Austin St

Accessibility Improvements



Background

- Uncomfortable crossing conditions on commercial main street due to lack of marked crossings, double parking, and congestion
- Enhanced crossings implemented at Queens Blvd Service Rd and 69th Rd and 70th Ave in 2015
- Enhanced crossings requested by Council Member Koslowitz and community members
- Parking Planning & Management to implement new loading zones and metered curb regulations to reduce double parking as part of 2018 Parking Improvement Plan
- Up to 276 pedestrians crossing in the peak hour (Austin St and 71 Rd)
- 1 pedestrian KSI on Austin St between 70th Ave and 72nd Rd (2012-2016)

Location

- Commercial corridor
- Forest Hills Stadium nearby, S of Burns St
- Up to 276 pedestrians crossing in the peak hour (Austin St and 71 Rd)
- Transit connections include: Q23 bus along Austin St, FMRE subway lines at 70th Rd and Queens Blvd Service Rd, Forest Hills LIRR station on Continental Ave between Austin St and Burns St





Before Conditions: Austin St at 70th Rd

Improvements

 4 Enhanced crossings on Austin St at 70th Ave, 71st Rd, 72nd Ave and 72nd Rd

Benefits

- Increases visibility of crossing pedestrians
- Formalizes pedestrian crossings