

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9

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TO: Fred Baptiste (Ex-Officio); Felice Robertson, CB9 Member; Binyomin Rosenberger, CB9 Member; Yaakov Pearson, CB9 Member; Raphaella Godoy, CB9 Member; Dave Paco Abraham, Resident Member; Calista DeJesus, Resident Member; Valerie Fleming, Resident Member; Jeffrey Grannum; Andrew Magnus, Resident Member

FROM: Ethan Norville, Committee Chair

RE: Transportation Committee Meeting

DATE: Monday, September 9, 2024

The virtual meeting of the Transportation Committee has been scheduled as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, September 11th, 2024

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Ave,
Brooklyn NY 11225

Livestreamed on CB9 YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCciPIIJ01pLvrG0xod1_LvQ

AGENDA

- I. Welcome/Greetings
- II. Election of committee officers: Vice Chair and Secretary
- III. Street Co-Naming — Lubavitcher Rebbe Way
- IV. Unfinished Business
 - a. Incorporating Bike Lane Feedback
 - b. Bike Lane Feedback Session Planning
- V. New Business
- VI. Adjourn



OFFICE OF THE BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

ANTONIO REYNOSO

Brooklyn Borough President

July 17, 2024

Dear Members of Community Board 9,

I write to you in hopes that you will join me in recognizing the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, by co-naming the street in Crown Heights where he lived in honor of his profound legacy.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe was a leader whose dedication to faith and service can be seen all over Brooklyn, the city, and the world. After escaping the Nazi takeover of Europe in 1941, the Lubavitcher Rebbe moved to Brooklyn and assumed leadership of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement after his father-in-law's passing in 1950. He is widely recognized as one of the most important Jewish leaders in modern history. Under his leadership, students of his teachings brought many Jews closer to Judaism and helped the world learn more about the Jewish faith.

Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson was a staple of the Crown Heights community, and 30 years after his passing, his legacy deserves to be memorialized in our streets, marked by a co-naming so that he and his teachings can be passed down from generation to generation. I urge you to consider co-naming the street where he resided from the 1950s onward in Community District 9 as a tribute to the Lubavitcher Rebbe. I look forward to working together to uplift his memory for all of Brooklyn.

Thank you,

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Antonio Reynoso
Brooklyn Borough President



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Aug 8th, 2024

Brooklyn Community Board Number 9
890 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Dear Community Board 9,

This year marks 30 years since the passing of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson OBM. Born in 1902, the Rebbe profoundly influenced Jewish history and is revered by hundreds of thousands of followers and millions of sympathizers worldwide.

To honor his extraordinary legacy, we propose co-naming President Street between Brooklyn and New York as "Lubavitcher Rebbe Way." Since the 1950s, this street has been closely associated with the Rebbe, whose residence at this location—preserved exactly as it was during his lifetime—remains a significant religious landmark.

The Rebbe's teachings and leadership have left an indelible mark on Jewish communities globally, promoting spiritual vitality and community engagement. His residence has been a beacon of inspiration and a center of outreach, reflecting his commitment to education, charity, and unity.

This proposal is championed by local Council Member Crystal Hudson and has garnered support from all local elected officials, including the Borough President of Brooklyn, Our State Senator, Assembly Member, and District Leaders.

We respectfully request the community board's support for this proposal and would be happy to provide any additional information or discuss this further.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Rabbi Yaacov Behrman



BRIAN A. CUNNINGHAM
Assemblymember 43rd District

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July 18, 2024

Dear Community Board 9 Members,

I write to express my support for the proposed street co-naming of President Street, between Brooklyn and New York Avenues in Crown Heights as "The Lubavitcher Rebbe Way."

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson made a profound impact here in Central Brooklyn and throughout the world. His dedication to his religion and spiritual leadership founded the basis of his teachings for peace, understanding, and compassion. His teachings have reached millions across the world and inspired people to lead better and more loving lives.

For over 5 decades, the Lubavitcher Rebbe lived and worked in Crown Height. Co-naming President Street in his honor would be a fitting tribute to his legacy and his deep connection to the Crown Heights community. The Lubavitcher Rebbe established thousands of institutions across the globe with hundreds of them being in New York State. His teachings continue to inspire people from around the world. He taught his followers to lead with care and compassion. It is this legacy of peace and love that follows his memory throughout the broader community of Crown Heights.

I believe that co-naming President Street as "The Lubavitcher Rebbe Way" would symbolize the profound impact and his enduring legacy. It would also signal the broader community's respect and commitment to honoring his work to bettering the world.

It is for these reasons that I support the proposed street co-naming of President Street. I hope that you join me in this support of honoring the Lubavitcher Rebbe's memory in this way.

Sincerely,

Brian A. Cunningham
NYS Assembly Member
43rd District

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July 11, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to express my support for the proposed street co-naming of President Street, between Brooklyn and New York Avenues in Crown Heights as "The Lubavitcher Rebbe Way."

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, was a renowned spiritual leader and educator who made a profound impact here in Central Brooklyn and throughout the world. He was a tireless advocate for peace, understanding, and education, and his teachings have inspired millions of people around the globe.

Renaming President Street in his honor would be a fitting tribute to his legacy and his deep connection to the Crown Heights community. The Lubavitcher Rebbe lived and worked in Crown Heights for over 50 years, and he established many important institutions and organizations here.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe was a true visionary, and his teachings continue to inspire people from all walks of life. He taught that every person has the potential to make a difference in the world, and he encouraged his followers to reach out to others with love and compassion.

I believe that renaming President Street as "The Lubavitcher Rebbe Way" would be a powerful way to honor the Rebbe's teachings and his commitment to making the world a better place. It would also be a source of pride for the Crown Heights community and a reminder of the Rebbe's enduring legacy.

I urge you to support the proposed street co-naming and to help ensure that the Lubavitcher Rebbe's memory is honored in this way.

Sincerely,



Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie
20th Senate District



Sarana Purcell

District Leader/ State Committeewoman
43rd Assembly District, Brooklyn

July 18, 2024

Subject: Letter of Support for Co-Naming President Street as "The Lubavitcher Rebbe Way"

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to express our support for the co-naming of President Street, located between Brooklyn and New York Avenues, as "The Lubavitcher Rebbe Way." This proposal holds great significance for the community and would be a powerful tribute to the enduring legacy of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe who escaped the Nazi takeover of Europe in 1941, would eventually settle in Brooklyn and assume leadership of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement. As a spiritual leader, his influential teachings have strengthened Jewish faith and inspired millions around the world. The Lubavitcher Rebbe resided in Crown Heights for over 50 years, leaving a profound impact on the community and its residents that can still be felt today, even 30 years after his passing.

Co-naming President Street in his honor would not only recognize his deep ties to the community but also serve as a reminder of his teachings of peace and compassion, which continue to inspire and uplift.

We kindly request your thoughtful consideration of this matter. The co-naming of President Street as "The Lubavitcher Rebbe Way" would be a meaningful tribute that honors the lasting legacy of the Lubavitcher Rebbe and demonstrates our community's appreciation for his immense contributions.

Thank you for your attention to this significant proposal.

Sincerely,

Sarana Purcell

Sarana Purcell
State Committeewoman/District Leader
43rd Assembly District- Brooklyn

Anthony Beckford
State Committeeman/District Leader- Elect
43rd Assembly District- Brooklyn

"Lubavitcher Rebbe Way"

We are working with Council Member Crystal Hudson and Community Board 9 to co-name President Street between Brooklyn and New York "Lubavitcher Rebbe Way".

Please sign to support.

Date Signed	prefix	first_name	middle_name	last_name	suffix	full_name	legal_name	primary_address1	primary_address2	primary_city
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7/10/2024		Esther		Reich		Esther Reich				BROOKLYN
7/10/2024		Mirele		Rosenberger		Mirele Rosenberger				BROOKLYN
7/10/2024		Abraham		Kugel		Abraham Kugel				BROOKLYN
7/10/2024		Golda		Yehudis		Golda Yehudis				BROOKLYN
7/10/2024		Yosef		Chayo		Yosef Chayo				BROOKLYN
7/10/202		Avi		Zukerman		Avi Zukerman				BROOKLYN
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Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave

(Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

School Safety Improvements

Presentation to Community Board 9 | June 10, 2024



Background

Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

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Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

Vision Zero Priority

Vision Zero

- Multi-agency effort to reduce traffic fatalities in NYC
- Borough Action Plans released in 2023
- Priority Intersections, Corridors, and Areas identified for each borough

Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave

- Located in a Vision Zero Priority Area
- Kingston Ave, Rutland Rd, and Empire Blvd are Vision Zero Priority Corridors



Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

Why Are We Here?

- 10+ schools within a block of Brooklyn Ave or Kingston Ave
- High volumes of students around arrival and dismissal times
- Concerns from neighborhood schools and CB 9 about speeding and dangerous driver behavior on Brooklyn Ave and Kingston Ave
- Complaints about drag racing on Kingston Ave in front of George Wingate Campus



Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

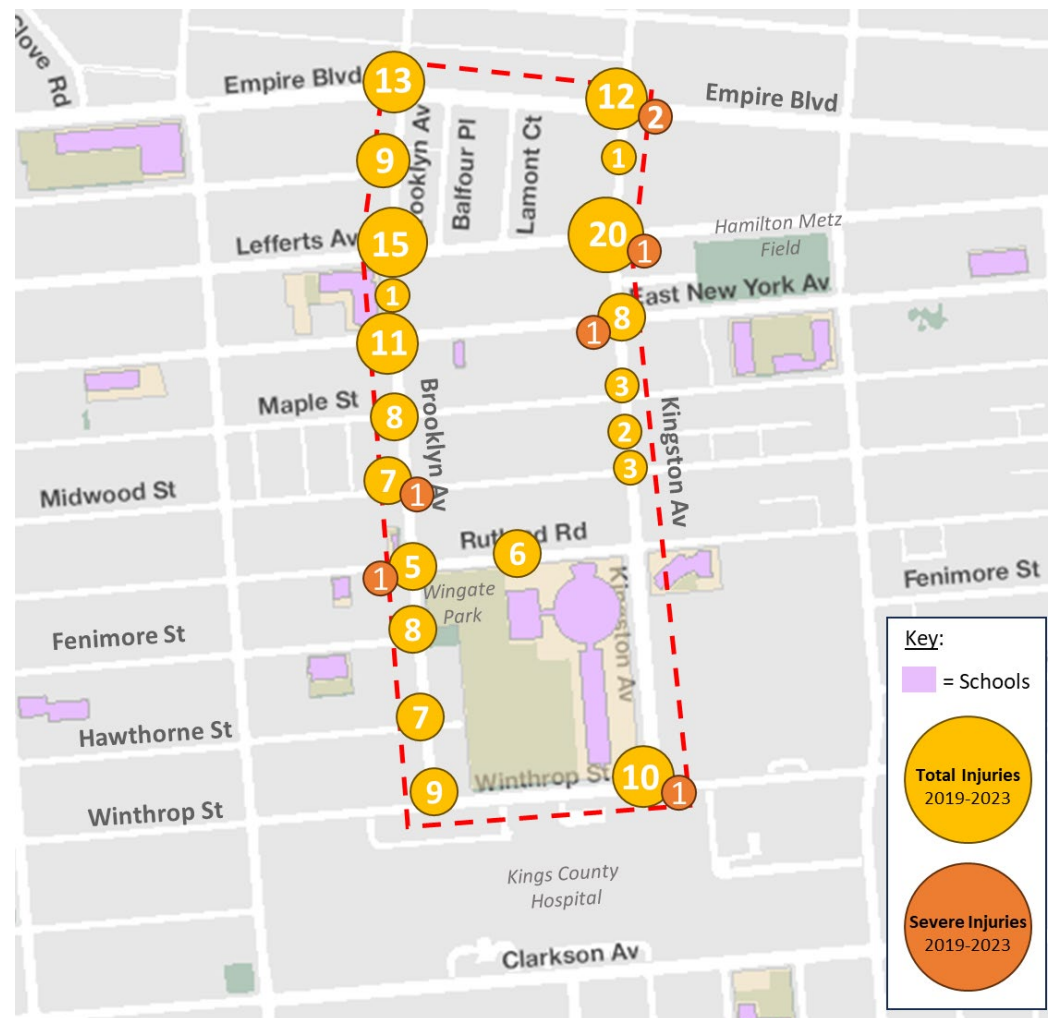
Injury Data (2019-2023)

- 158 total injuries
- 71% of severe injuries were pedestrians or cyclists
- 50% of pedestrian injuries happened while crossing with the signal
- Children (ages 1-17) made up 14% of pedestrian and cyclist injuries

Injury Summary, 2019-2023 (5 Years)

Mode	Total Injuries	Severe Injuries	Fatalities	KSI
Pedestrian	28	1	0	1
Bicyclist	25	4	0	4
Motor Vehicle Occupant	102	2	0	2
Other Motorized	3	0	0	0
Total	158	7	0	7

Source: Fatalities: NYCDOT, Injuries: NYPD FORMS database KSI: Persons Killed or Severely Injured



Existing Conditions

Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

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Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

Existing Conditions: Speeding and Drag Racing



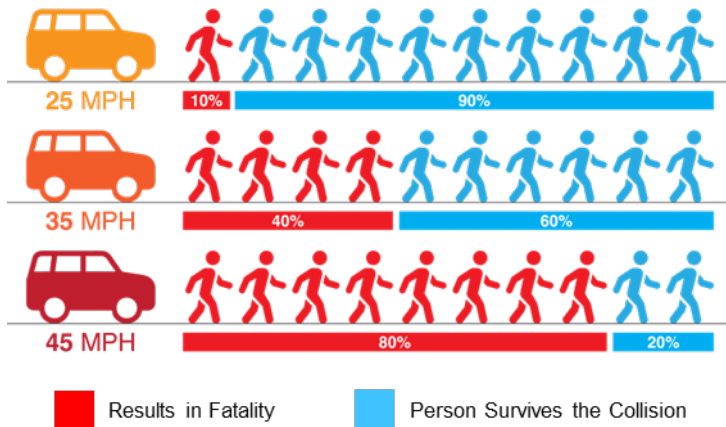
Concerns about drag racing and dangerous driving behavior



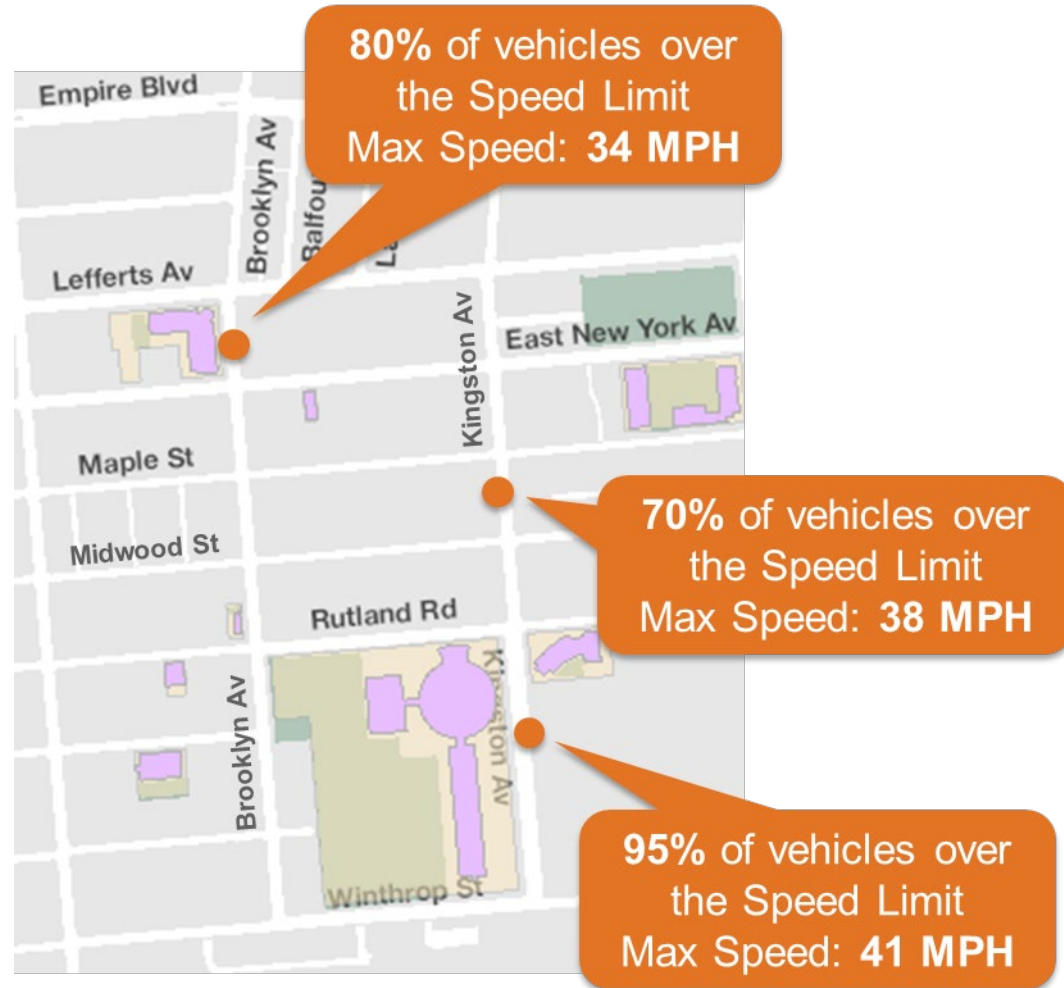
Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

Existing Conditions: Speeding

- Conducted speed radar study at three points in the project area
- Found prevalent speeding on both corridors



Source: Vision Zero Network; IIHS



Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

Existing Conditions: Long crossing distances

Long crossing distances with high volumes of student pedestrians



Brooklyn Ave at Lefferts Blvd, facing North

Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

Existing Conditions: Vehicles Fail to Yield for Pedestrians



Vehicles fail to yield for pedestrians

Kingston Ave at Rutland Rd, facing South

Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

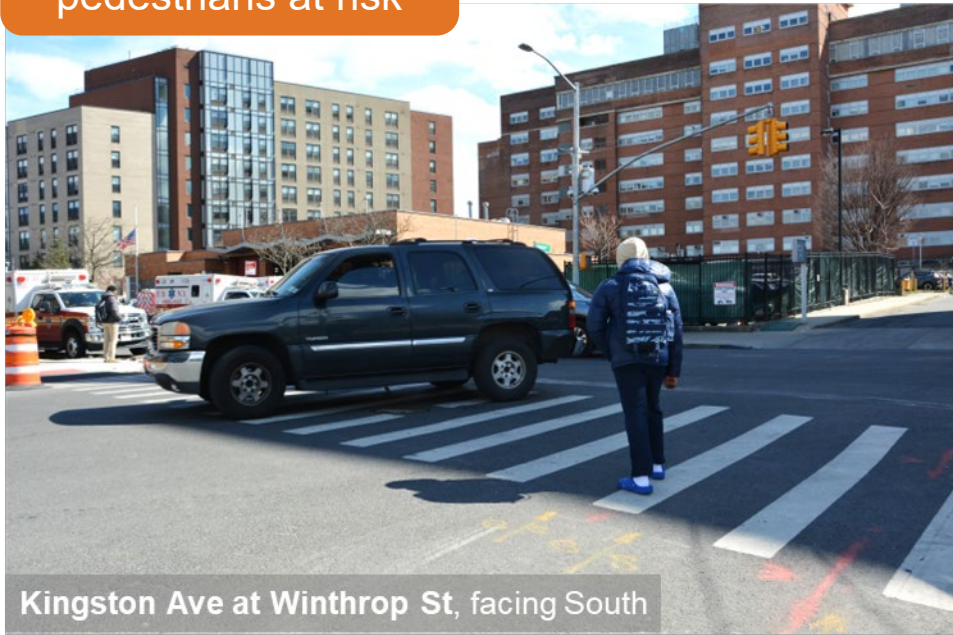
Existing Conditions: Wide Roadway Encourages Unpredictable Passing



Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

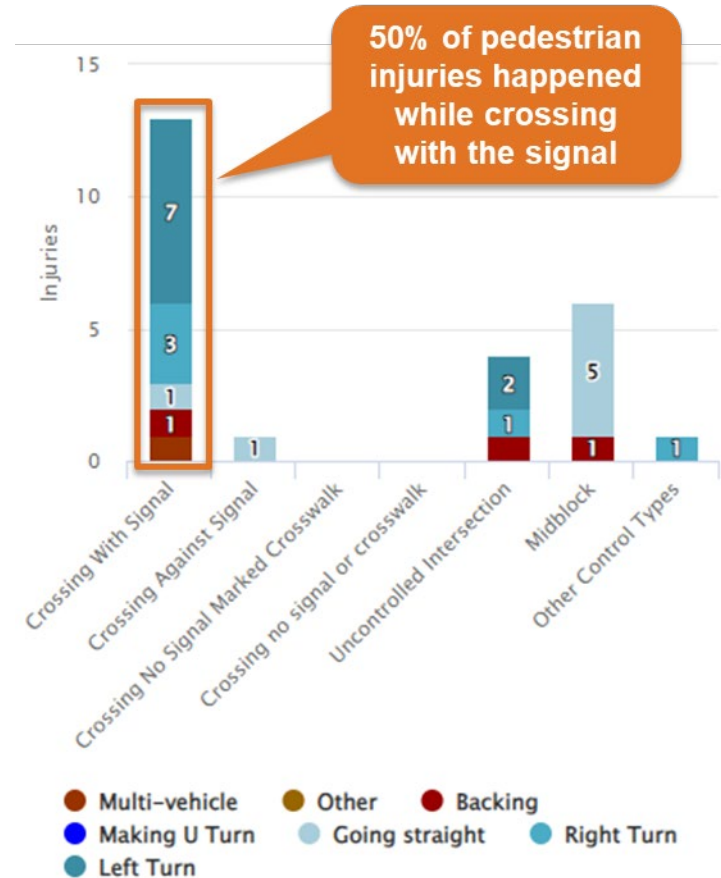
Existing Conditions: Fast Turns Onto Wide Streets

Fast wide turns put pedestrians at risk



Kingston Ave at Winthrop St, facing South

Pedestrian Injuries by Vehicle Action & Pedestrian Action



Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

Existing Conditions: Low Pedestrian Visibility



Cars parked all the way up to the crosswalk block visibility of student pedestrians

Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

Existing Conditions: Unsafe biking conditions

No clear place for cyclists



Lack of predictability creates conflict

Kingston Ave at Rutland Rd, facing South

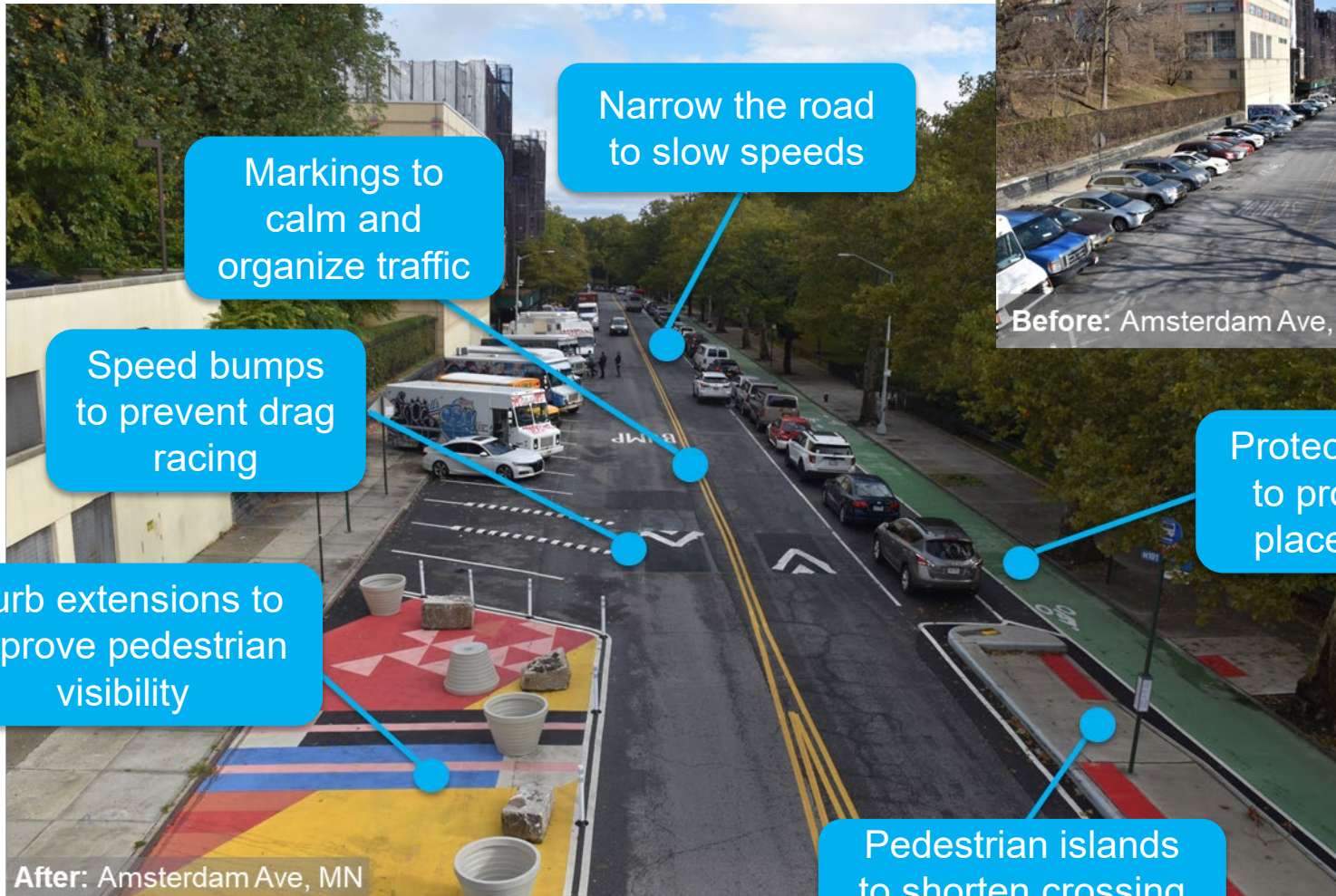
Proposal

Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

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Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

Proposal: Amsterdam Ave and W 190th St



Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

Safety Benefits of Bike Lanes

Street designs that include protected bike lanes increase safety for all users

-15% drop in all crashes with injuries

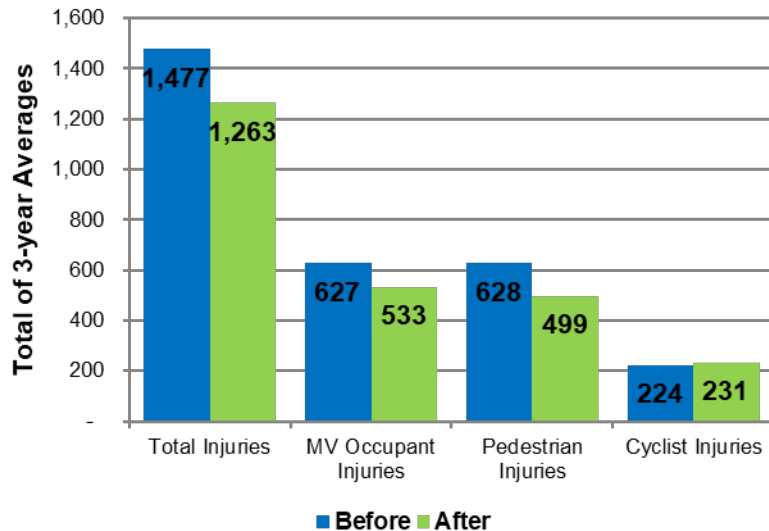
-21% drop in pedestrian injuries

on streets where protected bike lanes were installed 2007-2017



Protected Bike Lanes

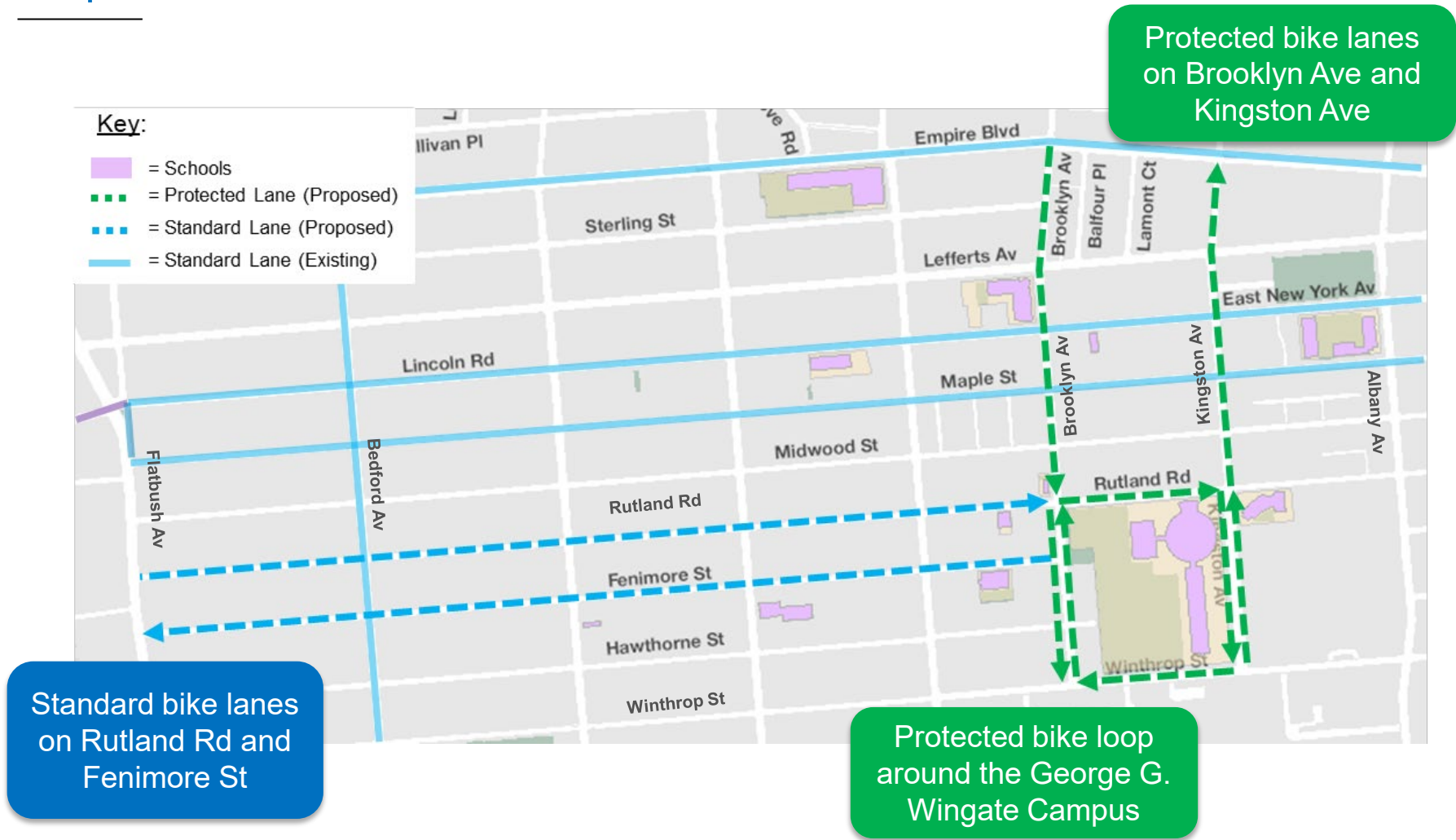
Before and After Crash Data, 2007 - 2017



Data from 25 separate protected bicycle lane projects installed from 2007-2014 with 3 years of after data. Includes portions of 1 Ave, 2 Ave, 8 Ave, 9 Ave, Broadway, Columbus Ave, Hudson St, Lafayette St / 4 Ave, Sands St, Allen/Pike St, Kent Ave, Prospect Park West, Flushing Ave, Bruckner Blvd & Longfellow Ave, Imlay St / Conover St, Paerdegat Ave. Only sections of projects that included protected bike lanes were analyzed. Source: NYPD AIS/TAMS Crash Database

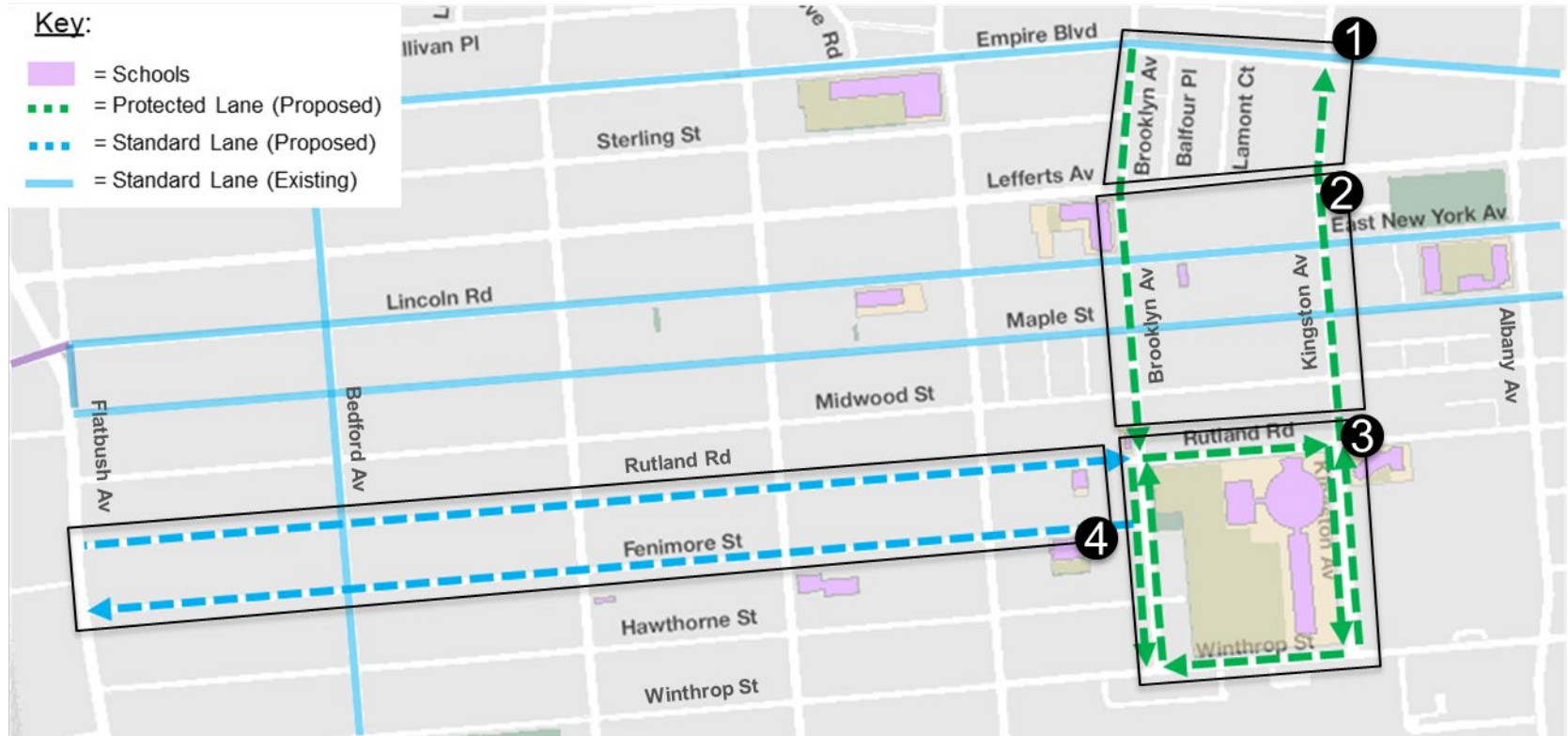
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Proposal: Protected Bike Lanes



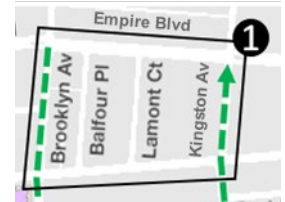
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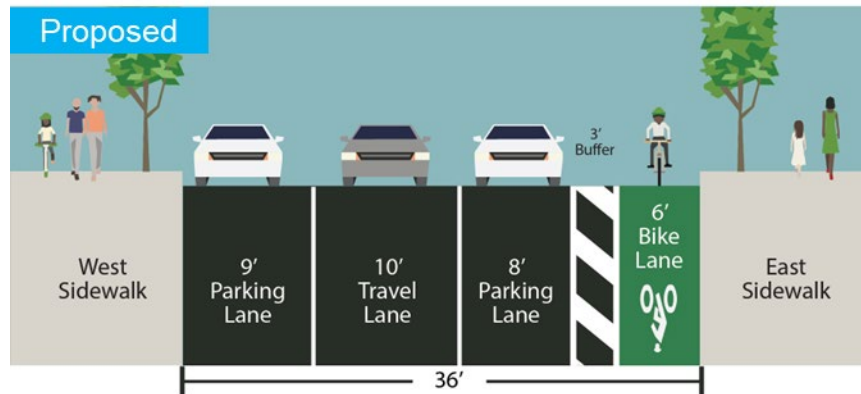
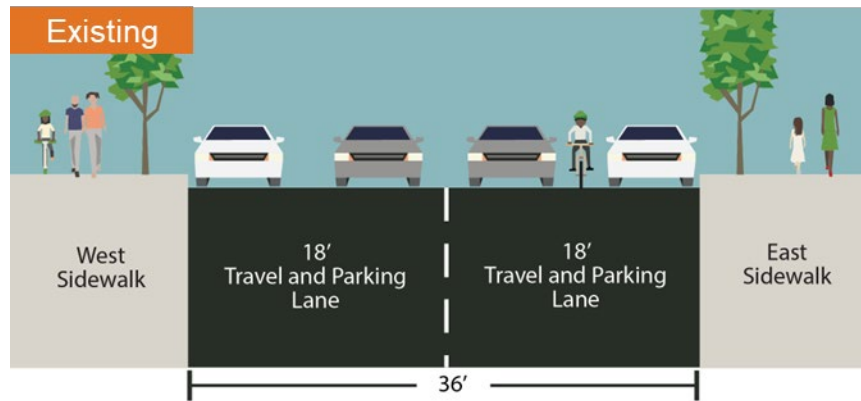


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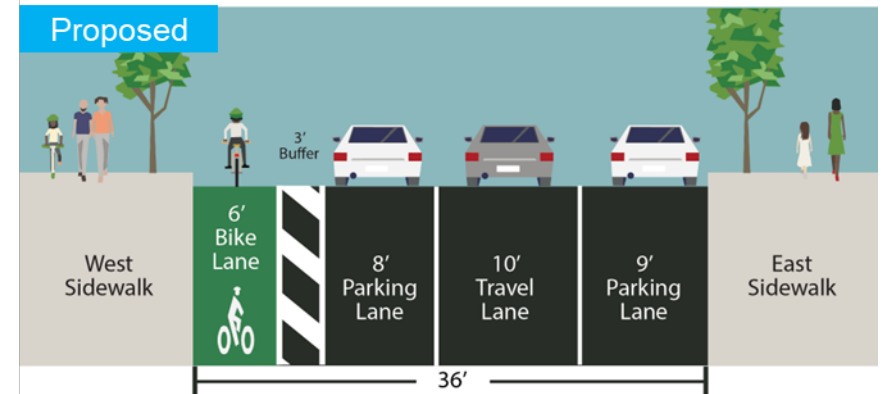
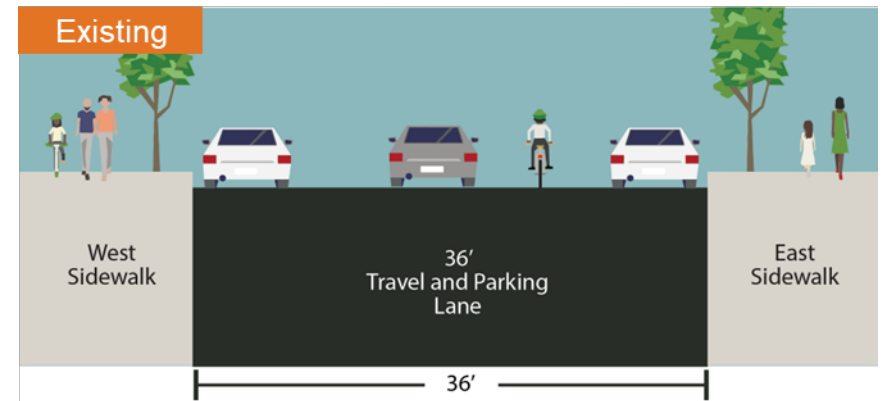
1. Proposal: Empire Blvd to Lefferts Ave (36' wide)



Brooklyn Ave

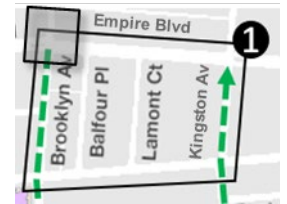


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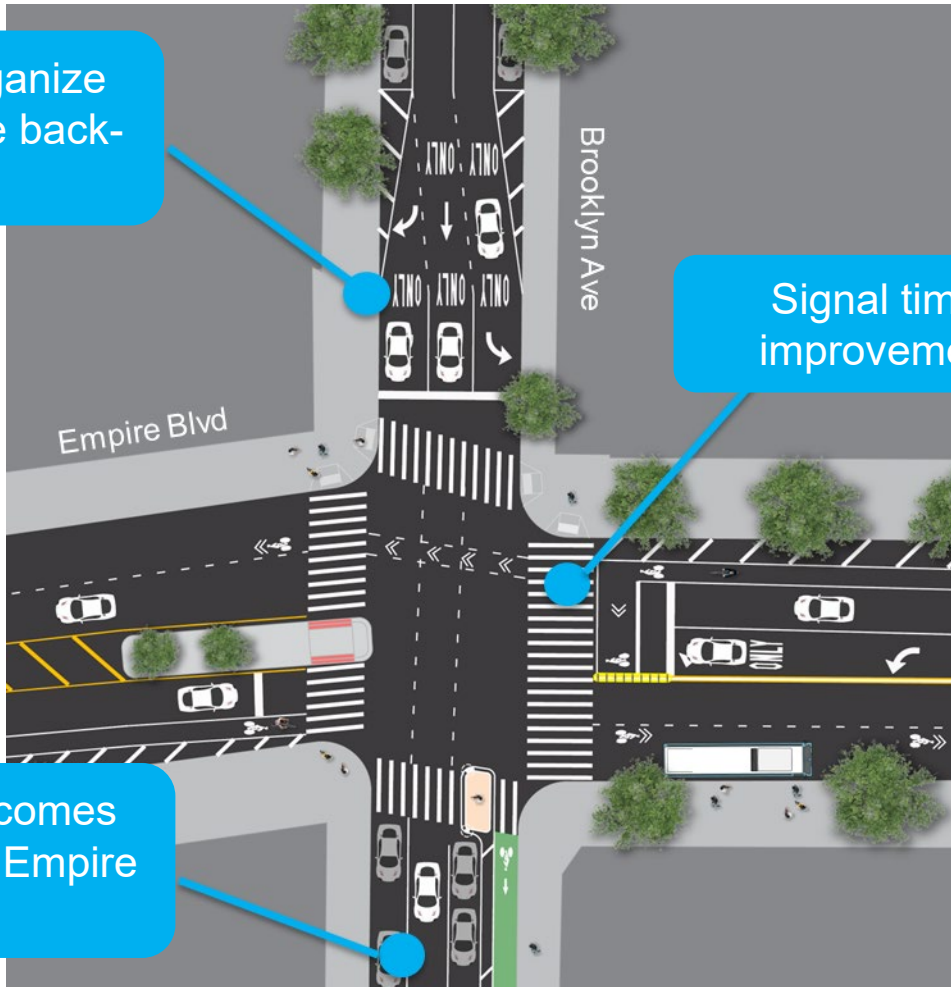


Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Lefferts Ave)

Proposal Detail: Brooklyn Ave and Empire Blvd



Turn bays to organize traffic and reduce back-pressure



Signal timing improvements

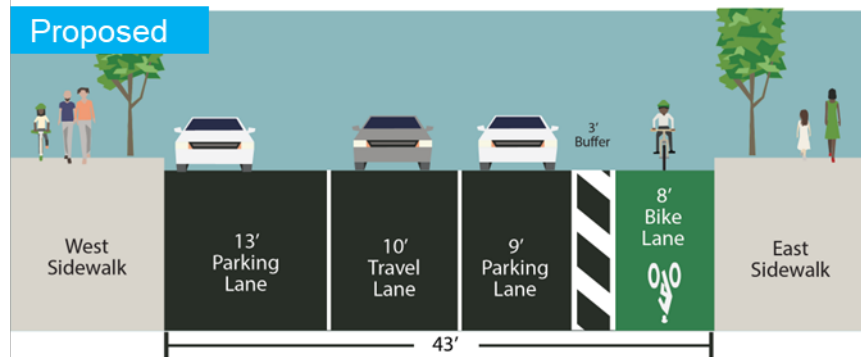
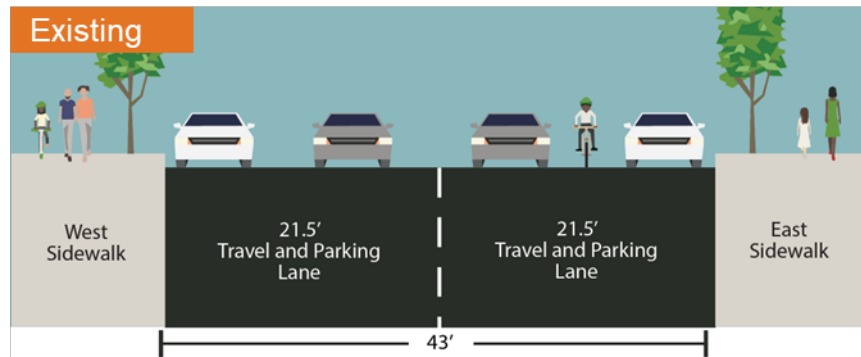
Brooklyn Ave becomes one lane south of Empire Blvd

Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Lefferts Ave)

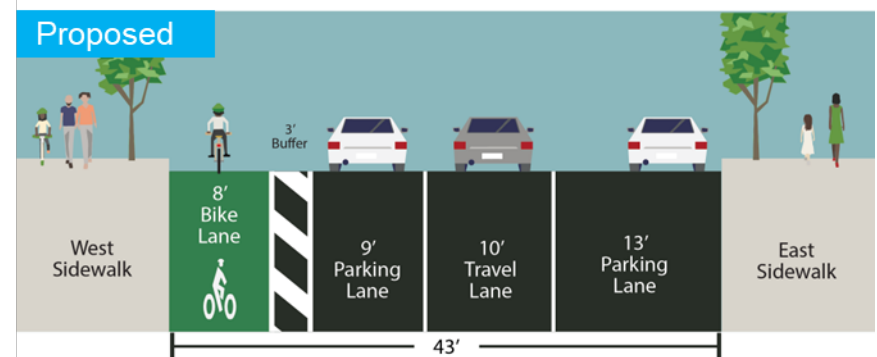
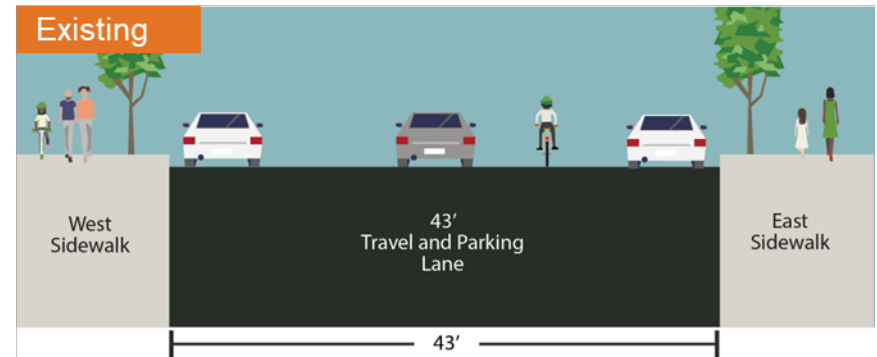
2. Proposal: Lefferts Ave to Rutland Rd (43' wide)



Brooklyn Ave

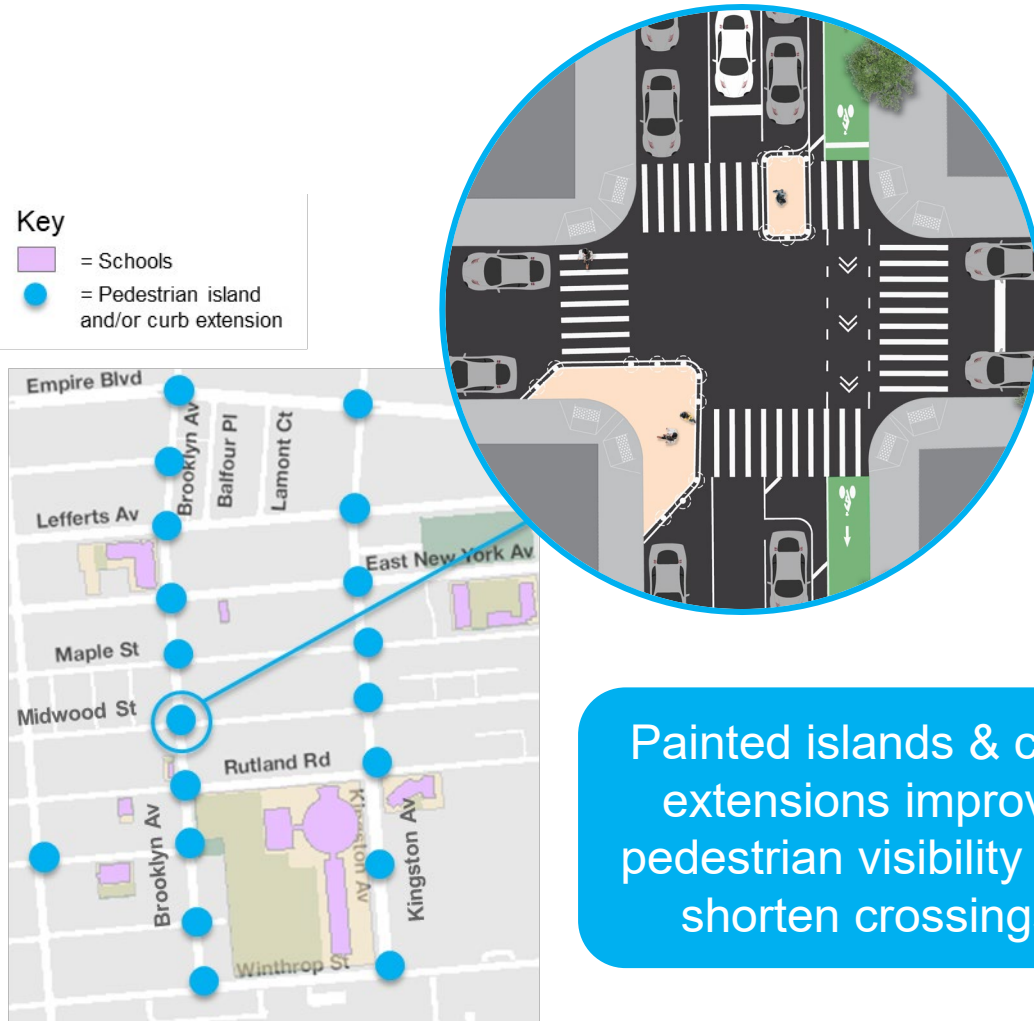


Kingston Ave



Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

Proposal: Painted Pedestrian Islands & Curb Extensions



Painted islands & curb extensions improve pedestrian visibility and shorten crossings

Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

Proposal: Painted Pedestrian Islands & Curb Extensions



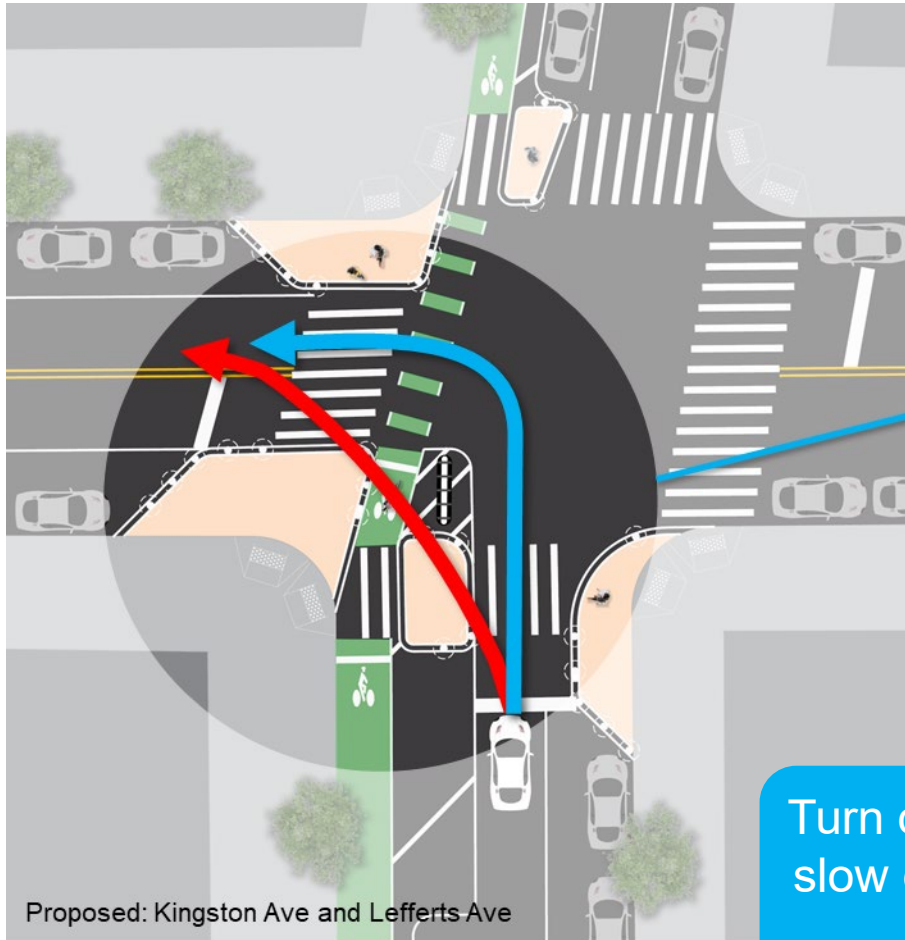
Can't see pedestrians or oncoming traffic



Clear visibility of the intersection

Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Winthrop St)

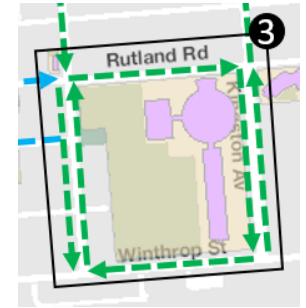
Proposal: Turn Calming



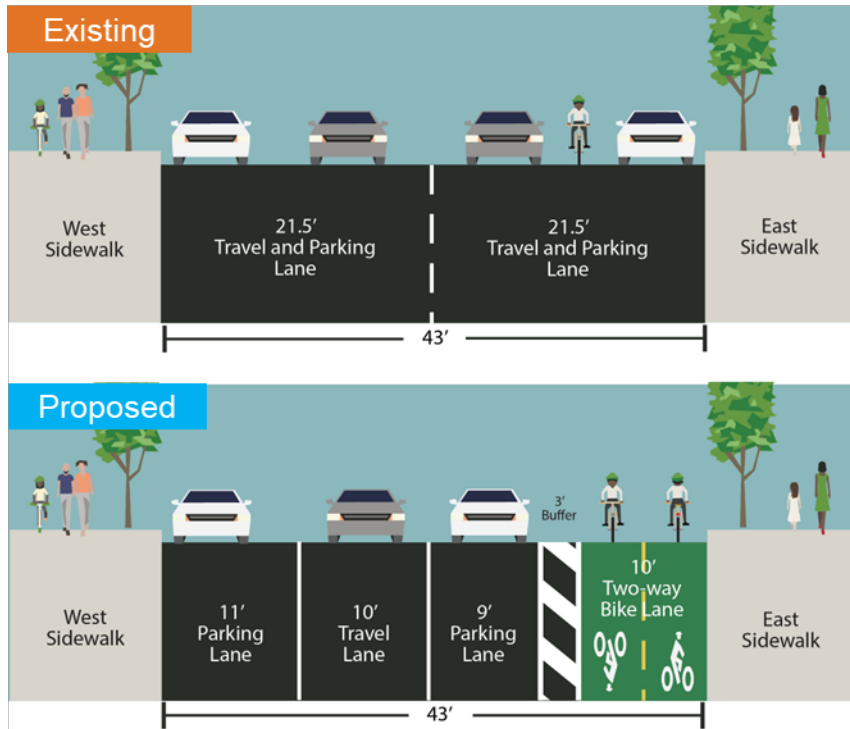
Turn calming treatments
slow drivers and tighten
turn radiuses

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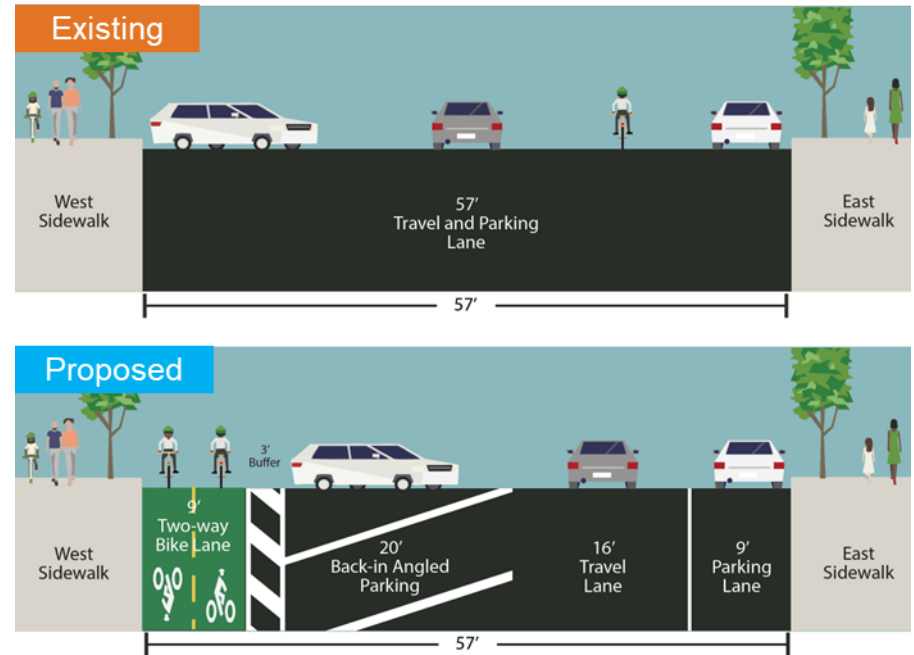
3. Proposal: Rutland Rd to Winthrop St Loop



Brooklyn Ave

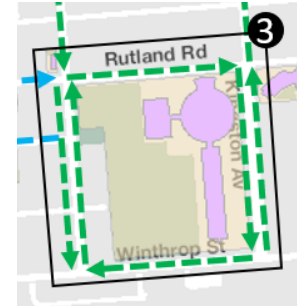


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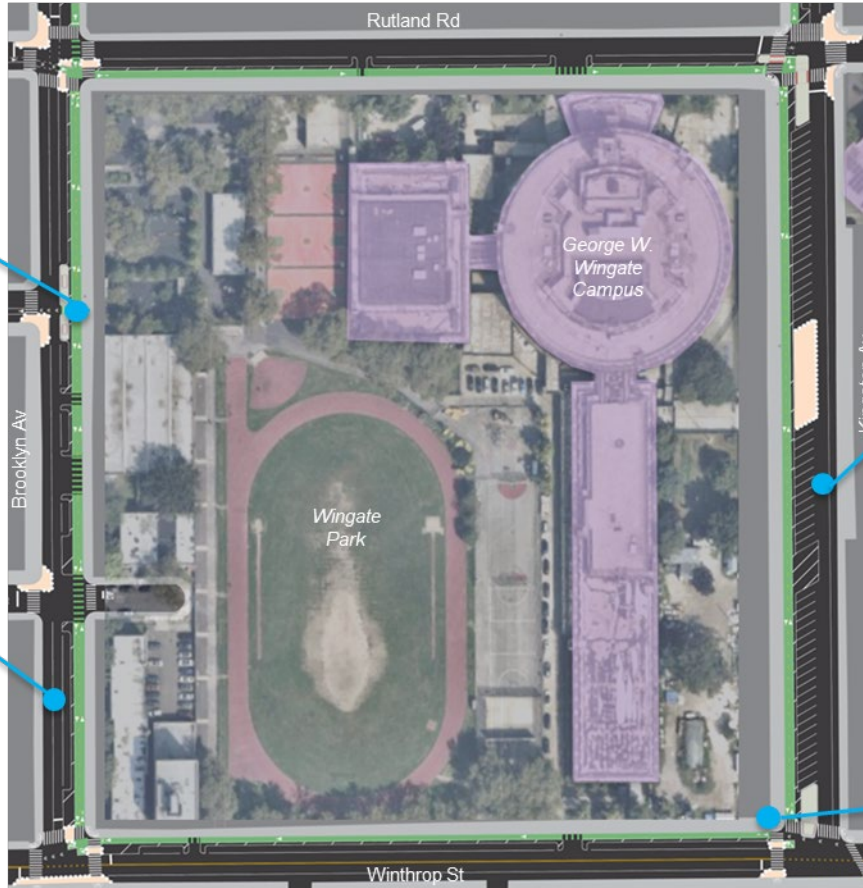
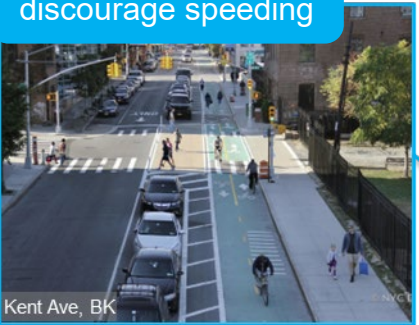
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Improve mid-block access to the park



Narrow the road to discourage speeding



Investigate speed bumps



Fully protected cycling loop



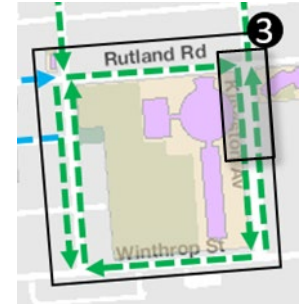
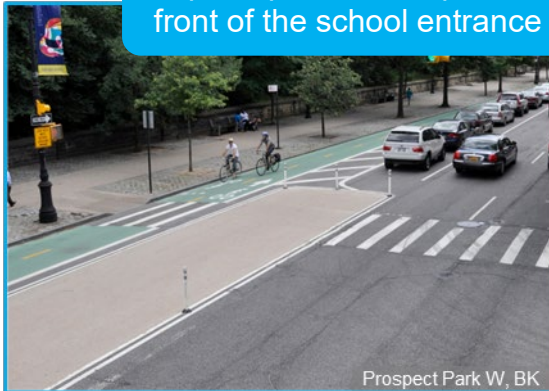
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Proposal Detail: George W. Wingate Campus

Shorten crossing distances



Expand pedestrian space in front of the school entrance



Improve pedestrian visibility

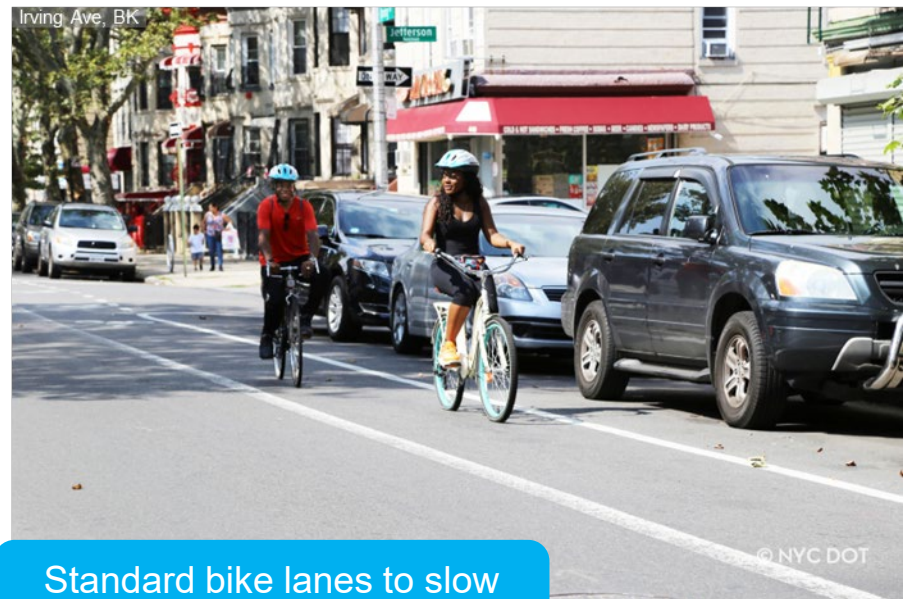
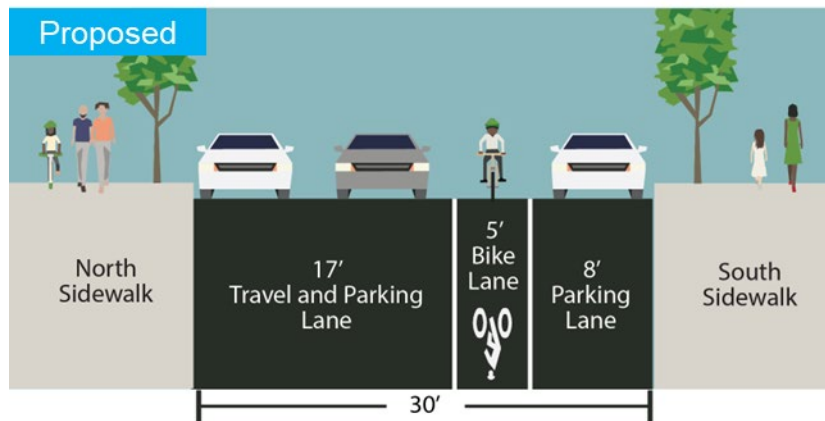
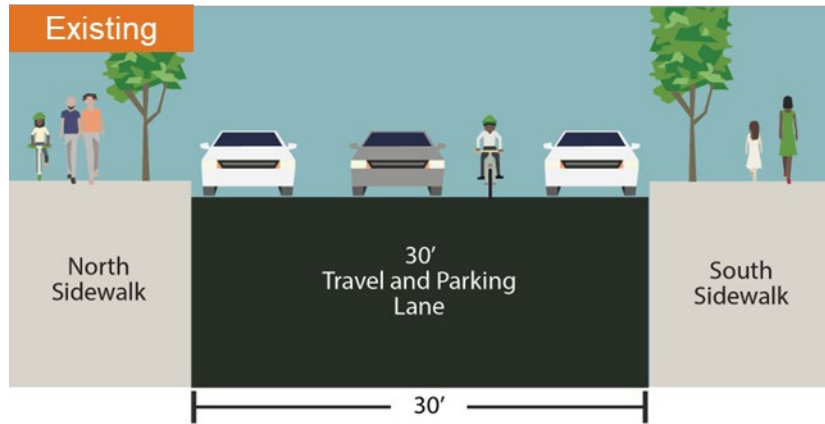


Organize back-in angled parking

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4. Proposal: Rutland Rd and Fenimore St, Flatbush Ave to Brooklyn Ave

Rutland Rd & Fenimore St

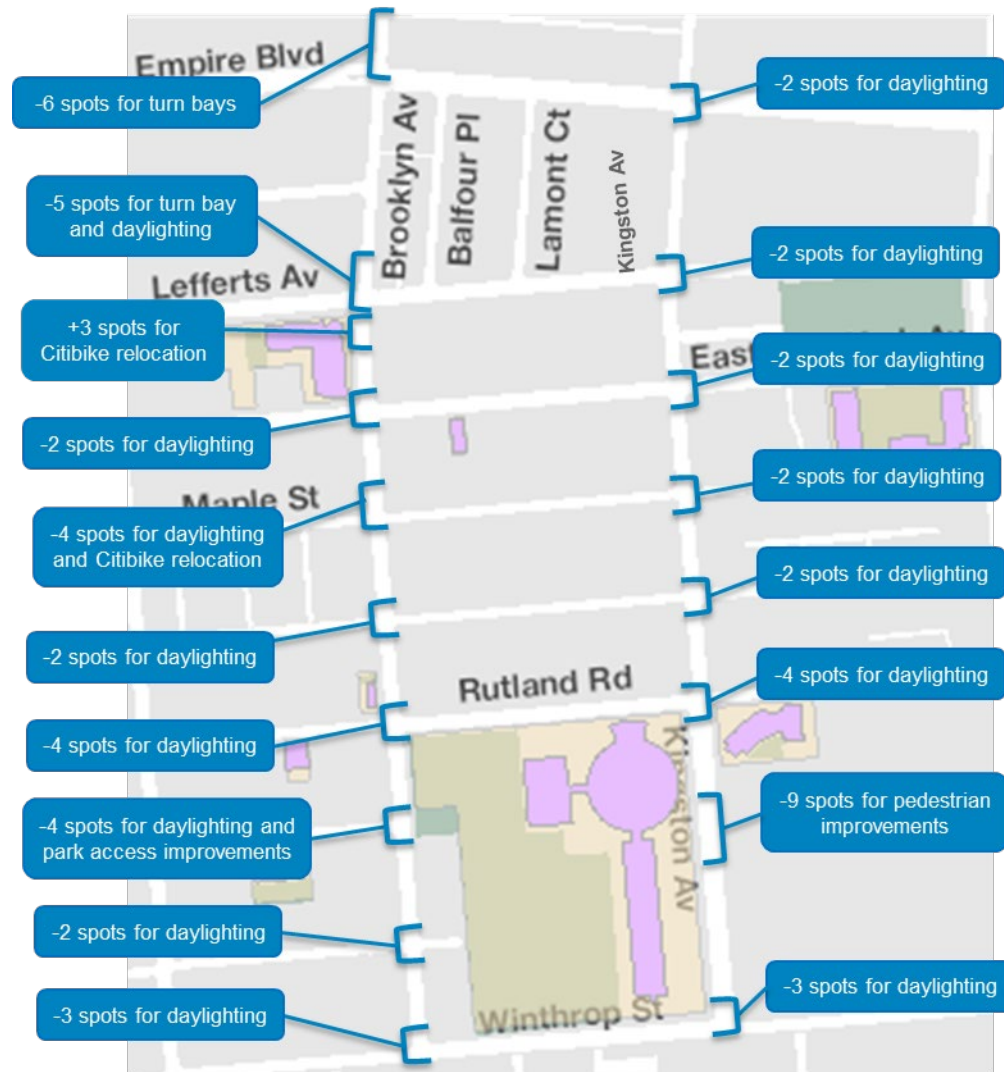


Standard bike lanes to slow speeds and organize traffic

Brooklyn Ave & Kingston Ave (Empire Blvd to Lefferts Ave)

Proposal: Parking Impacts

- ~54 parking spots repurposed
- Approximately 2-4 spots per block to improve visibility, safety, and shorten crossing distances at the intersection



Summary

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Summary

- 10+ schools within a block of Brooklyn Ave and Kingston Ave with a high volume of student pedestrians
- Existing speeding concerns
- To improve safety, we propose:
 - Protected bike lanes to narrow the roadway and slow speeds
 - Painted curb extensions and pedestrian islands to shorten crossing distances and improve visibility
 - Turn calming treatments to slow turning vehicles



Thank You!

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