

# Vernon Boulevard

## Queens East River North Shore Greenway

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- **Update**
- **Proposal – Installation of Jersey Barriers**
- **Questions**





# Background

Gantry Plaza State Park



Queensbridge Park



Rainey Park



Socrates Park



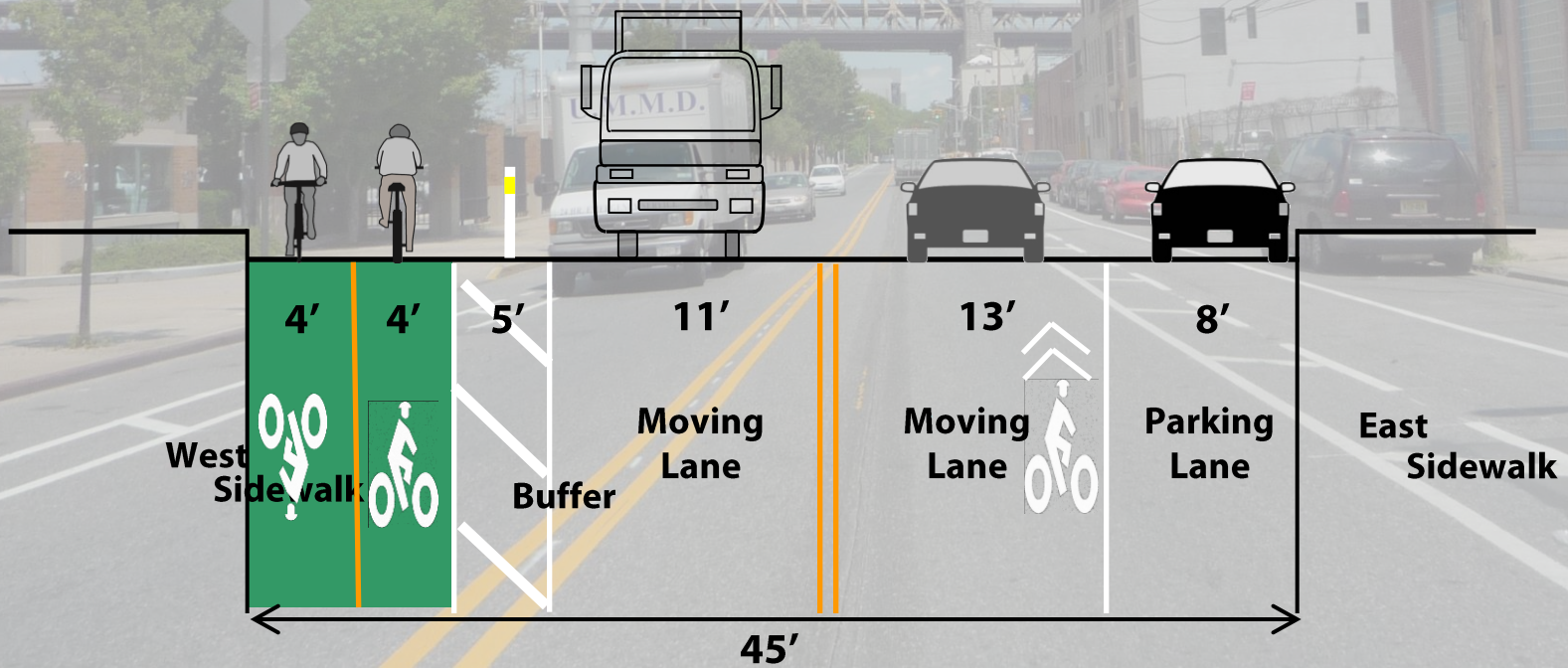
- Recently completed Parks paths (2012) ended at street
- Vernon Blvd's strong edge condition presented an opportunity
- Continuous path experience (2.1 miles)
- Accessibility – Age 8 to 80

# Existing Configuration – 46<sup>th</sup> Ave to 30<sup>th</sup> Road

Long Island City to Hallet's Cove (On-street)

## 45' Wide Waterfront Street

- 2-Way, protected bike path on west side of roadway
- Slightly wider NB vehicular lane





# Update

- **Vernon Boulevard redesign - 2013**
- **Updated two-way path design along west side of street:**
  - Boost in Recreational Use
- **Slower Vehicle Speeds**
  - Before: 34 MPH
  - After: 28 MPH



## Vernon Blvd Ridership Volumes

	Sep-2013	Sep-2014	Increase since '13	% Increase Since '13
Weekday	271	362	91	33.6%
Weekend	622	899	277	44.5%

## Vernon Blvd Pedestrian Volumes

	Sep-2013	Sep-2014	Increase since '13	% Increase Since '13
Weekday	1083	1220	137	12.7%
Weekend	821	1250	429	52.3%

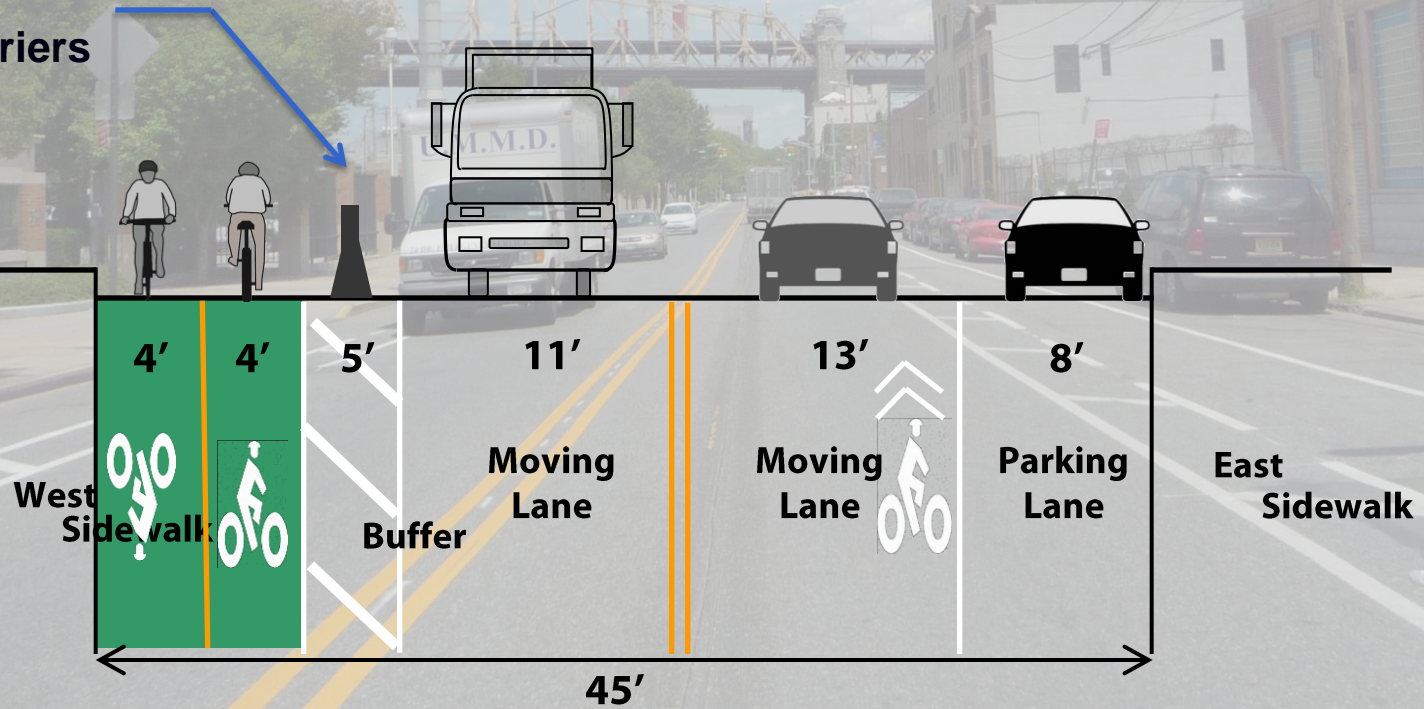
Note: 2013 data collected on 9/10/13 and 9/14/13. 2014 data collected on 9/27/14 and 9/30/14 at Vernon bet 45<sup>th</sup> Ave and 45<sup>th</sup> Rd.

# Proposed Configuration

## 45' Wide Waterfront Street

- 2-Way, protected bike path on west side of roadway
- Slightly wider NB vehicular lane
- Jersey barriers in buffer area
- Additional flexible delineators

Location of  
Jersey Barriers

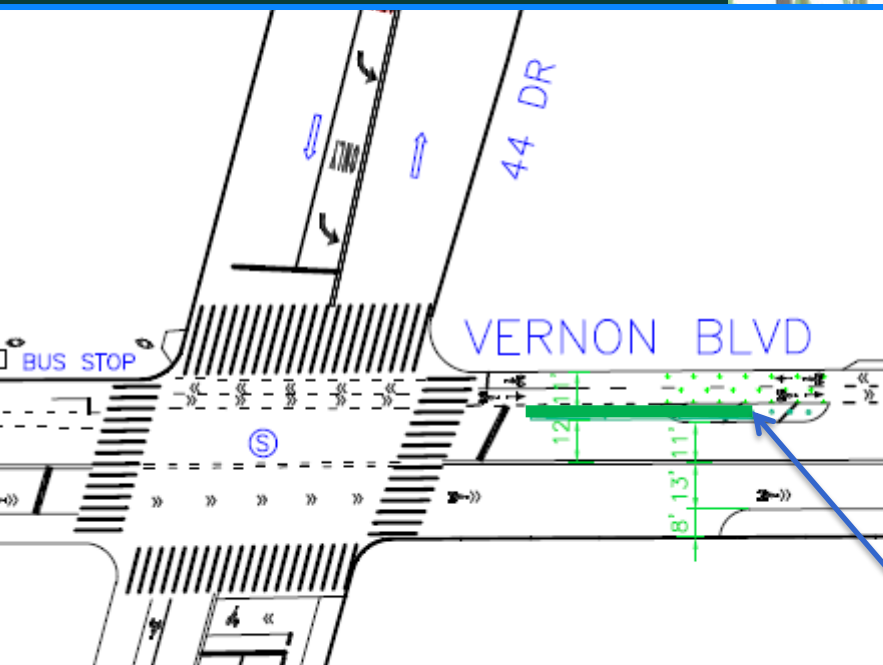




# Proposal

## Introduce Jersey Barriers at Key Locations

- Makes path users feel more comfortable
- Prevents illegal vehicle movements
- Safer pedestrian crossings
- Opportunity for Public Art



Location of Jersey Barriers

Questions?

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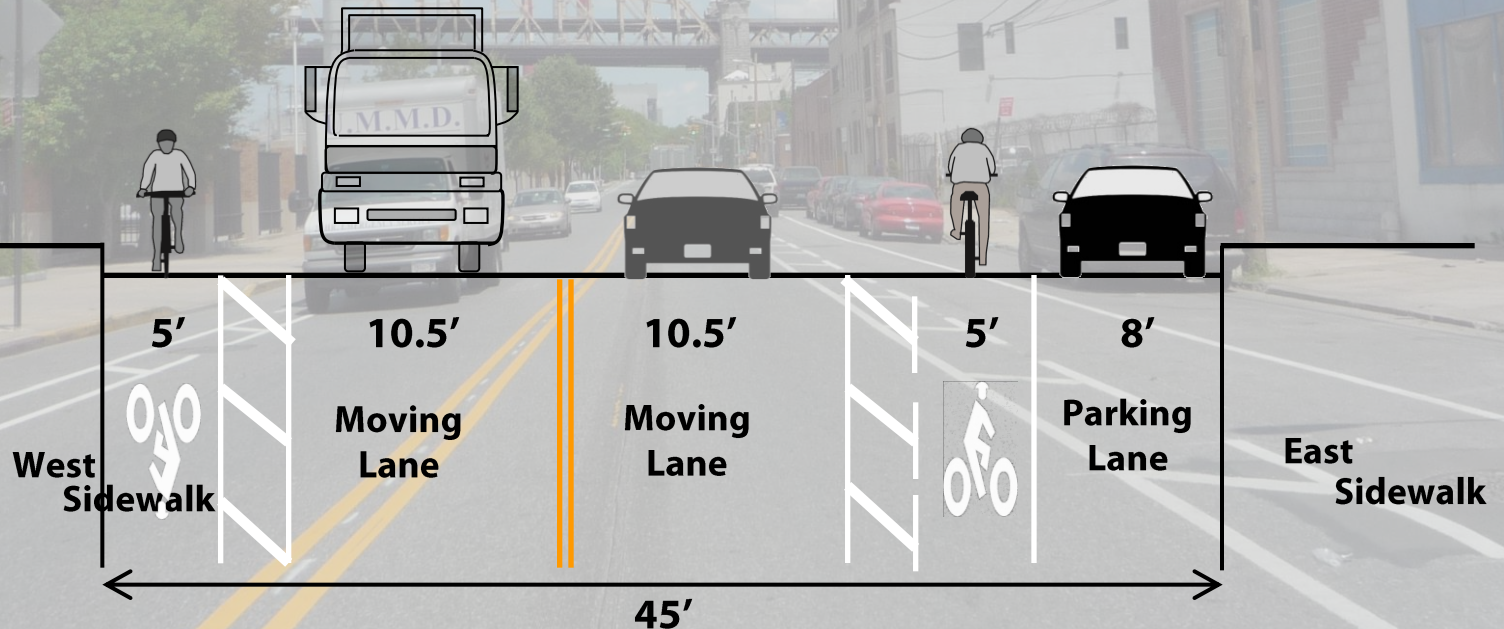


# Existing Conditions – North of 45<sup>th</sup> Road

Hallet's Cove to Long Island City

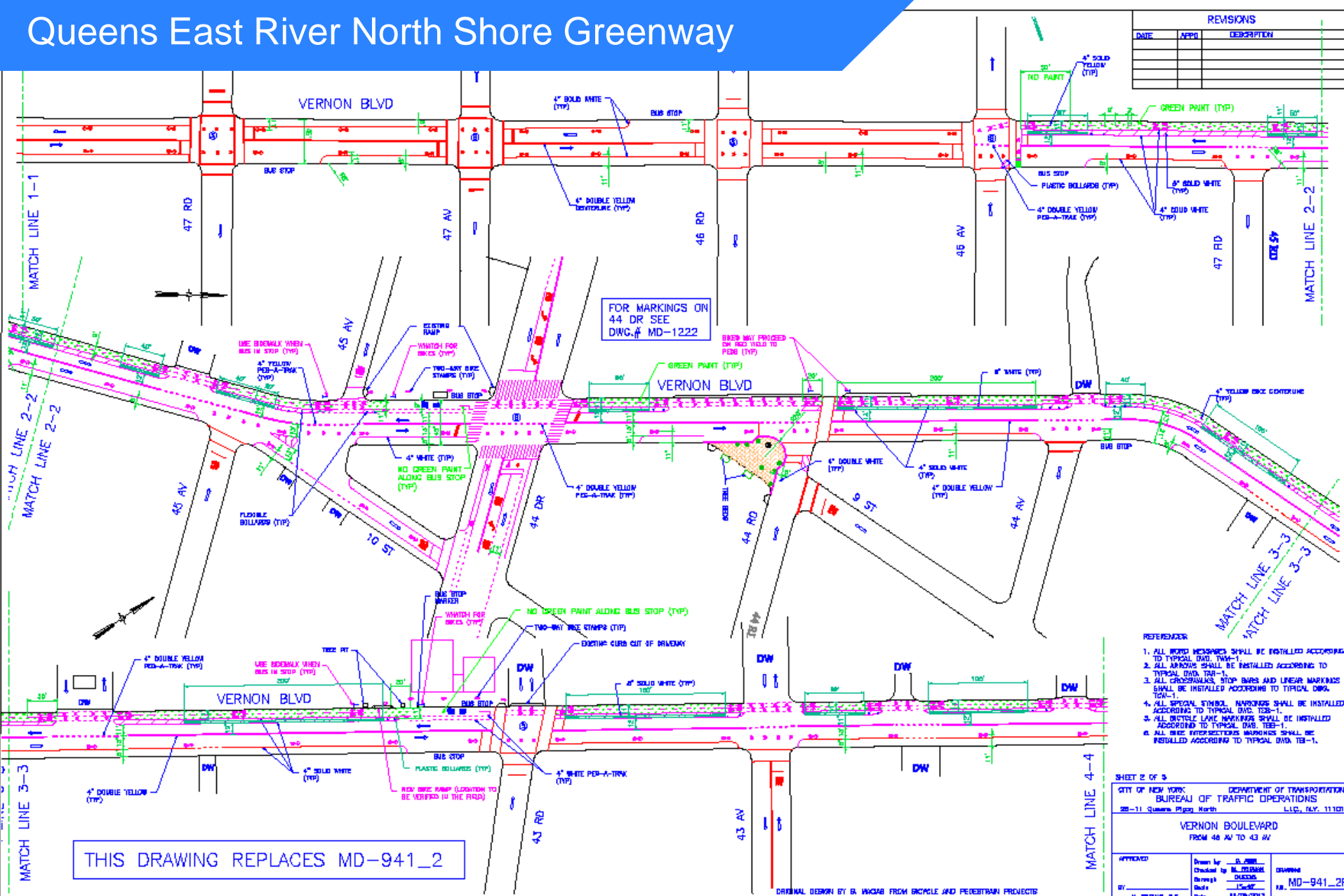
## 45' Wide Waterfront Street

- 10.5' NB and SB Vehicular Lanes
- NB and SB Bike Lanes
- SB Parking Lane
- Truck Route



# Vernon Boulevard Plan

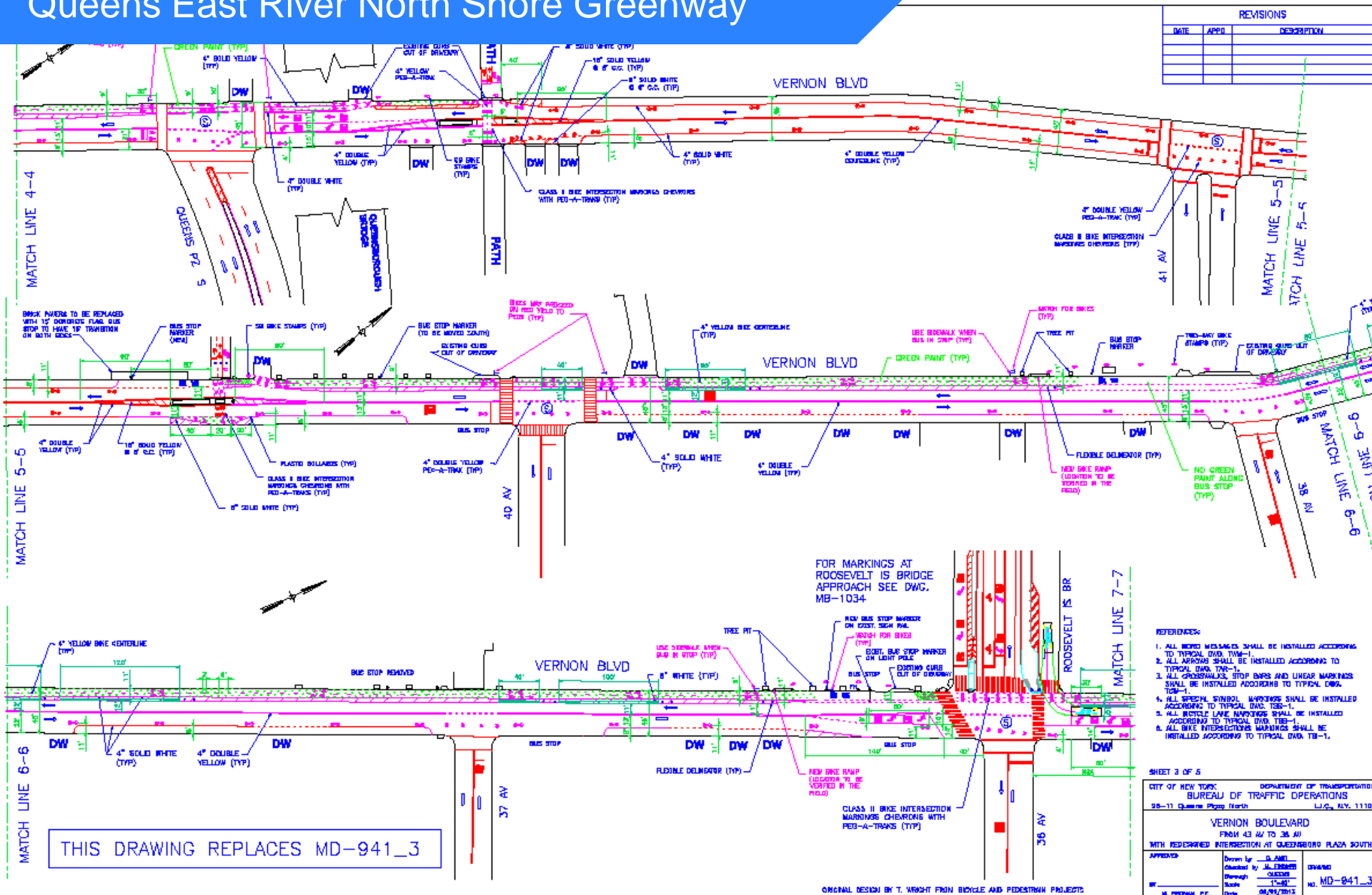
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# Vernon Boulevard Plan 2

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