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Commercial District Needs Assessment





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ABOUT SUNNYSIDE

Avenue NYC is a competitive grant program created by the NYC Department of Small Business Services to fund and build the capacity of community-based development organizations to execute commercial revitalization initiatives. Avenue NYC is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which targets investments in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

Avenue NYC Commercial Revitalization grants provide multi-year commitments aimed at building the capacity of partner organizations to better understand neighborhood needs, develop impactful programs, and sustain their work in the community for at least three years.

The **Commercial District Needs Assessment (CDNA)** highlights a neighborhood's existing business landscape and consumer characteristics.

This CDNA features **43rd Avenue**, **47th Avenue**, **48th Avenue**, **Greenpoint Avenue**, **Skillman Avenue**, and **Queens Boulevard** commercial corridors in **Sunnyside**, and was conducted in partnership with **Sunnyside Shines BID** between August 2019 and March 2020.

Key issues and opportunities identified through this assessment will help prioritize SBS-supported local investments, and serve as an informational and marketing resource for the neighborhood.

In This Report

Existing conditions, business data, and qualitative depictions of the neighborhood were gathered from more than **676 surveys** and various stakeholder meetings with neighborhood merchants, shoppers, workers, property owners, and residents.

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Background

Located in Western Queens, Sunnyside is a diverse and family-friendly neighborhood surrounded by Woodside, Astoria, Long Island City, and Maspeth. Sunnyside has robust transportation access and is located just a few minutes from the Ed Koch Queensborough Bridge and the Queens Midtown Tunnel. The aqueduct-like design of the elevated 7 train structure and Sunnyside Arch both serve as icons of the neighborhood. The area is conveniently and centrally located, connecting Roosevelt and Greenpoint avenues with train, bus, and bike networks running throughout.

Once marshland, the Sunnyside area was developed in the 1800s into rural farms by French settlers. In the early 1900s, following the incorporation of Queens into New York City, the construction of the Queensborough Bridge, Sunnyside Yards, and expansion of the city's rail infrastructure presented opportunities for neighborhood growth. Gradually, the neighborhood evolved into a bedroom community and became home to a large immigrant population consisting mostly of people of Irish, German, Dutch, and Eastern European descent.

The neighborhood is well-known for the Sunnyside Gardens Historic District, built as one of the first planned communities between 1924 and 1928. Planning efforts at the time elevated the importance of affordable housing for low- to moderate-income families with an ethos for the social and physical health of residents. While retaining some of its historic identity as an Irish-American neighborhood, the district upholds diversity and inclusion as a vital community asset. Over time, Sunnyside's diversity has increased. In recent years the neighborhood has welcomed immigrants from all over the world including China, Eastern Europe, Ecuador, India, Ireland, Mexico, and more.

The neighborhood's small-town feel and accessibility to major destinations serve as a draw for many residents. The community is known for being tight-knit and a hub for social and cultural institutions, such as the Turkish Cultural Center, Ecuadorian American Cultural Center, and the Thalia Hispanic Theatre. Sunnyside also provides a one-stop shopping environment with a variety of businesses including culturally distinct restaurants, personal care, and professional services. Through the years, Sunnyside's commercial corridors spanning from 48th to Skillman avenues have consistently recovered from economic downturns, kept afloat by a neighborhood that is described by residents and businesses as community-minded and supportive.

Neighborhood Demographics

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Sunnyside is demographically diverse with approximately 49,000 residents. The neighborhood is considerably young with nearly 43% of the neighborhood's population between the ages of 25 and 44. Sunnyside is approximately 38% Hispanic or Latino, 34% White, 24.5% Asian, and 2% Black or African American. Roughly 52% of the population is foreign-born with the top three immigrant groups being Latino (46%), Asian (39%), and European (12%). The needs of this diverse community are reflected in the businesses in the neighborhood with an abundance of multicultural eateries and goods available.

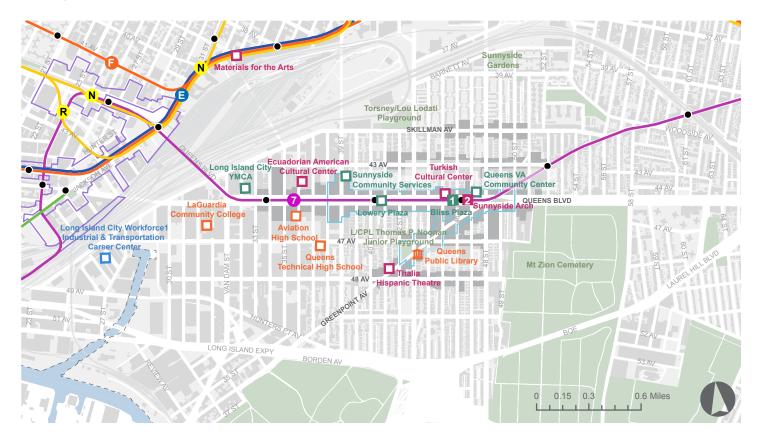
Future Opportunities

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Sunnyside's business foot traffic is primarily generated from local and nearby residents, including Woodside and Long Island City. While residents have strong pride in existing businesses on the corridor, they have expressed a need for more variation in the current retail mix. Following months of public engagement and analysis, the City of New York and Amtrak released the Sunnyside Yards Master Plan, which addresses six pressing needs including public space and social infrastructure, transportation, affordable housing, jobs, schools and workforce development, sustainability and resilience, and "keeping it Queens." Together, with future investments and its high accessibility, Sunnyside has the potential to see sustainable and equitable growth, making it a vibrant location for people to live, work, and visit.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

Sunnyside



Points of Interest Assessed Commercial Corridors Long Island City BID Arts & Cultural Destinations Sunnyside Shines BID Public Facilities Workforce1 Career Center Public Community Spaces

Neighborhood Events

Annual Holiday Lighting (Sunnyside Shines)

Beats in Bliss Plaza (Sunnyside Shines)

Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival (Sunnyside Shines)

Boulevard Film Festival

Clearview Festival

Ramadan Eid Festival (Turkish Cultural Center)

St. Pat's For All

Sundays in June Free Outdoors Festival (Thalia Hispanic Theatre)

Sunnyside Artist Crafts Fair

Sunnyside Flag Day Parade

Sunnyside Shorts International Film Festival

Taste of Sunnyside (Sunnyside Shines)

▲ Notable Places









Merchant & Business Groups

BLVD Bars

Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce

Sunnyside Shines BID

The Skillman Project

KEY FINDINGS & OPPORTUNITIES

Strengths

- Diverse, multicultural, friendly, and socially connected neighborhood
- Easily accessible to major job centers in Manhattan and multiple modes of transportation, including the 7 train, several bus lines, and the city's bike network throughout the area
- Livable and walkable neighborhood, with historic architecture and attractive residential offerings such as its family-friendly feel and accessibility

Challenges

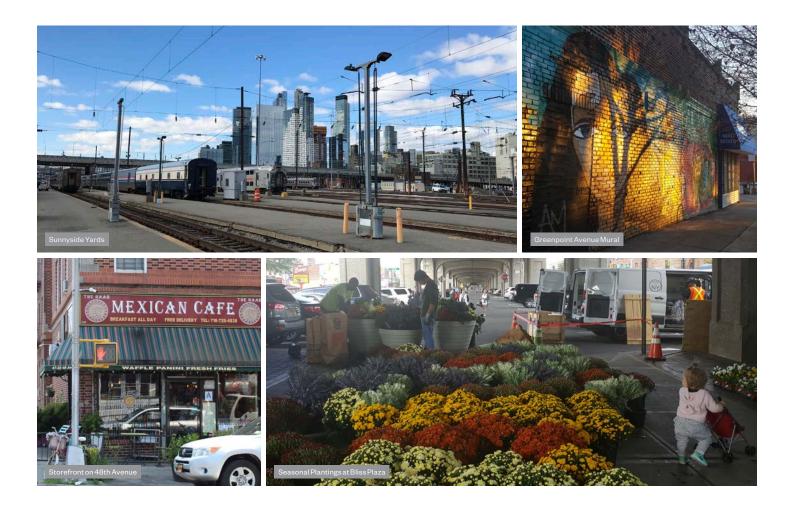
- Rapidly increasing commercial rents for local businesses affect their ability to offer affordable goods and services
- Online competition for dry retail and storefront competition, especially for restaurants, continues to negatively impact commercial corridors and contributes to the increasing vacancy rate
- Merchants, partly due to language barriers, struggle to navigate and comply with NYC storefront and labor regulations

- Home to a number of community institutions and longstanding neighborhood anchors
- Strong network of active civic organizations that contribute to collaborative efforts within the Sunnyside community
- An established community that serves as a gateway to Western Queens, including Woodside, Maspeth, and Astoria
- Merchants find it difficult to keep up with evolving marketing and business trends
- Low foot traffic and lack of street activity on 47th and 48th avenues due to their distance from subway stations
- Lack of parking in the neighborhood for both businesses and residents









Opportunities

- Establish a formal business support program to increase business retention
- Facilitate and encourage connections between new and long-standing businesses to strengthen the existing local business network
- Launch a small business campaign to build upon existing marketing programs to attract more consumers to the commercial district
- Fulfill local demand by attracting new commercial tenants that meet the needs of the surrounding community to fill vacant storefronts
- Foster stronger relationships between property owners, commercial tenants, and the community
- Collaborate with community groups to increase outreach on all existing programs in the neighborhood
- Prioritize COVID-19 commercial revitalization response activities by deploying actionable strategies that will enhance the economic recovery and long-term resiliency of the commercial district

- Leverage the strong network of community-based organizations and residents to advocate for capital improvements in the area, with special consideration for additional street lighting and litter baskets along 43rd Avenue, 48th Avenue, and in public spaces
- Promote Sunnyside's unique character as a familyfriendly neighborhood that is diverse, communityoriented, inclusive, and accessible
- Improve streetscape conditions and amenities on the primary commercial corridors by adding benches, wayfinding, and greenery
- Invest in additional maintenance for Bliss Plaza and Lowery Plaza to enhance the public space for the neighborhood

What's Next?

To address these key findings and opportunities, Avenue NYC Grants have been awarded by SBS to nonprofit organizations.

For more information, visit: nyc.gov/avenuenyc

BUSINESS LANDSCAPE: SUNNYSIDE

Business Inventory

621 Total Number of Storefronts



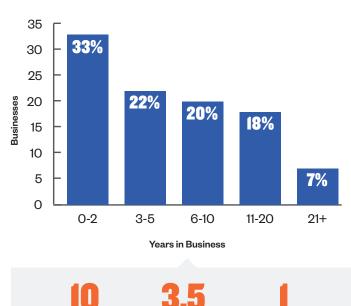
*Note: In 2019, New York City's 76 Business Improvement Districts reported an average ground floor vacancy rate of 9.1% and median ground floor vacancy rate of 8.4% (SBS BIDs Trends Report, 2019).

Storefront & Retail Mix*

Hair, Nail, & Beauty Salons	72
Vacant	67
Full Service Restaurants	58
Professional Service	50
Limited Service Restaurants	39
Dry Cleaning & Laundry Services	35
Supermarkets & Specialty Foods	35
Medical Services	30
Delis/Bodegas	25
Pharmacies & Health Stores	22
Bars/Clubs & Liquor Stores	21
Cafes, Coffee Shops, & Bakeries	21
Community Organizations, Government Agences, & Houses of Worship	21
Electronics & Cell Phones Stores	15
Clothing & Jewelry Stores	14
Automotive Services	13
General Merchandise Stores	12
Office Supplies, Stationary, & Gift Stores	10
Schools	10
Commercial Banks	9
Construction & Manufacturing	6 Business inventory and retail mix
Gyms & Recreation	6 data were gathered by Sunnyside Shines BID through a comprehensive
Hardware & Home Goods Stores	6 area inventory of storefront
Pet Stores	businesses located along Skillman Avenue, 43rd Avenue, Queens
Cash Advance & Money Transfer Services	4 Avenue, 47th Avenue, 48th Avenue,
Other	and Greenpoint Avenue (August to December 2019).
	December 2019).

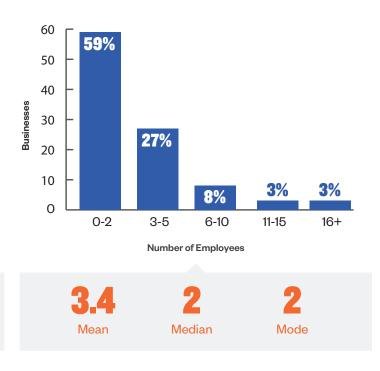
*The data and findings presented in this report were gathered before the COVID-19 pandemic. The economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak has negatively affected 90% of small business owners nationally. Across New York City, purchases of local goods and services at brick-and-mortar stores declined by 24.9% in March 2020 compared to March 2019. With the exception of grocery stores and pharmacies, spending in all other retail categories declined significantly during the pandemic. During this time, in Sunnyside, approximately 290 essential business remained open for service out of a total of 554 storefront businesses. As of June 2020, federal, state, and city resources have been and continue to be developed to support businesses during this extremely challenging time, but many businesses continue to struggle or remain closed. SBS and community partners, including Sunnyside Shines BID, are working to develop new programs to support businesses and help Sunnyside's commercial corridors recover from this crisis.

What We've Heard from Sunnyside Merchants



How many years have you been in business here?

How many full-time employees do you have?



*Note: The mean is the average of all responses, the median is the middle number when all responses are arranged in ascending order, and the mode is the most common response.

Median

Do you own or rent your property?

Own

87%

Mean





Mode

No Response

What kinds of resources would help you grow your business?

	% Merchant Responses
 Marketing support 	74%
Legal/lease support	29 %
 Space/storefront improvements 	24 %
 Access to financing 	21 %
New equipment	15%
 Other services 	13%
 Assistance with regulatory compliance 	11%
 Training for staff 	11%

Over the past year, has your business improved, stayed the same, or decreased?

33%

Improved

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Same

Decreased

4% N/A or

N/A or No Response

What changes need to occur on or around your corridor to attract more visitors/shoppers?

% Merchant Responses

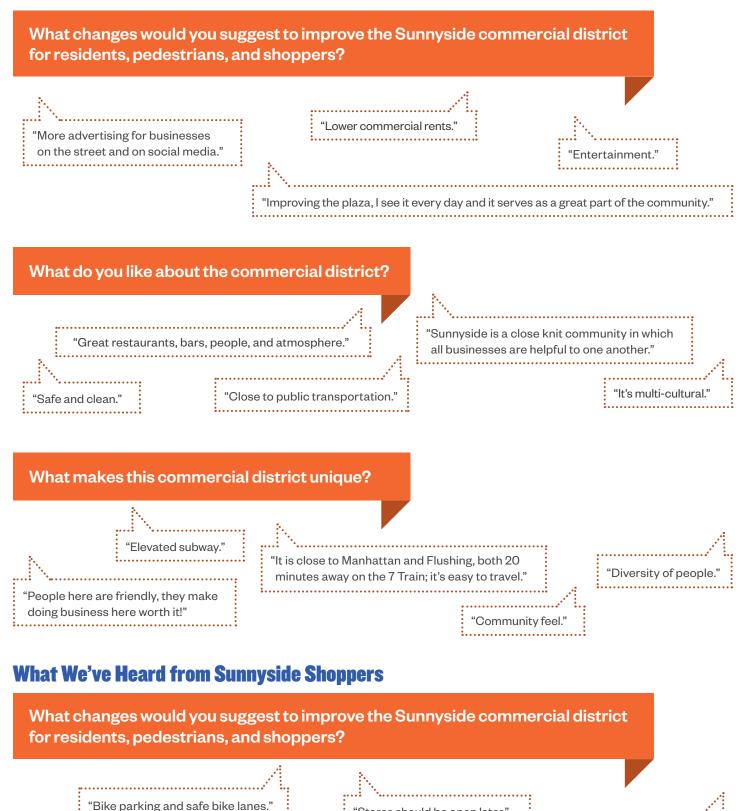
Parking	64%
 Storefront improvements 	34%
 Community events 	27 %
Landscaping/beautification	24 %
Safety	15%
 Sanitation 	11%
 Business-to-business communication 	10%

Source: Based on 155 merchant surveys conducted by Sunnyside Shines BID in Fall 2019.

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BUSINESS LANDSCAPE

What We've Heard from Sunnyside Merchants



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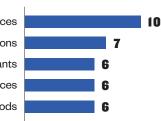
What We've Heard from 43rd Avenue Merchants



Business Inventory

Most Common Businesses

Dry Cleaning & Laundry Services Hair, Nail, & Beauty Salons Full Service Restaurants Professional Services Supermarkets & Specialty Foods



Source: Based on 11 merchant surveys conducted by Sunnyside Shines BID in Fall 2019.

What We've Heard from 47th Avenue Merchants

Business Inventory

45 Total Storefronts



Storefront Vacancy



Source: Based on 7 merchant surveys conducted by Sunnyside Shines BID in Fall 2019.

What We've Heard from 48th Avenue Merchants

Business Inventory

79 Total Storefronts





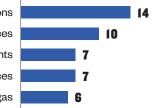
Source: Based on 16 merchant surveys conducted by Sunnyside Shines BID in Fall 2019.

Most Common Businesses



Most Common Businesses

Hair, Nail, & Beauty Salons Dry Cleaning & Laundry Services Full Service Restaurants Professional Services Delis/Bodegas



BUSINESS LANDSCAPE

What We've Heard from Greenpoint Avenue Merchants

Business Inventory



Most Common Businesses



Most Common Businesses

Hair, Nail, & Beauty Salons

Dry Cleaning & Laundry Services

Community Organization, Government Agencies, & Houses of Worship

Professional Services

Full Service Restaurants

Bars/Clubs & Liquor Stores Clothing & Jewelry Stores

Limited Service Restaurants



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Source: Based on 51 merchant surveys conducted by Sunnyside Shines BID in Fall 2019.

What We've Heard from Skillman Avenue Merchants

Business Inventory

72 Total Storefronts





Source: Based on 12 merchant surveys conducted by Sunnyside Shines BID in Fall 2019.

What We've Heard from Queens Boulevard Merchants

Business Inventory

235 Total Storefronts

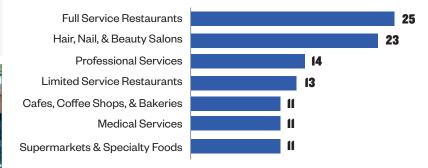


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Most Common Businesses

Delis/Bodegas



Source: Based on 58 merchant surveys conducted by Sunnyside Shines BID in Fall 2019.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Sunnyside Retail Opportunity

Residents spend

\$1.46B each year in goods and services

Local businesses make

\$1.8B each year in retail sales Each year,

\$340M is spent by visitors in the neighborhood

Retail Leakage & Surplus

← Surplus \$0 Leakage →

	\$89.9M
	\$57.4M
	\$52.9M
\$4	40M
\$19.5M	
\$10.1M	
\$4.9M	
\$2.7M	
\$1.8M	
\$610,107	Retail leakage and surplus
-\$1.9M	is the difference between estimated spending by
-\$2.4M	local residents on retail goods and estimated sales
-\$4.2M	by local retail businesses.
-\$4.9M	Retail leakage occurs when consumer demand
-\$7.9M	exceeds retail supply in a designated trade area.
-\$12.5M	On the chart, a positive
-\$12.5M	value indicates leakage of retail sales and represents
	net consumer spending that is being captured
-\$15.4M -\$16.3M	by retailers outside of
	the trade area. Retail surplus occurs when
-\$22.4M	retail supply exceeds consumer demand in a
-\$27.9M	designated trade area. On
-\$29.8M	the chart, a negative value indicates a surplus of retail
-\$41M	sales and may signify a market where retailers are
-\$48.3M	drawing customers from outside the trade area.
-\$135.4M	outside the trade area.

Department Stores (Excluding Leased Departments) **Grocery Stores Other General Merchandise Stores Health & Personal Care Stores Shoe Stores** Lawn/Garden Equipment & Supply Stores **Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages)** Beer, Wine, & Liquor Stores Florists **Used Merchandise Stores Restaurants & Other Eating Places Special Food Services Other Miscellaneous Store Retailers Specialty Food Stores** Auto Parts, Accessories, & Tire Stores Sporting Goods, Hobby, & Music Instrument Stores **Furniture Stores** Book, Periodical, & Music Stores **Clothing Stores** Office Supplies, Stationary, & Gift Stores Jewelry, Luggage, & Leather Goods Stores **Home Furnishings Stores**

Gasoline Stations

Electronics & Appliance Stores

Building Material & Supplies Dealers

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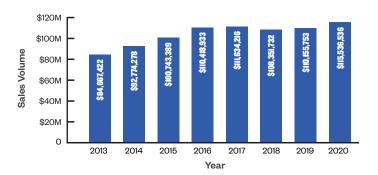
BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Business Trends

Change in Total Business Sales, 2013-2020



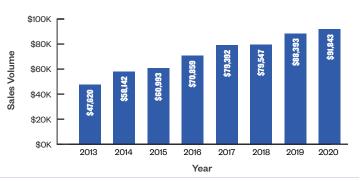
Sunnyside Total Business Sales*



Change in Median Sales by Business, 2013-2020



Sunnyside Sales by Business*



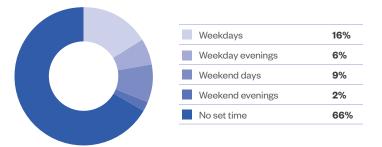
*Year 2020 reflects data gathered up until March 2020. Source: Division of Tax Policy, NYC Department of Finance

What We've Heard from Shoppers

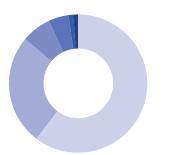
What additional types of businesses would you like to see in Sunnyside?

 Clothing & Accessories 	Ť
Bagel & Coffee Shops	
Bookstores	
Restaurants	٣٩
Movie Theater	See .

When do you usually shop in Sunnyside?



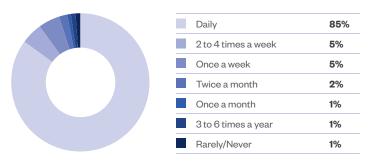
How do you usually get to Sunnyside?



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Walk	Ŕ	61%
Subway		26 %
Car	—	7%
Bus		5%
Bike	ð	1%
Taxi/Car Service	æ	1%

How often do you shop in Sunnyside?



Source: Based on 470 consumer surveys conducted by Sunnyside Shines BID in Fall 2019.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Storefront Vacancies



Vacant Lots

O Vacant Storefronts

Parks & Open Spaces

An analysis of 621 storefronts along 43rd, 47th, 48th, Greenpoint, and Skillman avenues, and Queens Boulevard revealed that 18% of storefronts are in poor condition, 39% are in average condition, and 43% are in good condition.

Streetscape Observations

- 47th and 48th avenues both have significantly lower foot traffic than the other corridors in the study area. They are further away from the two main train stations compared to the other main corridors and have fewer storefronts.
- There are not enough bike racks to accommodate residents and visitors along 48th Avenue. Many of the racks are typically packed with bikes and end up being stacked up on sidewalks or locked on sidewalk poles.
- Litter is often found in the tree pits throughout the study area, particularly along 43rd Avenue.

- There is a need for additional streetscape amenities and furniture along 43rd Avenue, including litter baskets, lighting, and benches.
- Some blocks have vacant storefronts that have sat empty for several years, including Greenpoint Avenue from 41st to 42nd streets and near the intersection of 43rd Street and 48th Avenue.
- Queens Boulevard is congested with vehicular traffic. The majority of concerns are centered around speeding when the traffic is less heavy.







PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Public Space Study: Bliss Plaza

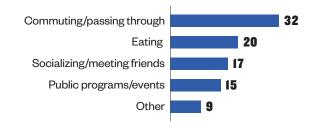
In 2014, the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) completed the conversion of two underused spaces beneath the elevated 7 train into public plazas through their Neighborhood Plaza Program. The new plazas, located at both the 40th and 46th Street train stations on Queens Boulevard, offer residents and visitors a place to relax and socialize in a centralized location in the district. Managed by Sunnyside Shines BID, the designated DOT Plaza Partner, Bliss Plaza features a leveled seating space with movable tables and chairs and is decorated with seasonal planters. The plaza provides space for seasonal events, such as musical and cultural performances, fitness programs, pop-up markets featuring local entrepreneurs, and other community events that activate and enhance the quality of the commercial district.



What is your relationship to this space?

	% Plaza User Responses
Live in neighborhood	70%
 Visiting 	20%
Work in neighborhood	8%
► Other	2%

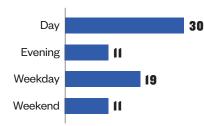
How do you typically use this plaza?



How often do you visit this plaza?

	% Plaza User Responses
Daily	61 %
Weekly	20%
Monthly	2%
Rarely	17%

When do you typically visit this plaza?



Source: Based on 51 public space surveys conducted by Sunnyside Shines BID in Fall 2019.

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Public Space Study: Bliss Plaza



What are the top three things you like best about the plaza?

	% Plaza User Responses
Convenient location	57%
Diversity of people	18%
Tables and chairs	18%

What are the top three changes/improvements you would like to see in this plaza?

	% Plaza User Responses
Cleanliness	22 %
 Lighting 	10%
More community events	8%



On the scale from 1 (low) to 5 (high), please rate your level of satisfaction with:

	Average Plaza User Responses
Accessibility	5
Attractiveness	4
Cleanliness	4
 Lighting 	4
 Overall safety 	4
Physical conditions/amenities	4
Programs/events	4

DATA APPENDIX

Study Area Boundaries

Assessed Commercial Corridors

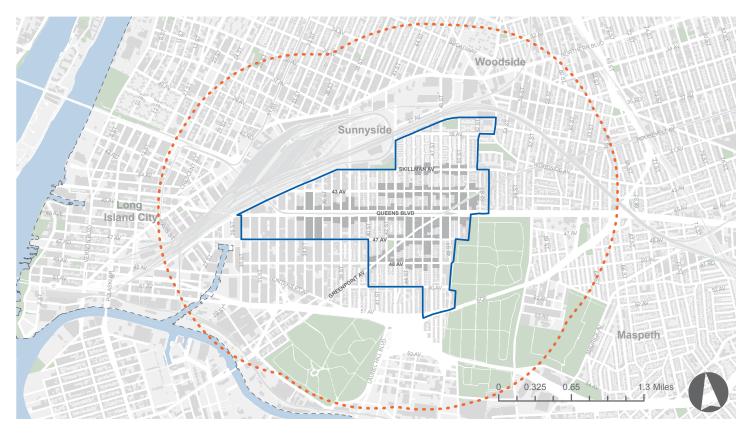
Primary data on Sunnyside storefront businesses presented on pages 6 and 9-10 was gathered along the following commercial corridors: 43rd, 47th, 48th, Greenpoint, and Skillman avenues, and Queens Boulevard.

Sunnyside Context Area

Demographic and employment data on pages 16-17 represent the population within the Sunnyside neighborhood context area.

••• Trade Area

Retail leakage, surplus, and retail opportunity data on page 11 correspond with the 0.75 mile trade area.



Area Demographics

Total Population			
49,034	Sunnyside		
2,298,513	Queens		
3,443,713 New York City			

Population Density (per square mile)

11,930	Sunnyside	
21,045	Queens	
27,926	New York City	

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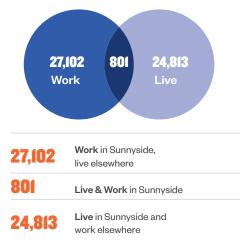
	Average Household Size			
2.43	Sunnyside			
2.91	Queens			
2.62	New York City			

Car Ownership

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43.4%	Sunnyside	
63.2 %	Queens	
45.4 %	New York City	

Commuting Patterns



Area Demographics

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Race/Background	I	Sunnyside	QN	NYC	Educational Att	ain	ment	Sunnyside
	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	38%	28%	29%			12th Grade or Less, No Diploma	18%
	White alone	34%	25%	32%			High School Graduate	26%
Black or African	Black or African American alone	2%	17%	22 %			Some College, No Degree	e 9%
	Asian alone	25%	25%	14%			Associate's Degree	8%
	Asian alone	20%	2070	14 70			Bachelor's Degree	25%
	Two or more races	2%	2%	2%			Graduate or	13%
	Some other race alone	0%	2 %	1%			Professional Degree	13%
	American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0%	0%	0%				
	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0%	0%	0%				

Population Age		Sunnyside	QN	NYC
	Under 5 Years	5%	6%	7%
	5–14 Years	8%	11%	11%
	15-24 Years	8%	11%	12 %
	25-44 Years	43%	30%	31%
	45-64 Years	24 %	27 %	25%
	65+ Years	12 %	15%	14%

38.7

36.5

Income

Median Household Income		Pop. Below Poverty Line		
\$61,095	Sunnyside	9%	Sunnyside	
\$64,987	Queens	11%	Queens	
\$60,762	New York City	19%	New York City	

Local Jobs and Employment

Local Residents' Employment

	Accommodation, Food Services, Arts, & Entertainment	17%
	Educational Services, Health Care, Social Assistance	16%
	Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	15%
	Retail Trade	9%
	Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	9%
	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	7%
	Construction	7%
	Manufacturing	4%
	Public Administration	3%
	Other Services	13%

Median Age Foreign-Born Population 52% 38.2 Sunnyside Sunnyside Queens 47% Queens 37% New York City New York City

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19%

28%

15%

8%

20%

12%

NYC

18%

24%

14%

6%

22%

16%

Employment

Population in Labor Force		Unemployment*		
71%	Sunnyside	4.3%	Sunnyside	
64 %	Queens	6.2 %	Queens	
64 %	New York City	6.9 %	New York City	

*Note: As of February 2020, the unemployment rate is 3.0% for Queens and 3.4% for New York City (NYSDOL); updated neighborhood level data for Sunnyside is not available.

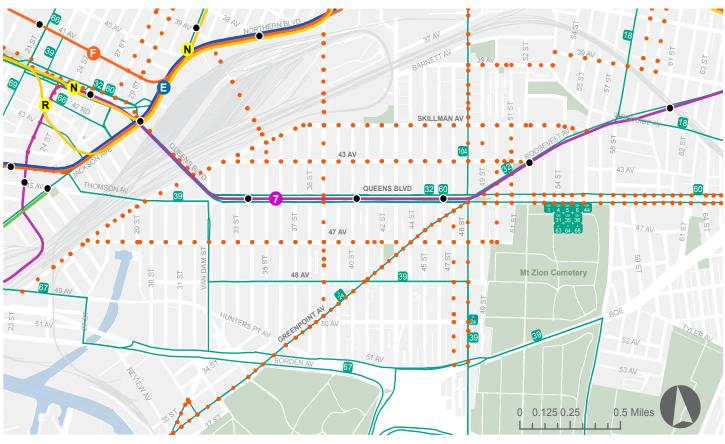
Jobs Located in Sunnyside

Accommodation, Food Services, Arts, & Entertainment	6%
Educational Services, Health Care, Social Assistance	12 %
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	4%
Retail Trade	5%
Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	2%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	4%
Construction	11%
Manufacturing	6%
Public Administration	0%
Other Services	51%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey; 2017 OnTheMap Application; NYS Department of Labor, February 2020.

DATA APPENDIX

Sunnyside Transportation



▲ Sunnyside Transportation

Bus Routes

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MTA Annual Bus Ridership		
780,514	B24	
2.48M	Q18	
3.28M	Q32	
1.50M	Q39	
4.75M	Q60	
4.53M	Q66	
646,473	Q67	
2.93M	Q69	
727,988	Q104	

••• Bicycle Lanes

MTA Annual Bus Ridership			
123,977	QM1/QM31		
185,058	QM4/QM44		
512,787	QM5/QM35		
279,912	QM6/QM36		
159,541	x63		
77,477	x64		
136,618	x68		

NYC Subway

Average Weekday Subway Ridership (2018)		
11,029	0	33rd Street
9,954	0	40th Street
12,828	0	46th Street
6,001	0	52nd Street

Vehicular Traffic		
43,033	Queens Boulevard between Jackson Avenue and under BQE	
4,829	Skillman Avenue between 49th Avenue and 46th Street	
4,532	Greenpoint Avenue between 39th Street and Queens Boulevard	

Source: MTA 2018; NYS DOT, 2016 Annual Average Daily Traffic data.

Recent SBS Neighborhood Investments

- Commercial Revitalization, Avenue NYC multi-year grant awarded to the Sunnyside Shines BID, 2020-2022.
- Neighborhood 360° Fellows Host Organization, awarded to Sunnyside Shines BID, 2020.
- Placemaking, Avenue NYC grant of \$30,000 awarded to Sunnyside Shines BID, 2018.
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Current & Planned Developments

32-35 Queens Boulevard

A planned 17-story, 208-foot tall hotel building with 59,618 square feet dedicated to commercial use, 65,122 square feet for a community facility use, 155 units, and 8 parking spaces.

43-39 38th Street

This development is planned to be a 12-story, 170-foot tall mixed-use building with commercial use, a community facility space and 62 parking spaces.

47-16 Greenpoint Avenue

A planned 4-story, 60-foot tall mixed-use building with 8,683 square feet for residential use, 3,001 square feet for commercial use, 8,531 square feet for a community facility use, and 10 dwelling units.

41-34 45th Street

Four blocks from the 46th Street subway station, the 8-story, 80-foot tall mixed-use building will include 17,386 square feet dedicated to residential use, 1,402 square feet for a community facility, 25 dwelling units, and 8 parking spaces.

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