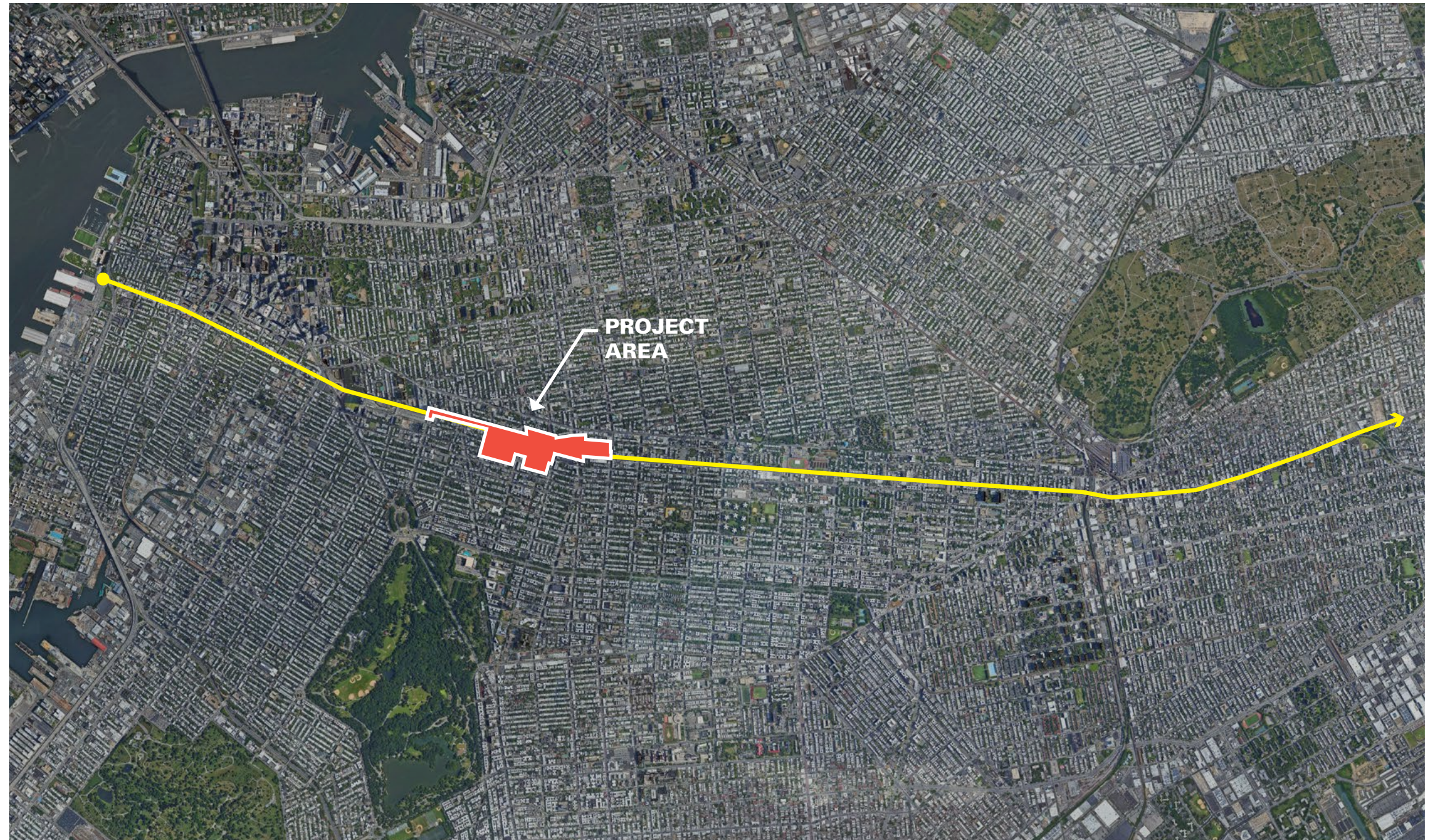
Vanderbilt Avenue Open Street

- In-House Project
- Planned Implementation: 2023
- Pedestrian Islands, Painted Sidewalk Extensions, Bike Corrals, Neighborhood Loading Zones

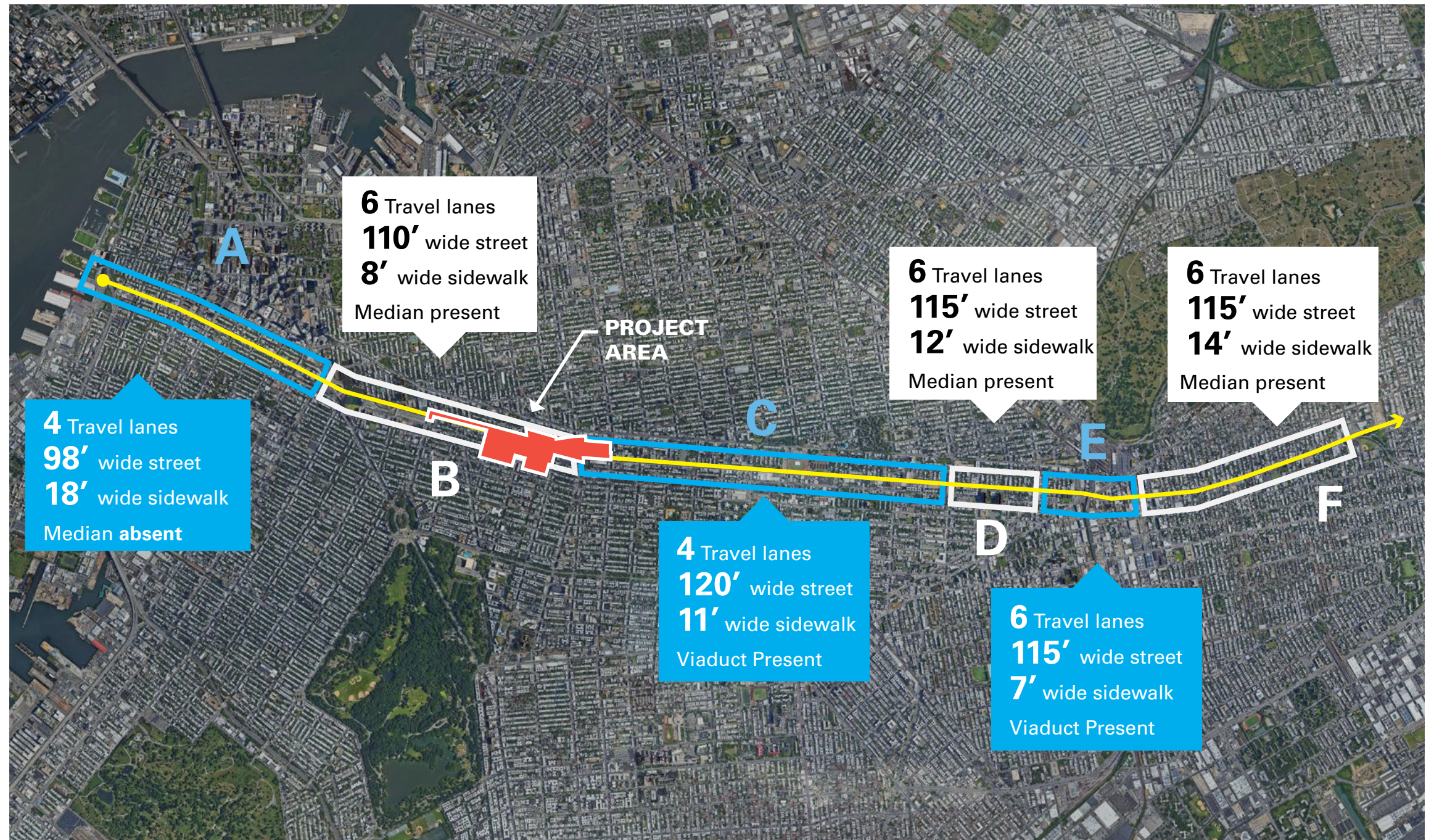
Underhill Avenue Open Street

- In-House Project; Currently in Design
- Planned Implementation: 2023
- Will install medians, directional changes, and add pedestrian space

Atlantic Avenue in Context

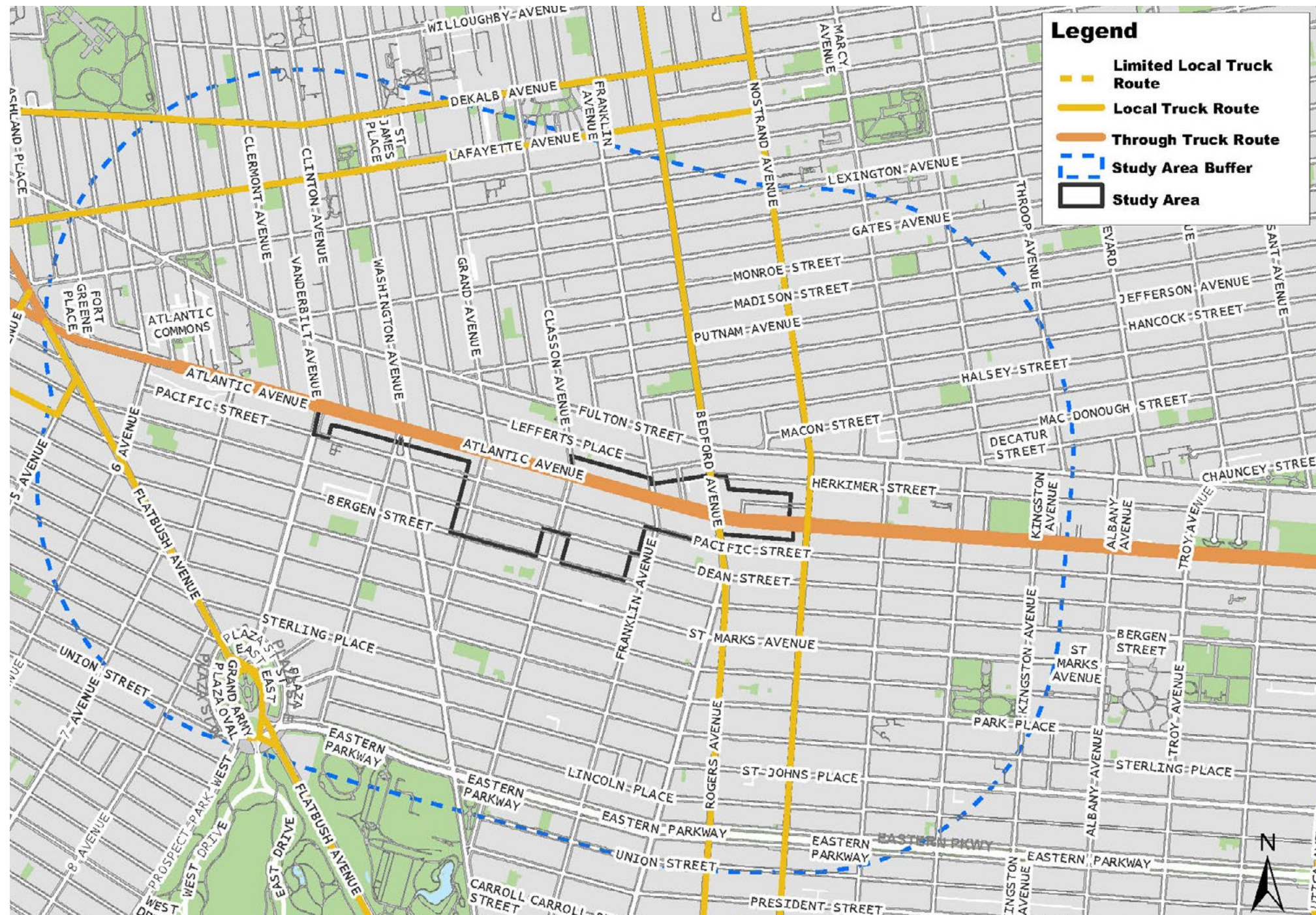


Variations Along Atlantic Avenue



Project Area Truck Routes

- Atlantic Avenue is heavily used east-west through truck route
- Bedford and Nostrand Avenues are local truck routes
- A mixed use district must balance freight access with street safety
- Tools like commercial loading zones can help to rationalize deliveries and set aside designated areas



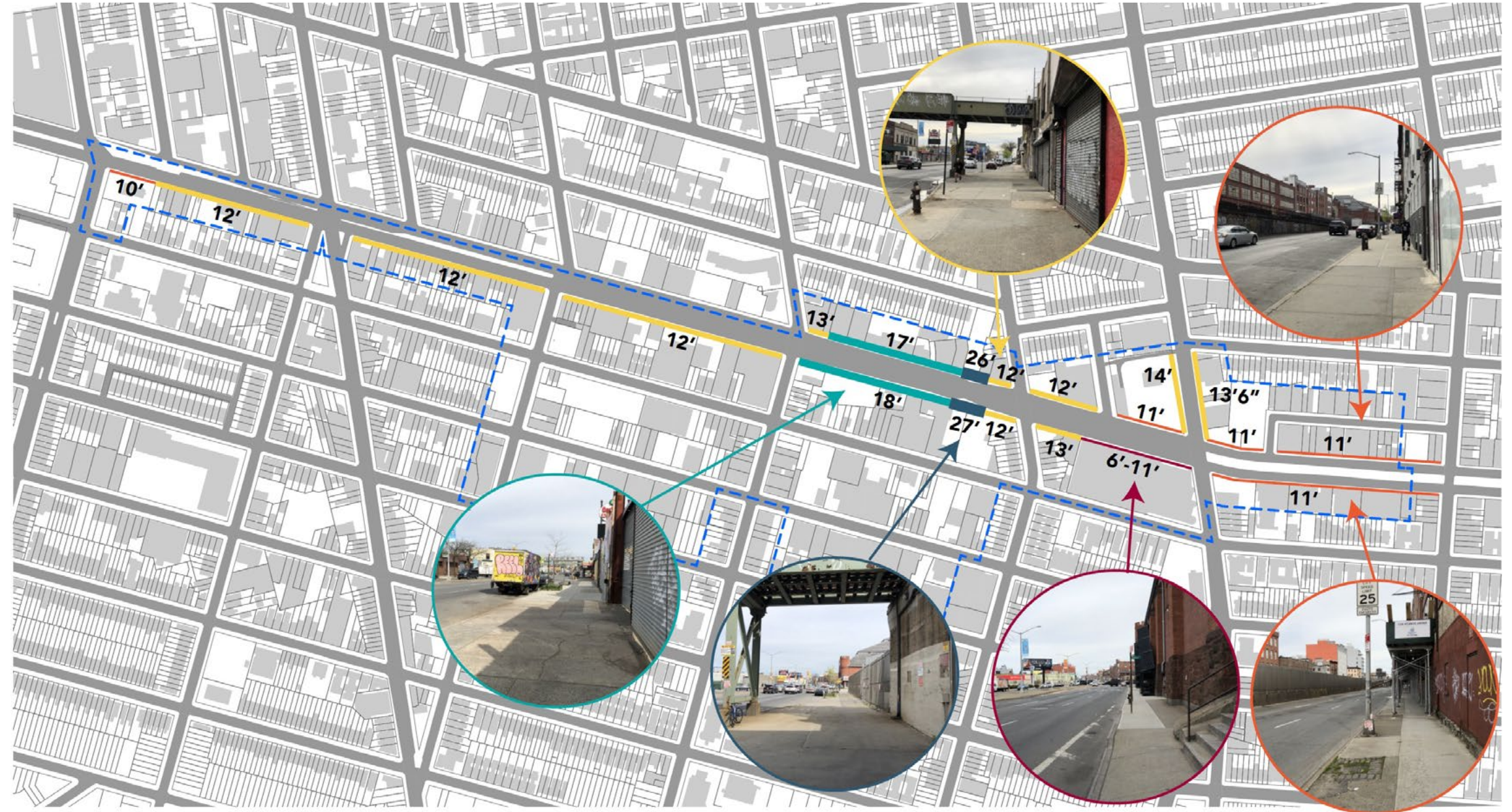
Project Area Transit and Bike Infrastructure

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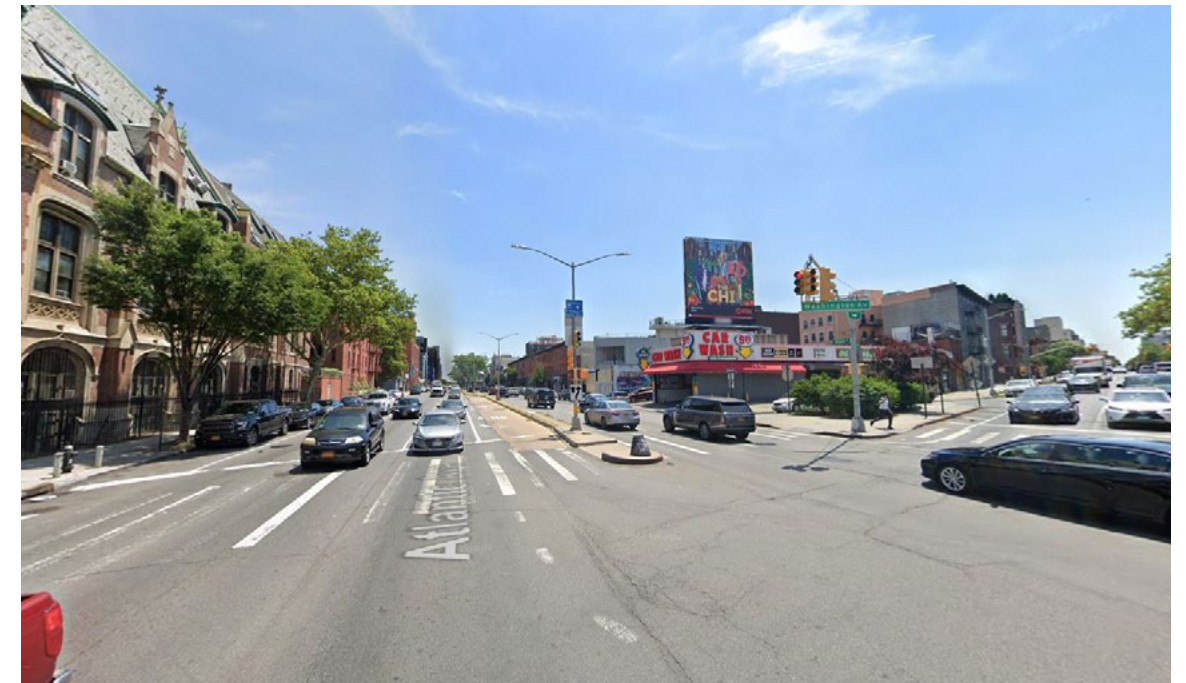


Atlantic Avenue Sidewalk Widths

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Atlantic Avenue Today



Atlantic Avenue West of Flatbush

Design differences west of Flatbush avenue change the look and feel of Atlantic; those include:

- Wide sidewalks
- Active storefronts
- Frequent tree plantings
- Fewer driving lanes



Designing Wide Streets

Wide streets can be designed to support qualities we prize in our community, design components may include:

- Median design
- Plantings and trees
- Benches and street furniture
- Number of driving lanes
- Curbside uses
- Businesses
- Green infrastructure
- Bus stop design



Grand Concourse, Bronx



Allen Street, Chinatown, Manhattan



Broadway, Upper West Side, Manhattan



Eastern Parkway, Crown Heights, Brooklyn

Community Plan Precedent: Vision Zero on Atlantic Ave

Where: East New York
23 blocks between Logan St.
and Georgia Ave.

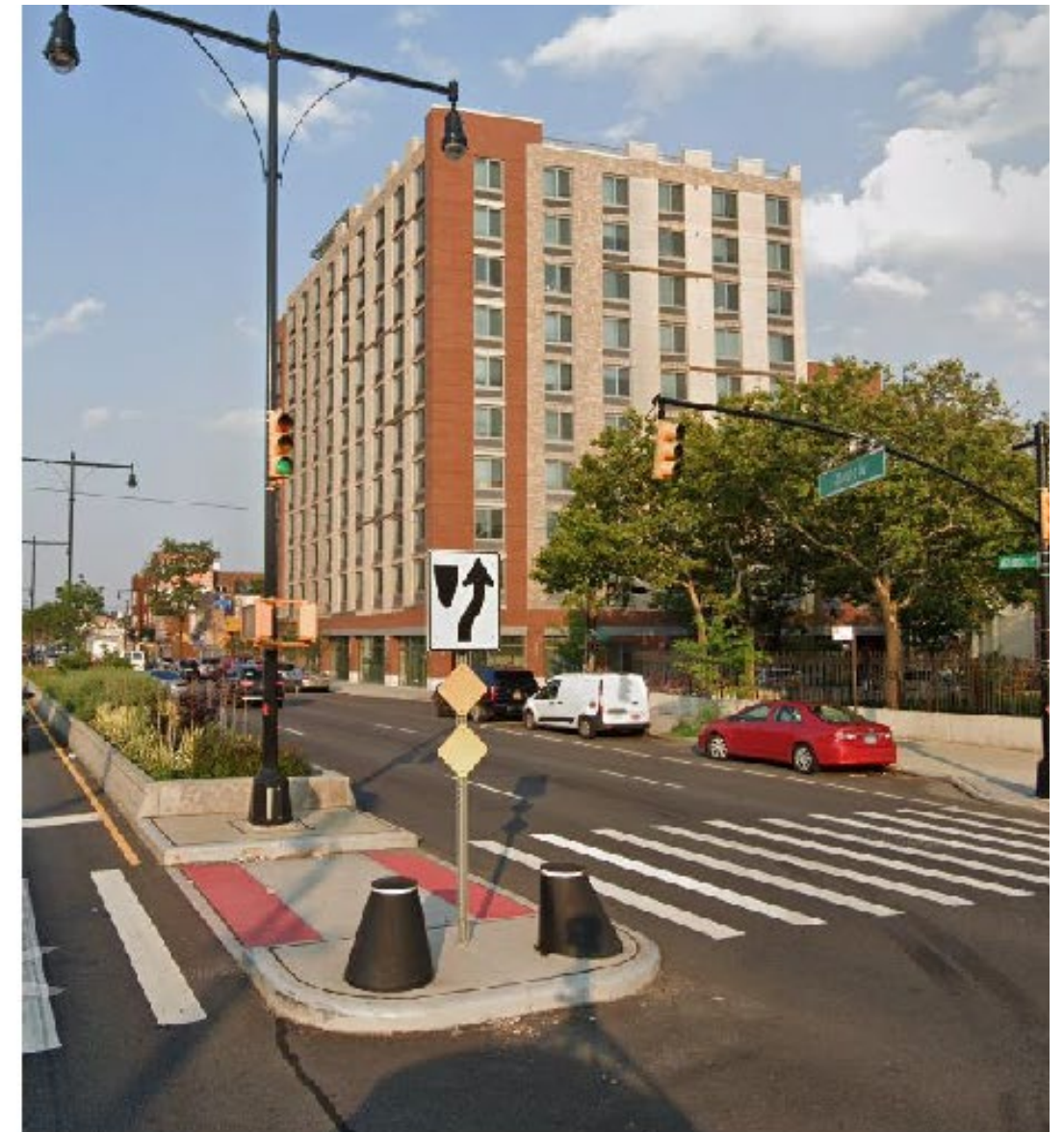
Agency: DOT, DDC

Status: Completed

- Expanded medians and extended curbs
- Sidewalks and high visibility crosswalks with new traffic markings
- Benches, wayfinding and new trees and landscaping



Looking east along Atlantic Avenue,
at Cleveland Street



Looking west along Atlantic Avenue,
at Elton Street

DOT Short-Term Toolkit

Raised Crosswalks



Turn Calming



Curb Regulations



Street Furniture



Signal Changes



Public Art



Long-Term Capital and Private Project Possibilities

Concrete Medians/Pedestrian



Widened Sidewalks



Protected Bike Infrastructure



Accessibility Improvements



Landscape/Green Infrastructure



Pedestrian Plazas



Key Questions: Street Safety

Key Questions:

What street safety improvements would you like to see in the project area?

Where should we prioritize safe bike routes in the project area?

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LIVE SURVEY



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5 | TABLE DISCUSSION



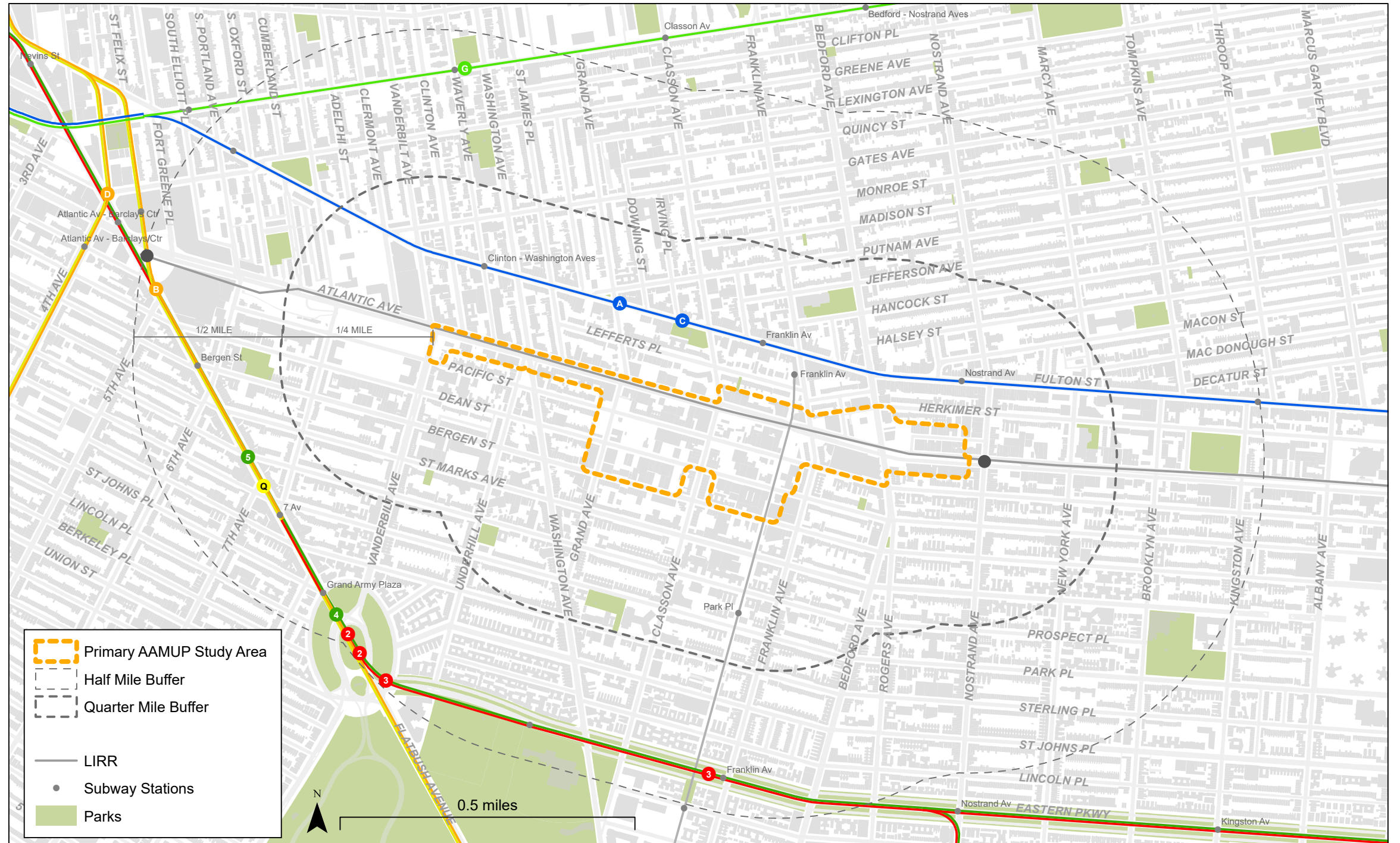
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Breakout Discussion Format

- Each breakout table will have one facilitator, and one notetaker
- We will discuss your ideas for community recommendations
- Table Materials (please mark them up!)
 - » Project area map
 - » 2018 DCP M-CROWN Framework map
 - » Opportunity Statements
+ Community Recommendations
 - » Example toolkits

Discussion Breakdown



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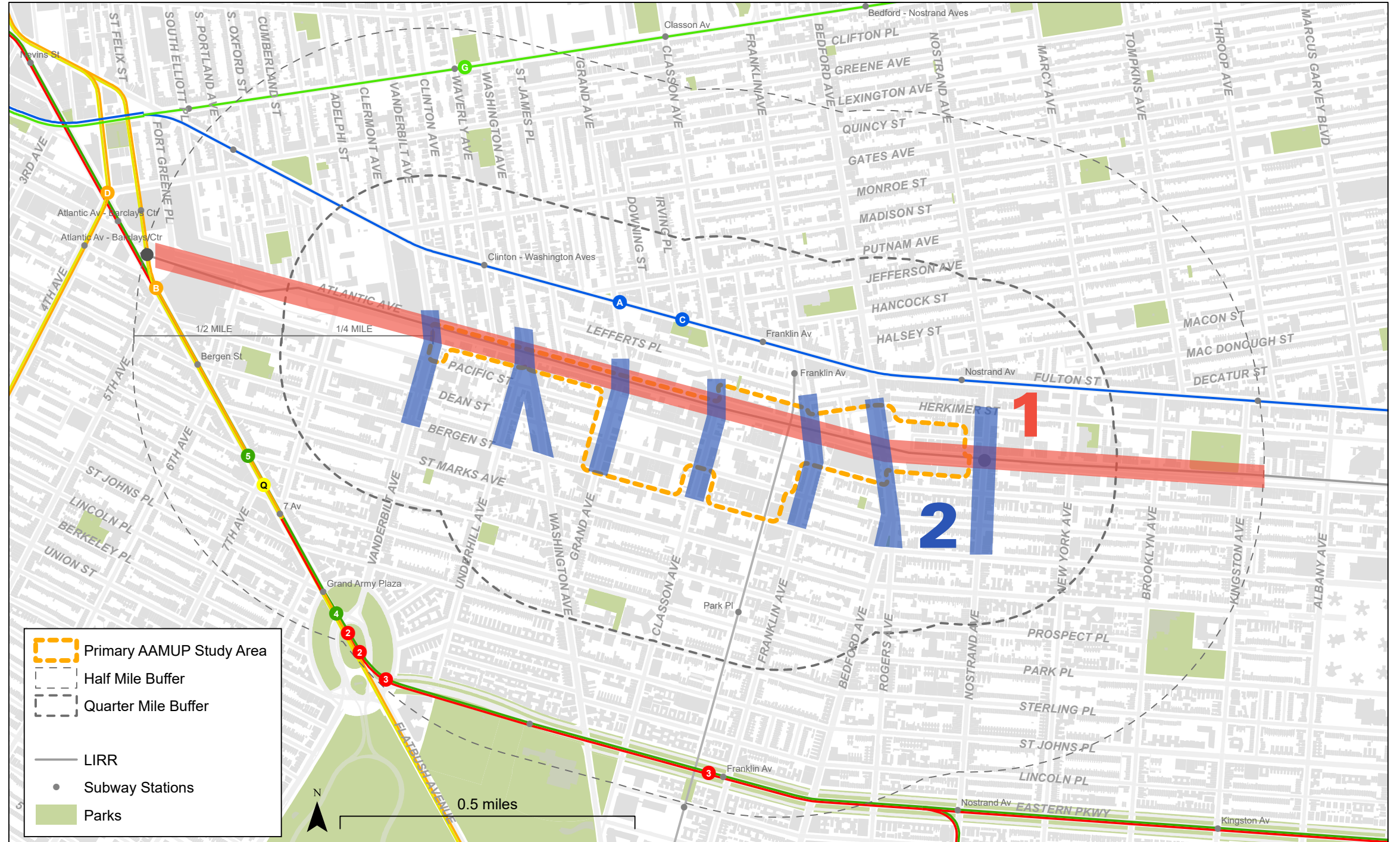
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Discussion Breakdown

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2 - North-South Avenues

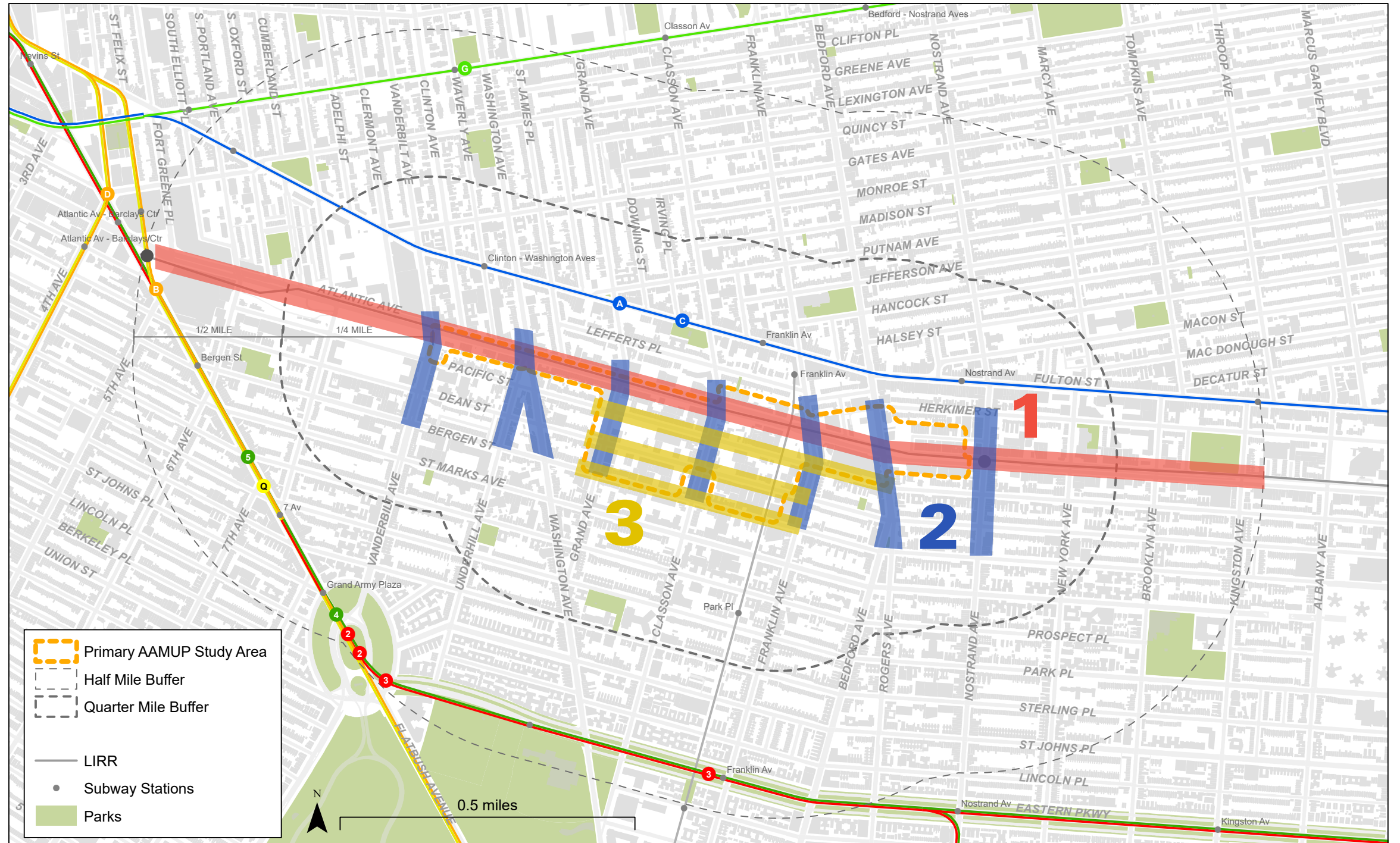


Discussion Breakdown

1 - Atlantic Ave

**2 - North-South
Avenues**

**3 - East-West
smaller streets
(Pacific, Dean,
Bergen)**



Discussion Prompts

Within each zone, please share:

- What **improvements to the street design** would make you feel safer?
- Where do you see opportunities for new or improved **open or green space, and green infrastructure**?
- What capital investments would **improve the street's look and feel**?
- How can we support **commercial delivery and shipping access**, while preserving street safety?

Planning Process Resources

- Visit the project website at <https://nyc.gov/AtlanticAvenue> for the latest updates
- Sign-up for email updates about the process and upcoming meetings on the website
- If you have questions or would like to submit written comments for consideration in the community planning process, please email AtlanticPlan@planning.nyc.gov

Community Resources

Council Member Hudson's Office can connect you with City and nonprofit resources if you are experiencing...

- Housing insecurity or tenant harassment
- Food insecurity
- Challenges accessing healthcare, mental health resources, or other City services

To be connected, please contact:

District35@council.nyc.gov or 718-260-9191

Upcoming Public Workshop

ATLANTIC AVENUE | MIXED USE PLAN

Community Planning Workshop

Join local stakeholders and city agencies to help review and edit community recommendations for the future of Atlantic Avenue!

WHEN:
Monday, May 8th
6 - 8pm

WHERE:
Location TBD

REGISTER:
<https://bit.ly/AAMUP-CPW3>

NYC Brooklyn 2 Community Board
NYC Brooklyn 3 Community Board
COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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www.nyc.gov/AtlanticAvenue
AtlanticPlan@planning.nyc.gov

COUNCIL MEMBER
CRYSTAL HUDSON

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THANK YOU.



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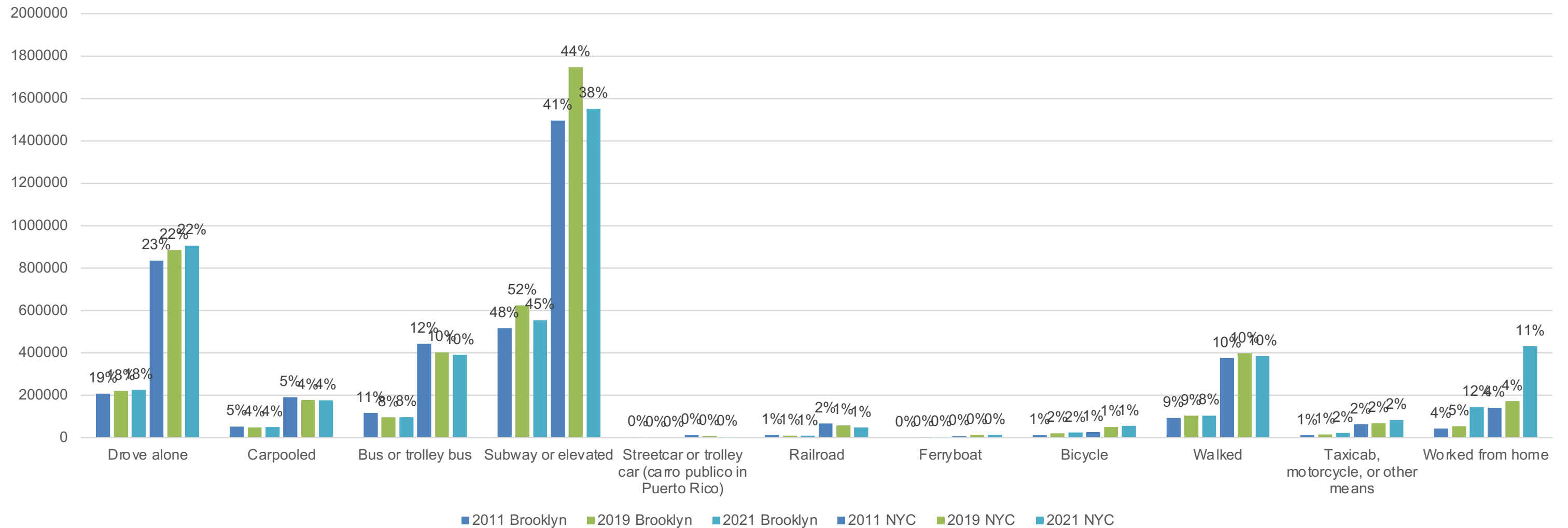
APPENDIX



Means of Transportation to Work

Study area saw greater relative declines in subway use and greater relative increases in working from home over the pandemic.

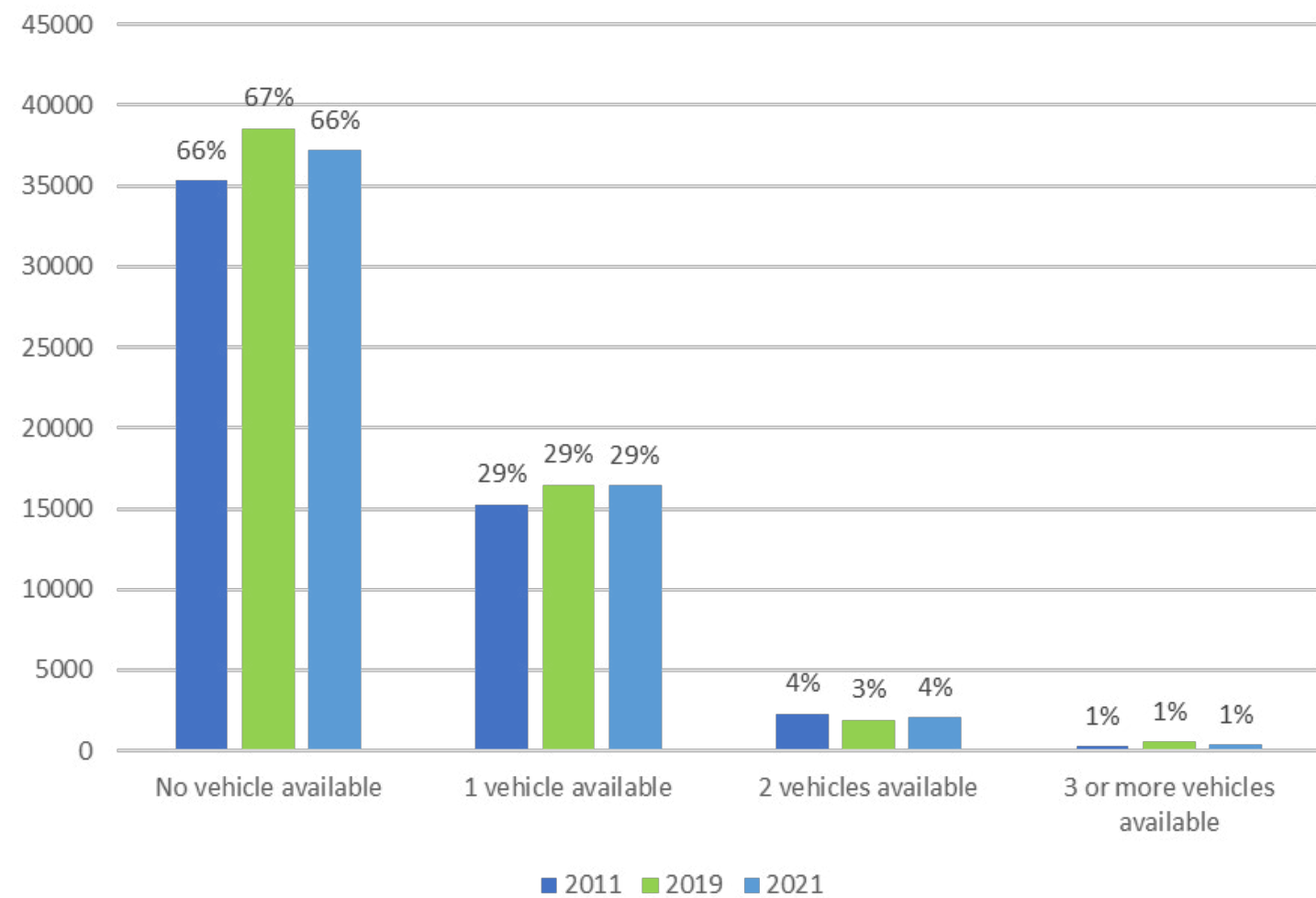
Means of Transportation



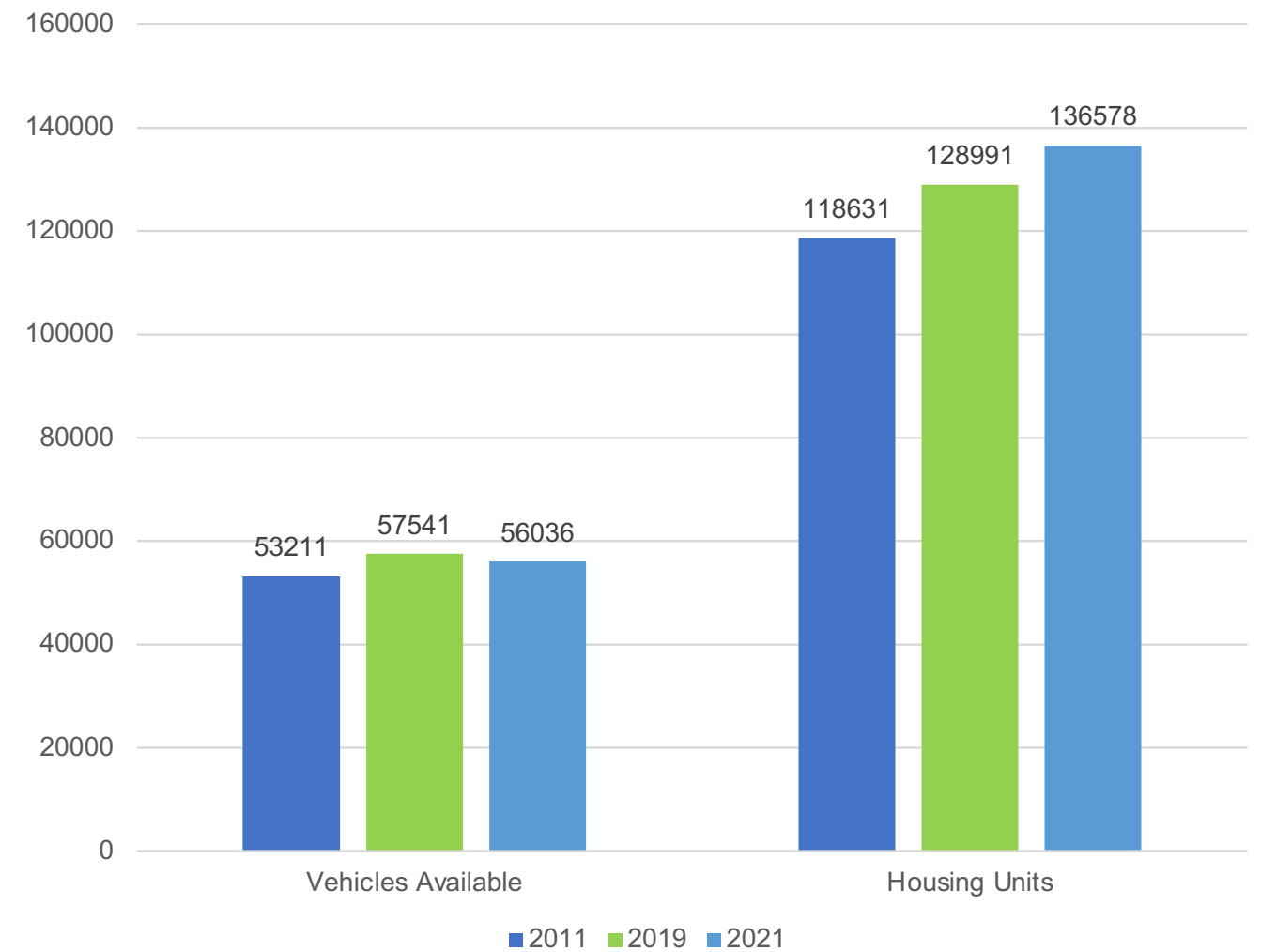
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Household Car Availability

Vehicles Available



Vehicles and Households



2011 Car Availability Rate = 0.45
2019 Car Availability Rate = 0.45
2021 Car Availability Rate = 0.41

Data source: ACS 2007-2011 5-Year Estimates; ACS 2015-2019 5-Year Estimates ; ACS 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates.