



Harlem River Greenway

Selected Routes + Draft Plan

March 2025



Agenda

- **Presentation:**
Introductions, background, and presentation of Draft Plan (30 mins)
- **Open House:**
Detailed review; DOT staff on hand to answer questions and take comments (1.5 hours)



Project Team

City Team



Community Partners



Consultant Support



Project Goals

7-mile continuous greenway

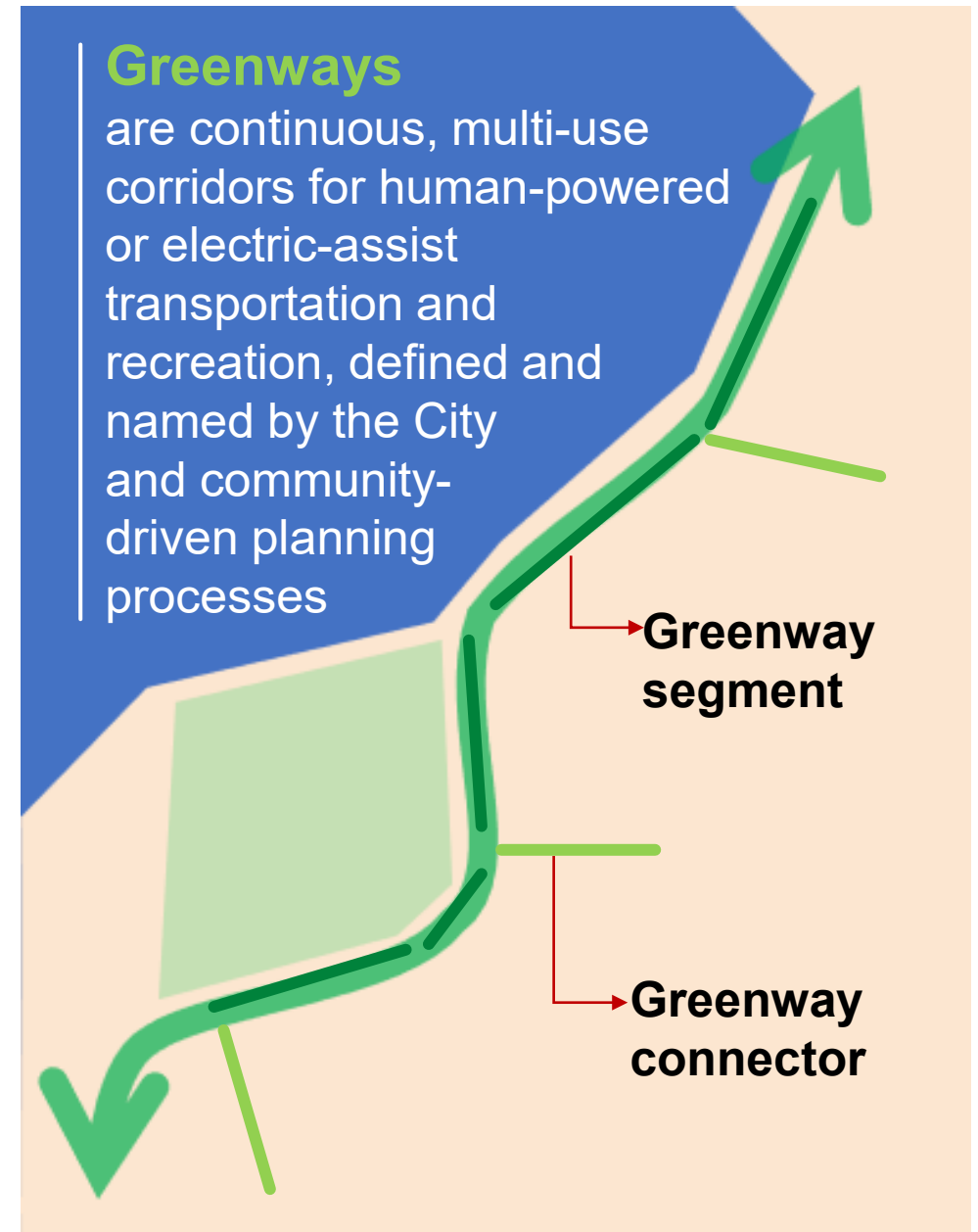
- **Create a continuous and connected path** for cyclists, pedestrians, runners, and others
- **New transportation option** both for recreation and commuting
- **Connect people to the waterfront and parks**
- **Provide convenient and safe connections** to greenway paths from the local street network.



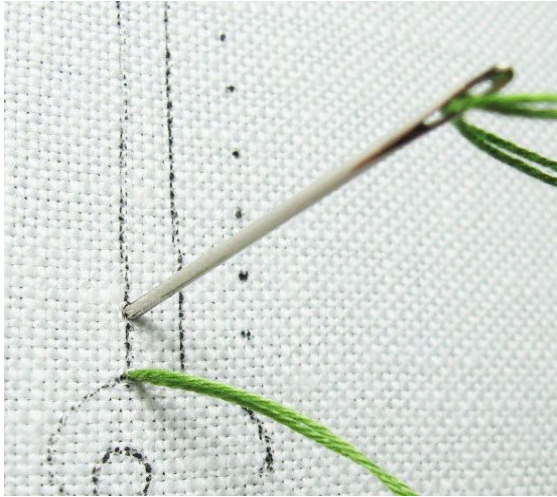
What is a Greenway?



- **Continuity** is key
- Used for both **transportation** and **recreation**
- Used by **cyclists** and **pedestrians**, among others
- Often along natural and man-made linear spaces (rail/ highway rights-of-way, rivers, waterfronts, and parks)



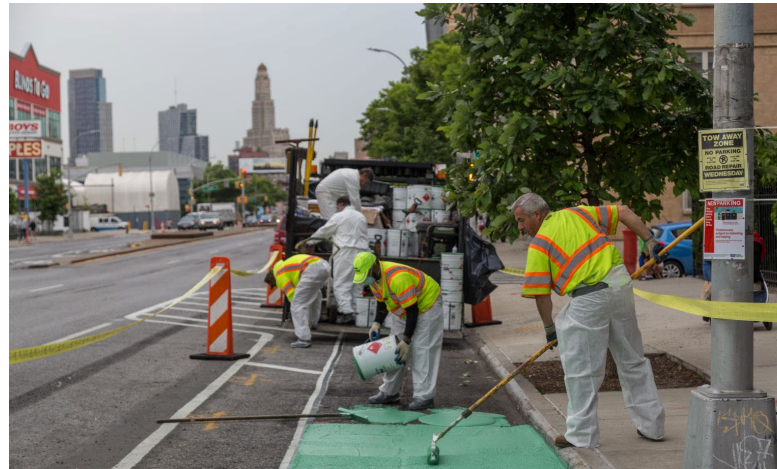
What is an Implementation Plan?



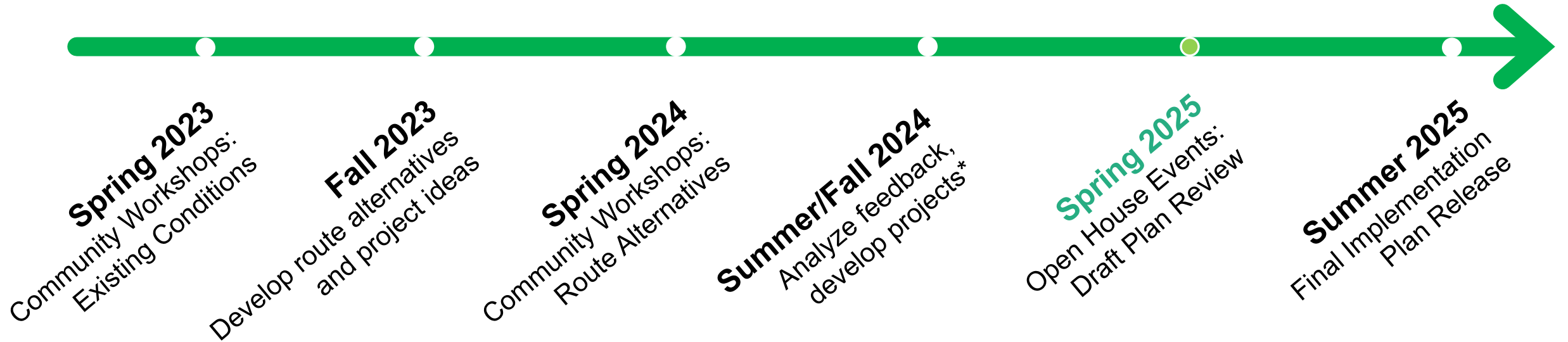
Community-driven plan:
draw continuous line on the map

Quick-build projects: use DOT in-house resources, build momentum

Long-term projects: Tackle key sections with capital projects



Project Timeline



Throughout:
Community Engagement,
Implement Near-term Projects

*Note: all future projects will be
presented to Community Boards*

Where we've been: collecting ideas, feedback

2 years of outreach at over 30 events



**Car Free Earth Day,
April 22, 2023**



**Hike the Heights,
June 3, 2023**



**Bike the Block Alexander Ave,
June 10, 2023**



**Helmet Giveaway,
July 7, 2023**



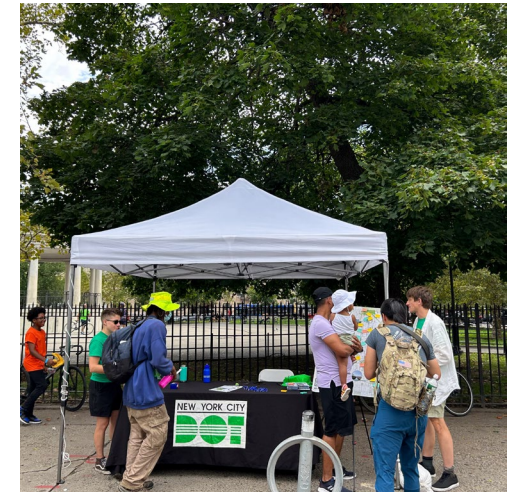
**Fish Parade,
June 18, 2023**



**We are Melrose,
July 8, 2023**



**South Bronx Unite, City of Water Day
July 15, 2023**



**Summer Streets Grand Concourse
August 26, 2023**

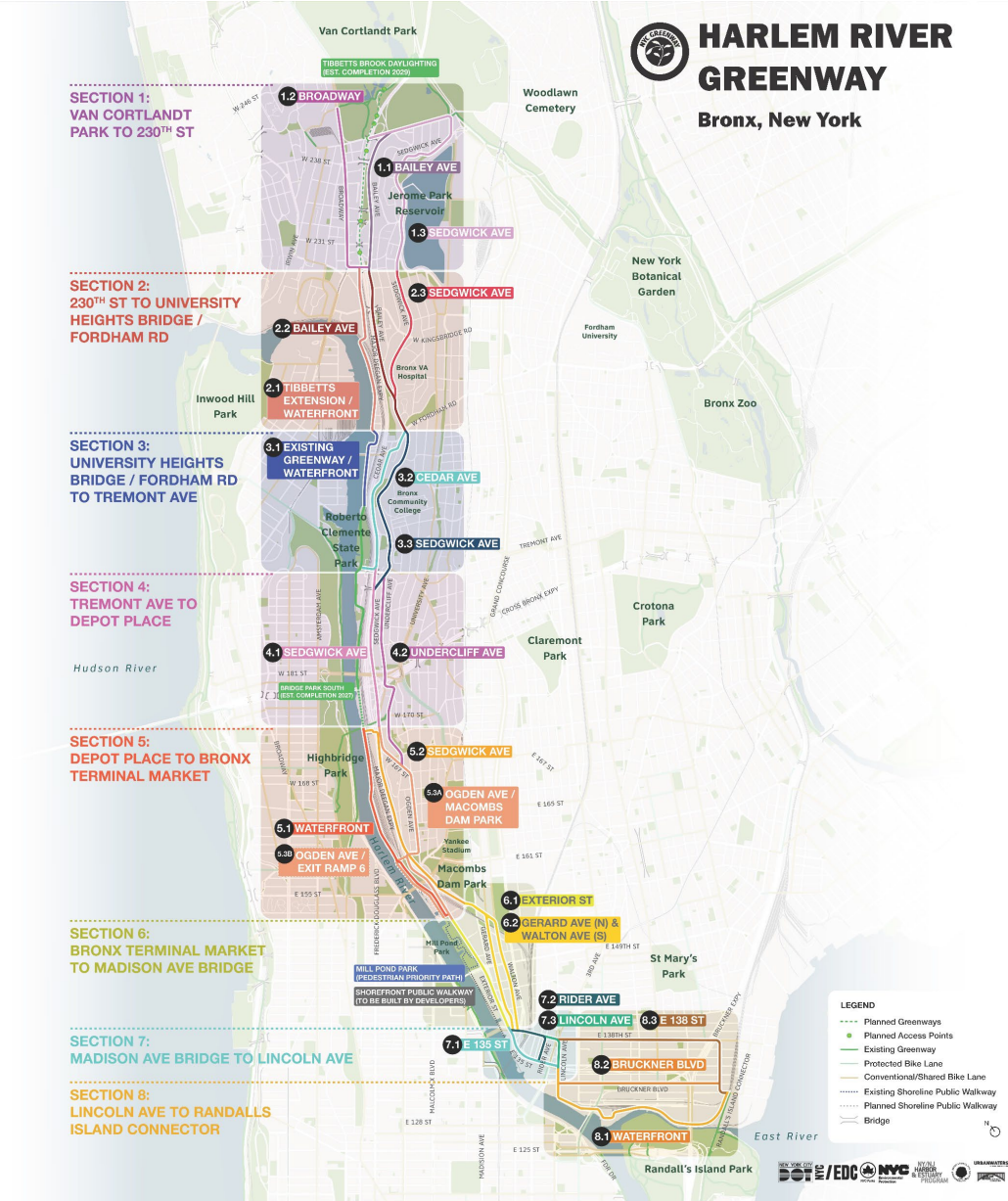
Where we've been: discussing route alternatives



3.14.2024 Workshop at Bronx Community College



3.19.2024 Workshop at Bronx Brewery



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Selected Route

Spring 2024 workshops focused largely on on-street routes and yielded clear preferences.

In almost all cases, the preference was for the closest continuous street to the water:

- Bailey Ave
- Sedgwick Ave/Depot Pl
- Exterior St/E 135th Street
- Lincoln Ave/Bruckner Blvd



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Proposed Projects

On-Street Projects (13)

- NYC DOT-owned roadways
- Includes both **near-term** and **long-term** configurations
- Complemented by **connectors** which provide access from the waterfront into the rest of the network, often perpendicular to main greenway alignment

Partnership Opportunities (7)

- Projects outside of NYC DOT's jurisdiction with longer timeline

Complementary!
Not "either / or"

Note: all future projects will be presented to Community Boards



Planning Area: Van Cortlandt Park and Kingsbridge

Van Cortlandt Park



Putnam Greenway Trail

1 VAN CORTLANDT PARK CONNECTION

A VAN CORTLANDT PARK SOUTH ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES

B TIBBETTS BROOK DAYLIGHTING

2 BAILEY AVE NORTH CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

3 BAILEY AVE SOUTH CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

C KINGSBRIDGE WATERFRONT EXTENSION

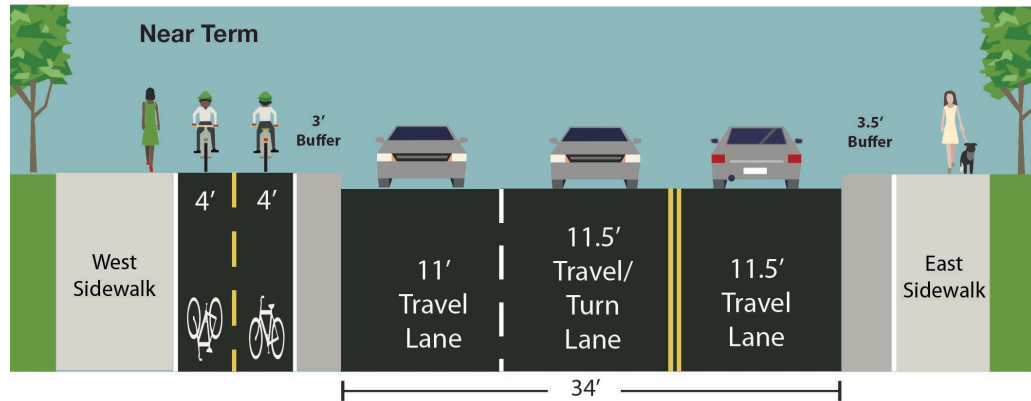
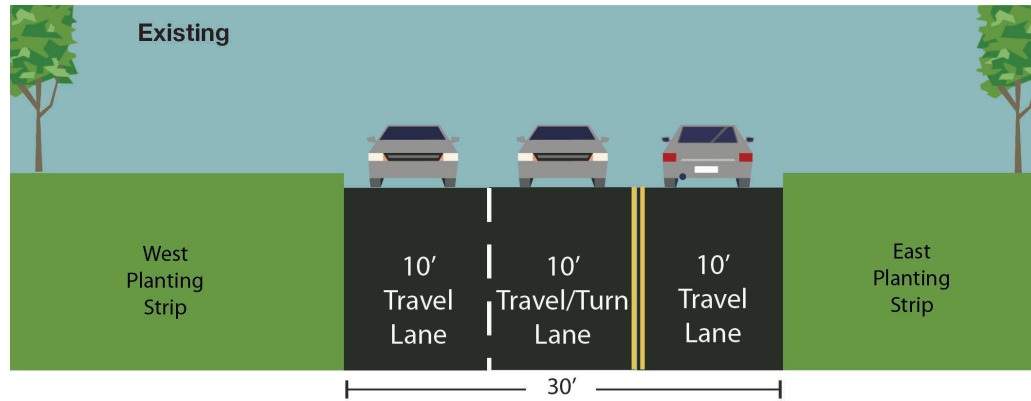
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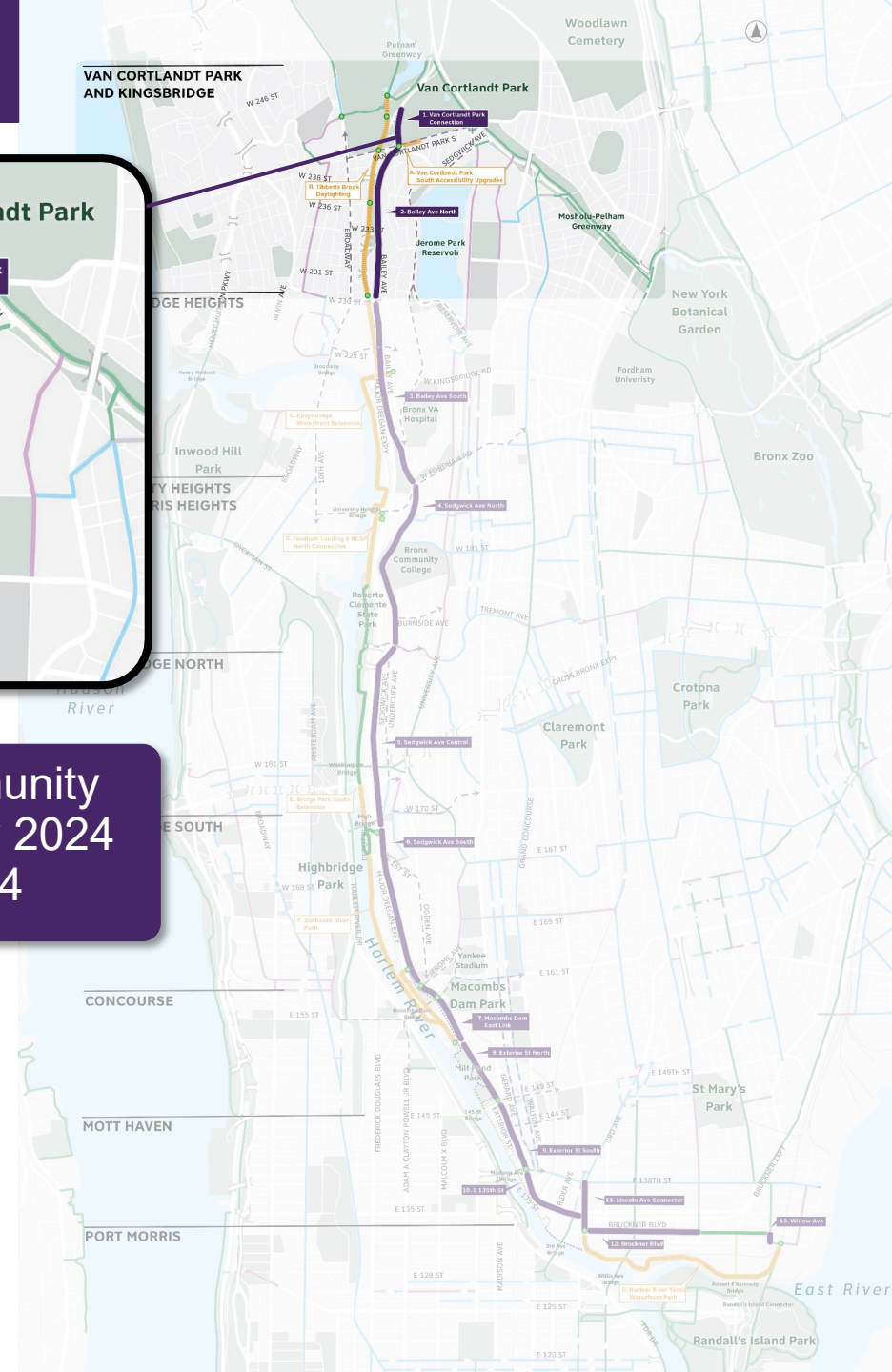


1. Van Cortlandt Park Connection

From I-87 Exit 11 Off-Ramp to Van Cortlandt Park South

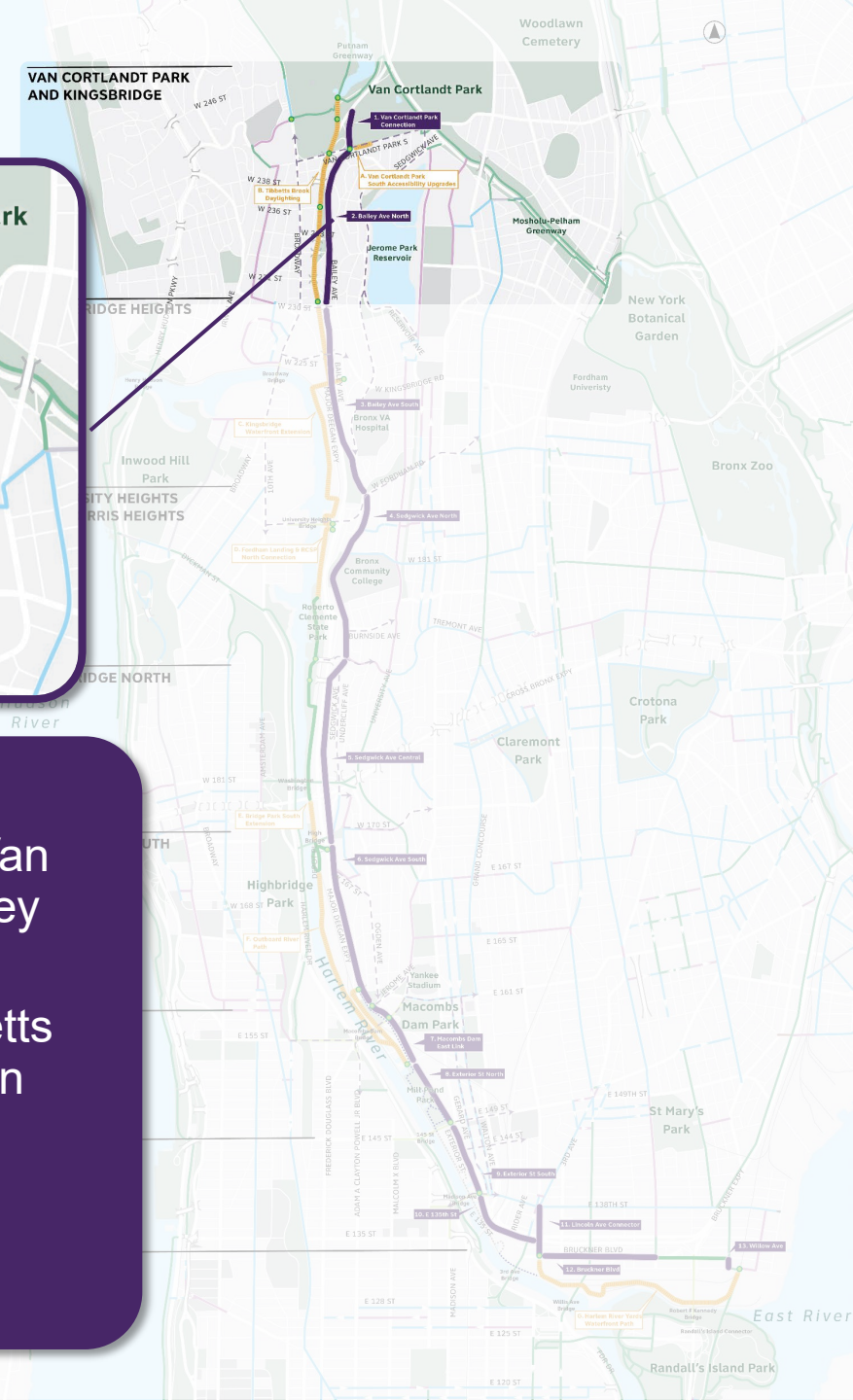
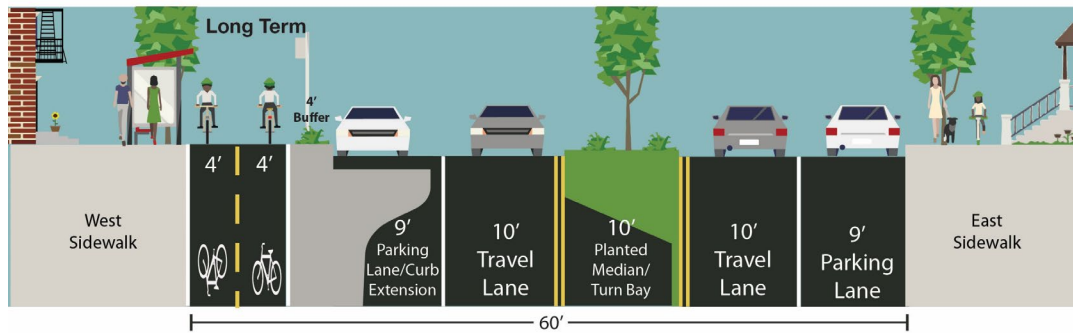
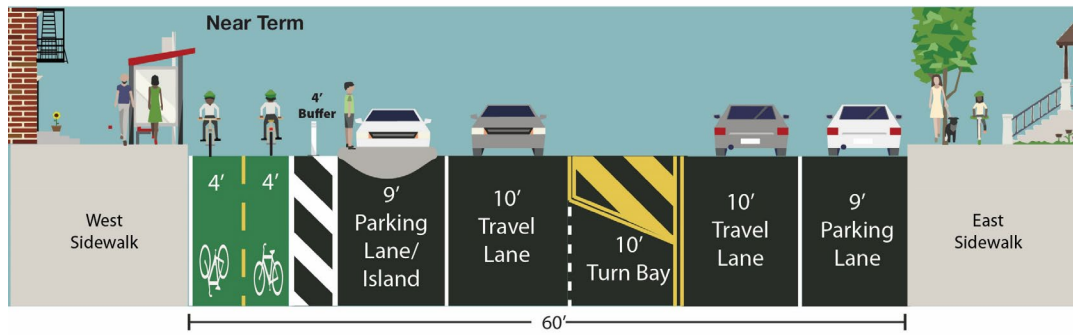
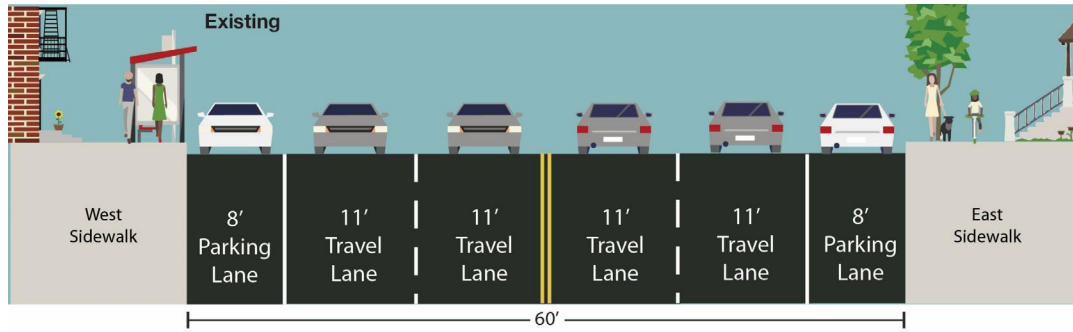


Presented to Community Board 8 in February 2024 and September 2024



2. Bailey Ave North Corridor Improvements

From Van Cortlandt Park South to 230th Street



- ### Selection rationale
- Direct access into Van Cortlandt Park, Bailey Playground
 - Complements Tibbetts by providing route on east side of Major Deegan
 - Opportunity to calm speeding traffic

To be presented to BxCB8 on April 17th

A. Van Cortlandt Park South: Accessibility Upgrades



Potential partnership opportunity with **NYC Parks**



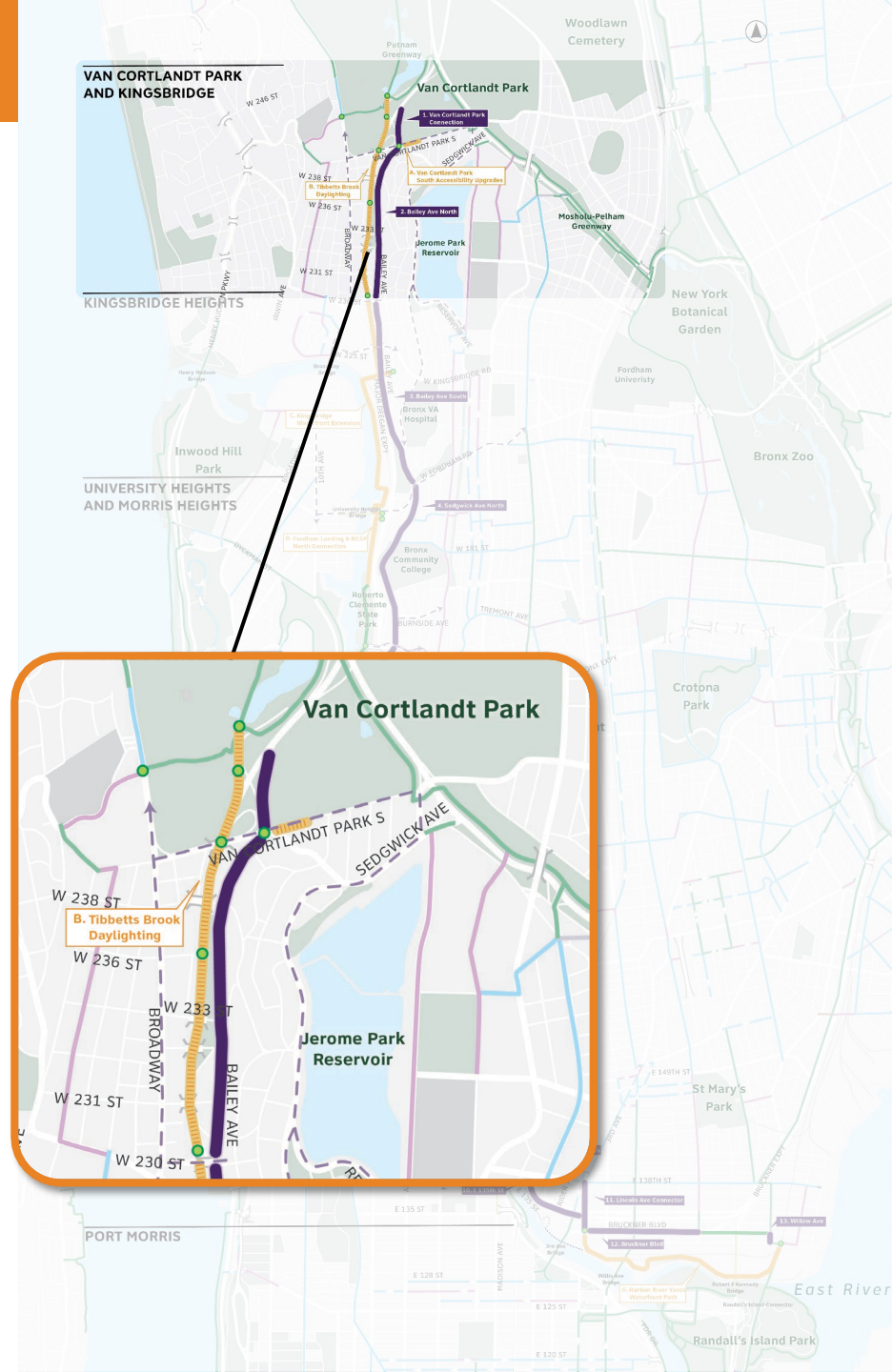
Area for future study, considering tree impacts, slope, and user safety

B. Tibbetts Brook Daylighting



Partnership with **NYC Parks** and **NYC DEP**

Anticipated opening: 2030

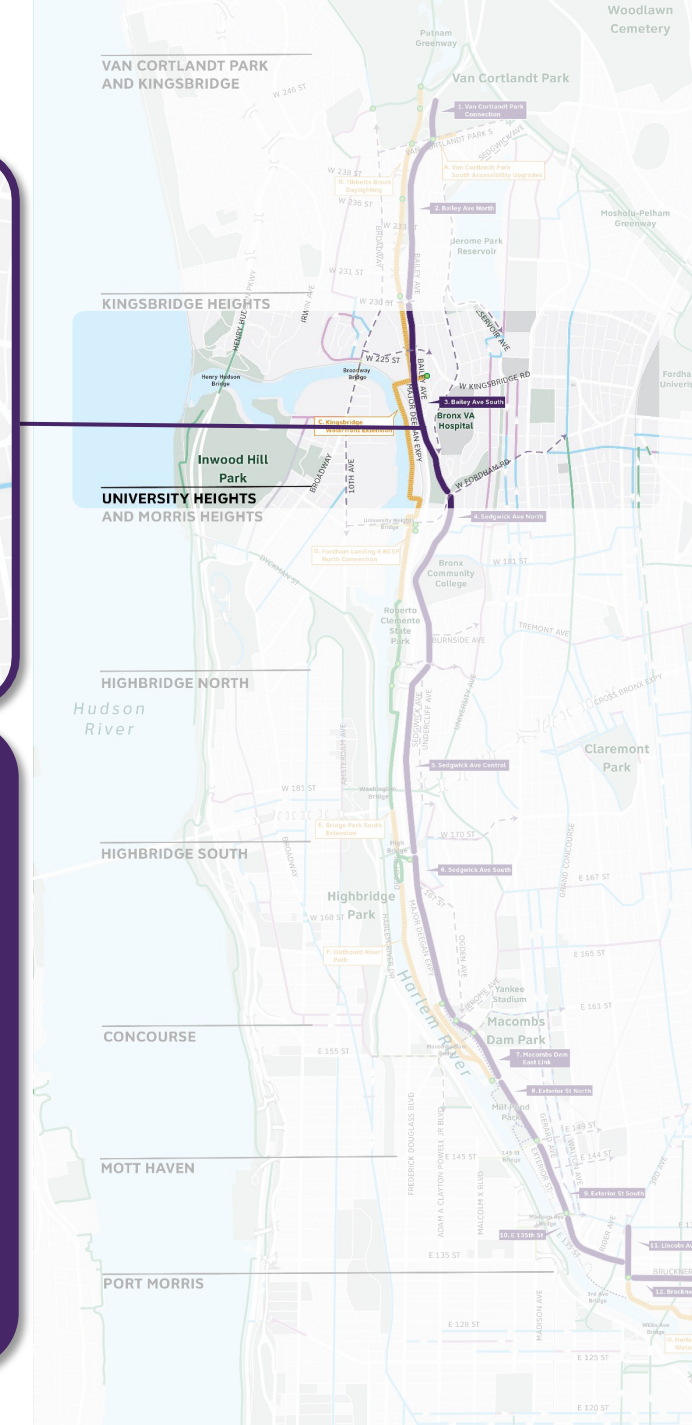
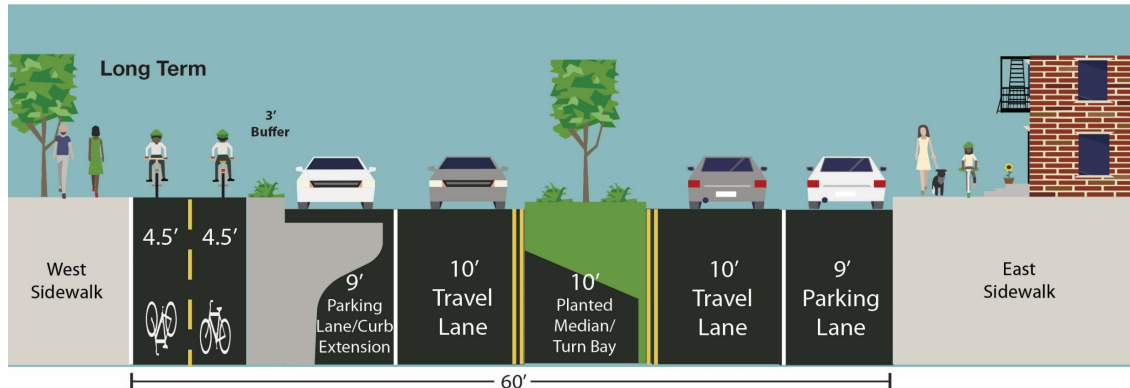
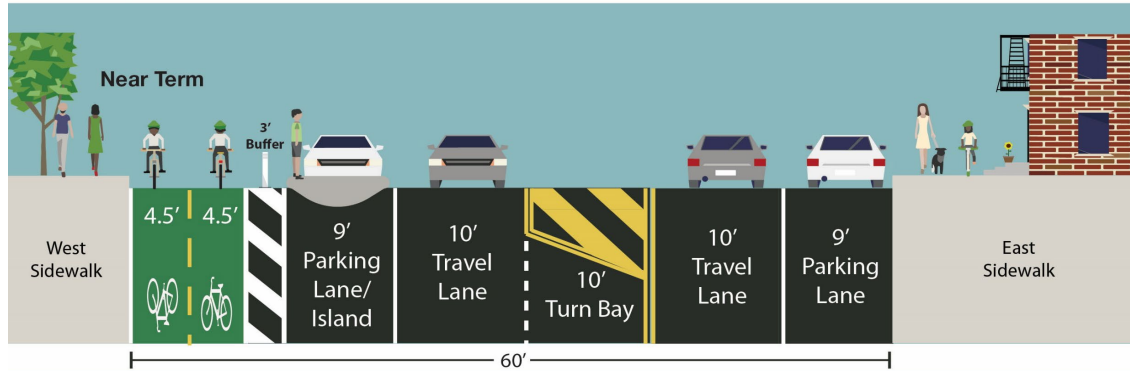
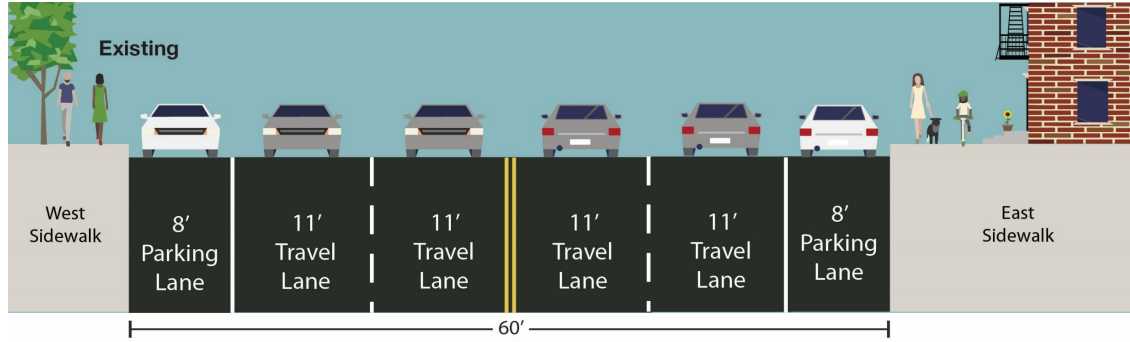


Planning Area: Kingsbridge Heights



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From 230th St to W Fordham Rd

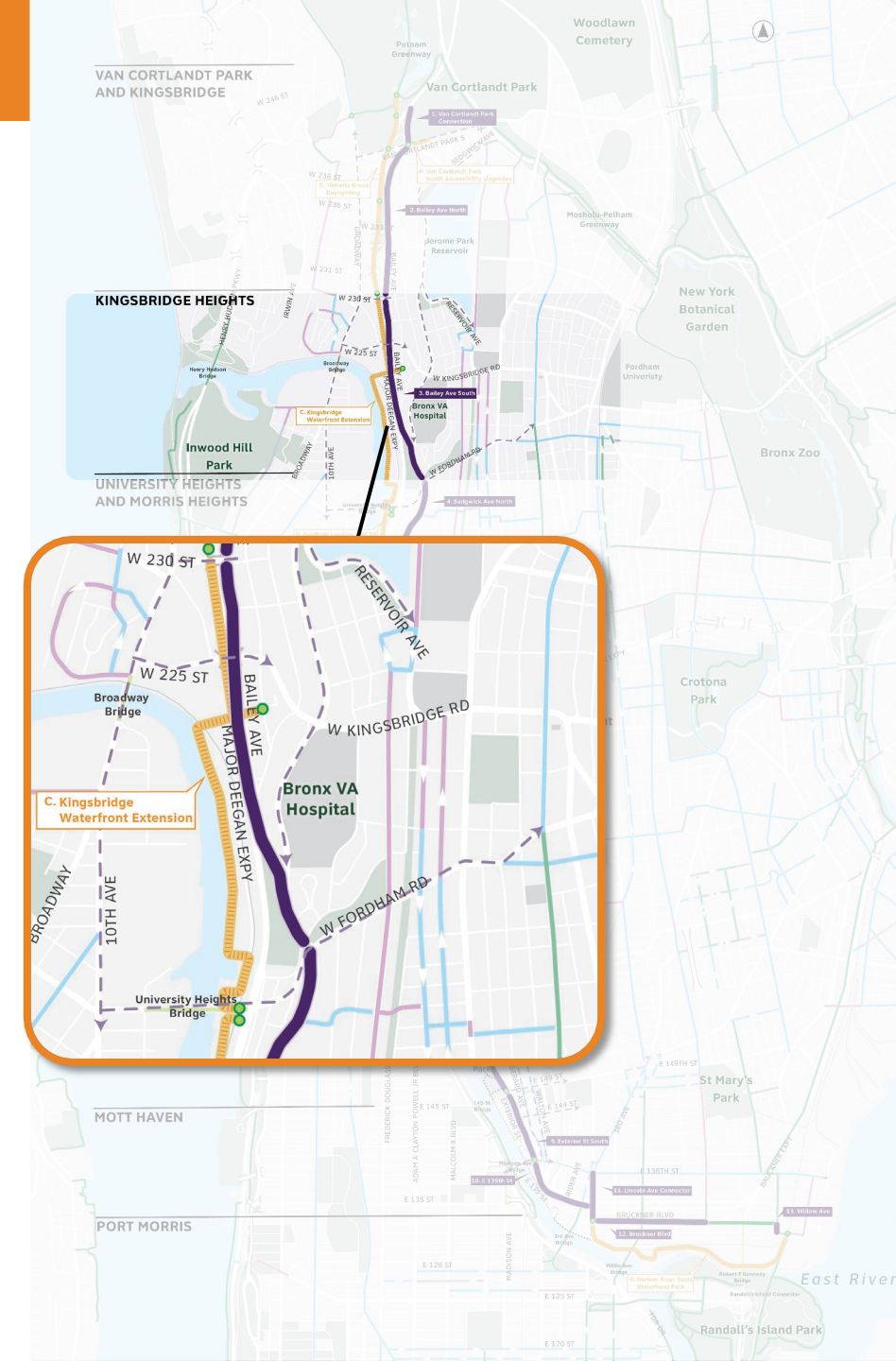


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 - Connection to southern terminus of Tibbetts Brook project (at 230th St)

C. Kingsbridge Waterfront Extension



Potential partnership opportunity with landowners:
MTA Metro-North and **private developer (Dynamic Star)**



Planning Area: University Heights and Morris Heights



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BRIDGE

FORDHAM LANDING + RCSP NORTH CONNECTION **D**

Bronx Community College

4 SEDGWICK AVE NORTH CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Roberto Clemente State Park

SEDGWICK AVENUE
MAJOR DEEGAN EXPRESSWAY

W BURNSIDE AVENUE

UNIVERSITY AVENUE

Highbridge Park

HARLEM RIVER

TREMONT AVENUE

MONTGOMERY AVENUE

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ROBERTO CLEMENTE STATE PARK BRIDGE

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UNDERCLIFF AVENUE

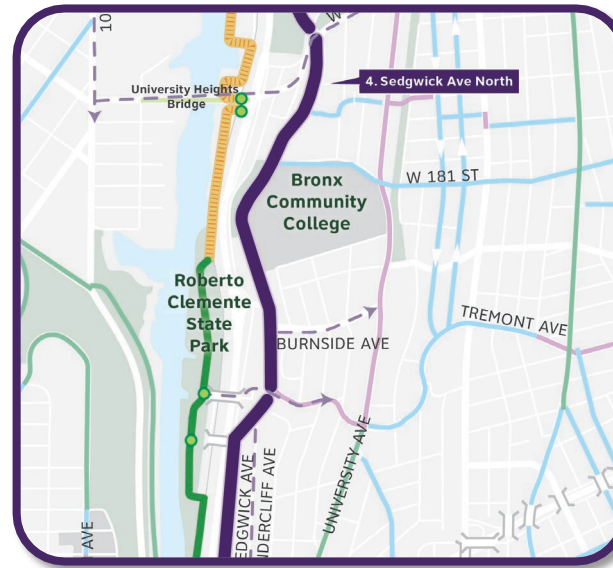
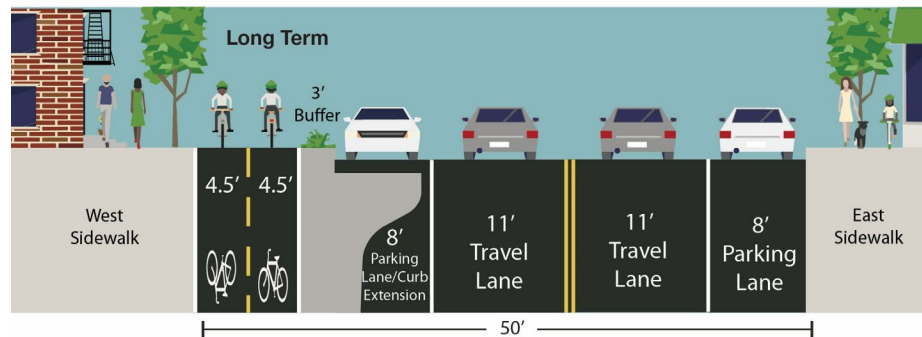
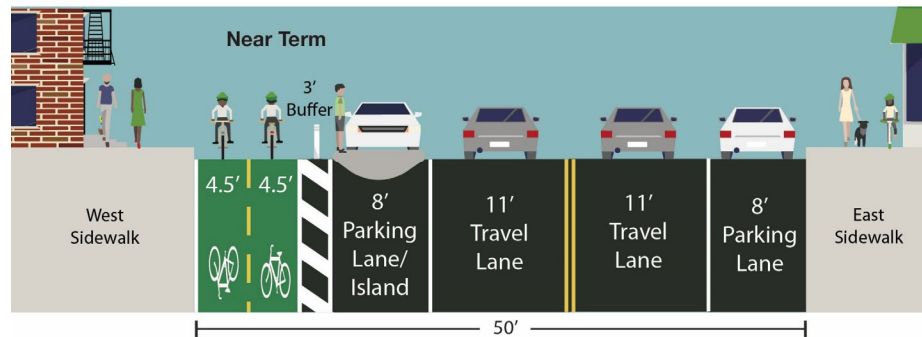
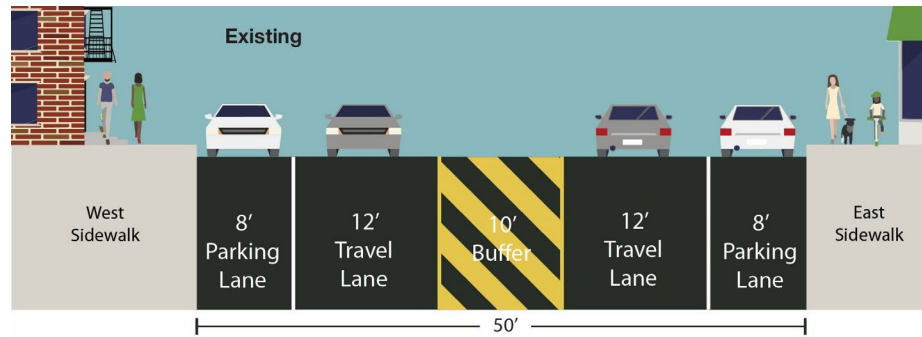
POPHAM AVENUE

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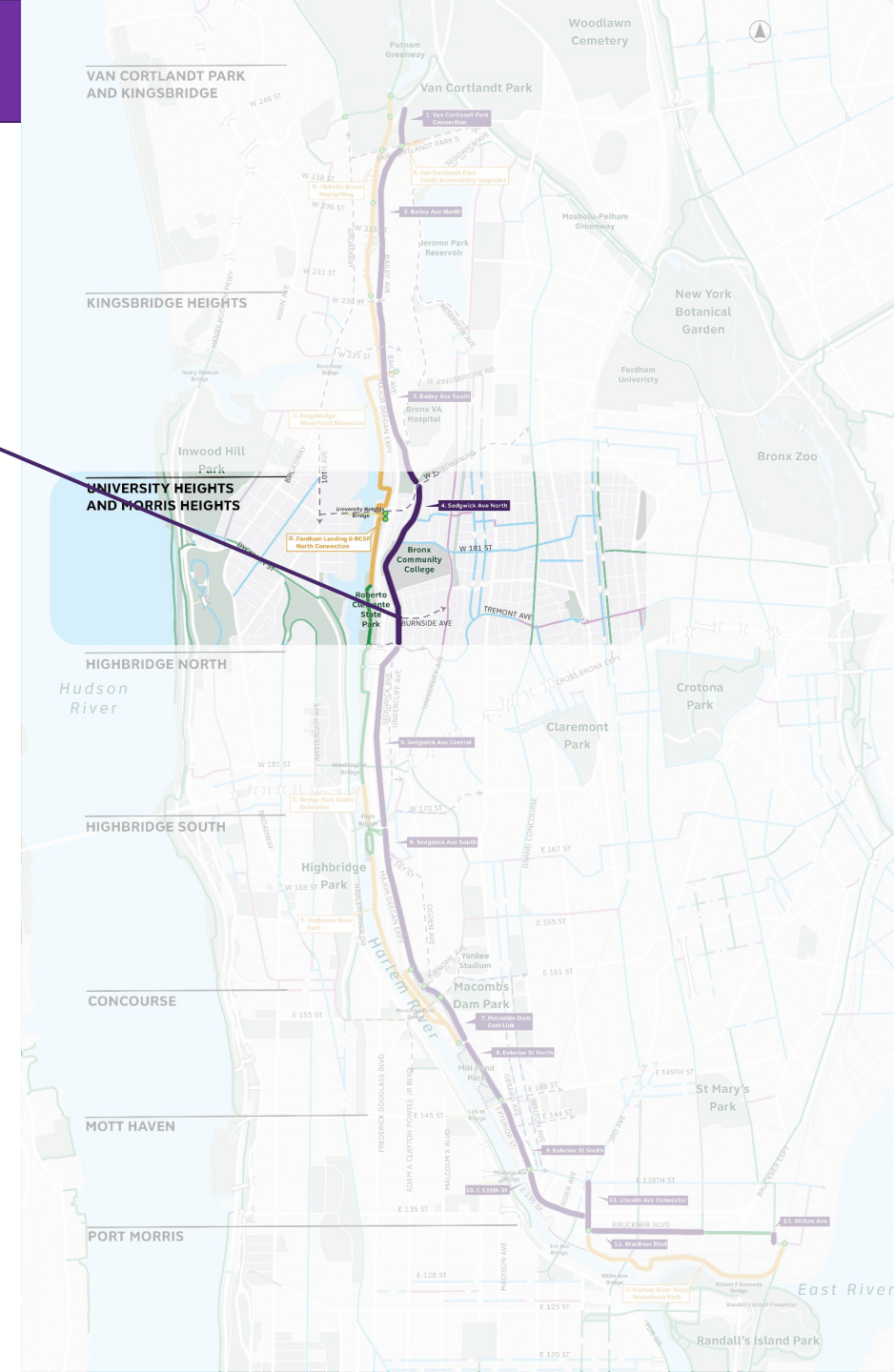
4. Sedgwick North Corridor Improvements

From Fordham Rd to Tremont Ave



Selection rationale

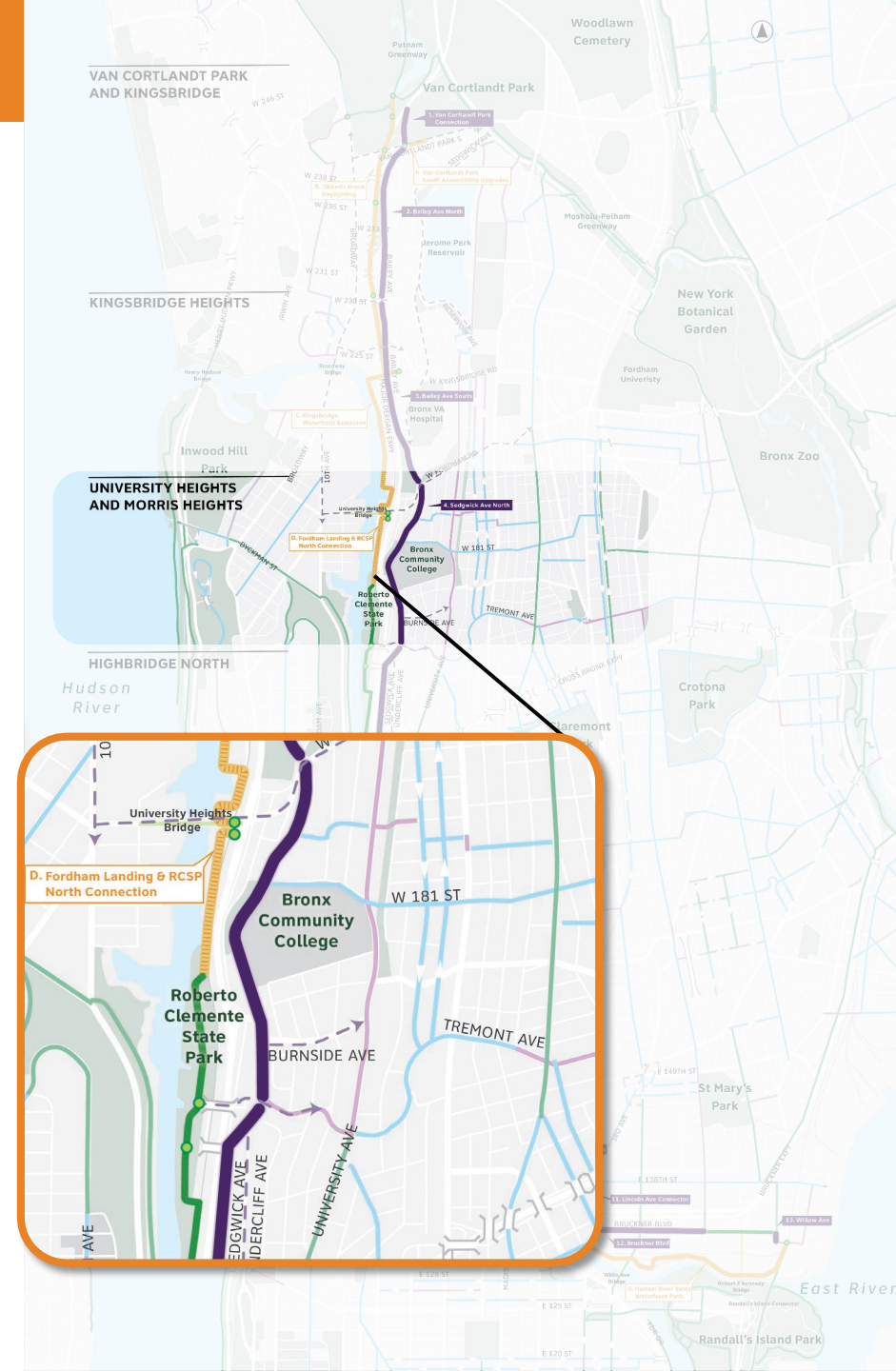
- Access to Bronx Community College
- Direct continuation of Bailey Ave
- Greenery and shady trees



D. Fordham Landing + RCSP North Access



Coordination required with **private landowner** (Dynamic Star)



Planning Area: Highbridge North



Roberto Clemente State Park

Bridge Park

WASHINGTON BRIDGE

ALEXANDER HAMILTON BRIDGE

BRIDGE PARK SOUTH EXTENSION E

THE HIGH BRIDGE

HARLEM RIVER DRIVE

HARLEM RIVER

UNDERCLIFF AVENUE

Sedgwick Playground

5 SEDGWICK AVE CENTRAL CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

SEDGWICK AVENUE

CROSS BRONX EXPRESSWAY

EDWARD L GRANT HIGHWAY

W 170TH STREET

Highbridge Park

Merriam Playground

Depot Place

MAJOR DEEGAN EXPRESSWAY

W 167TH STREET

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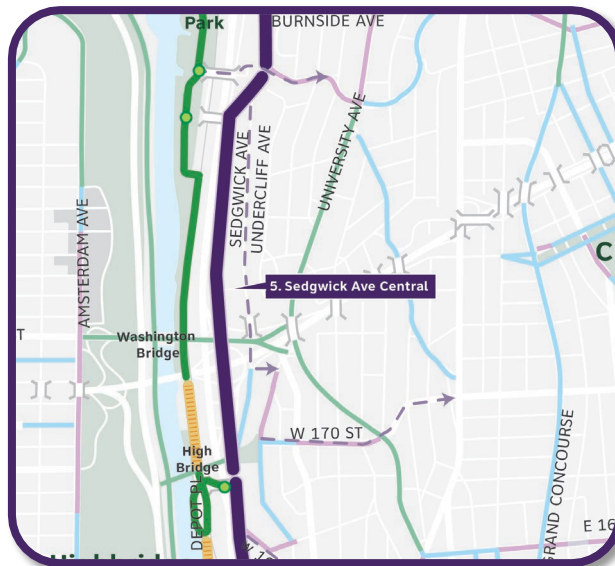
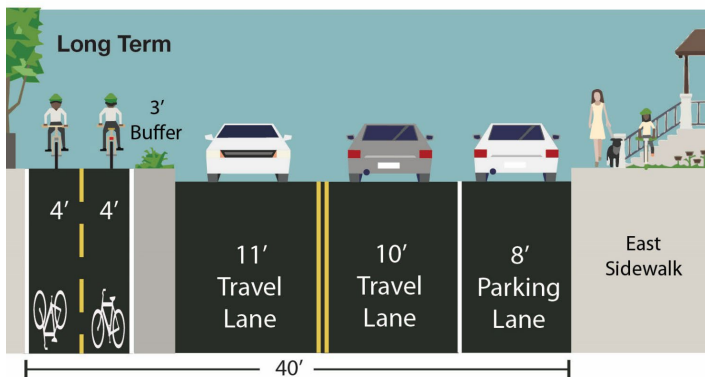
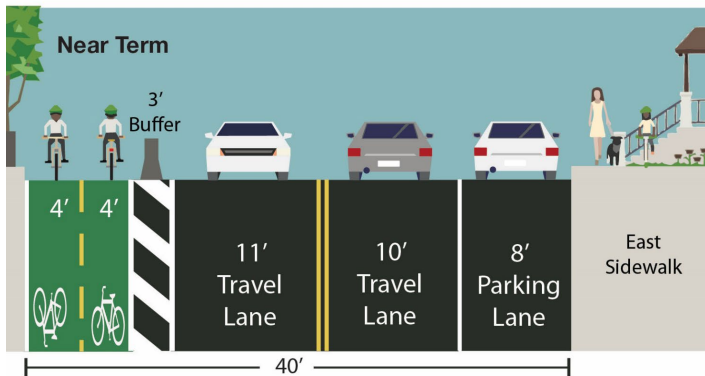
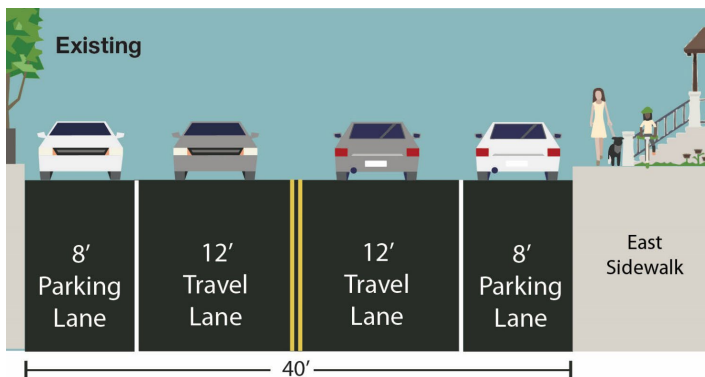
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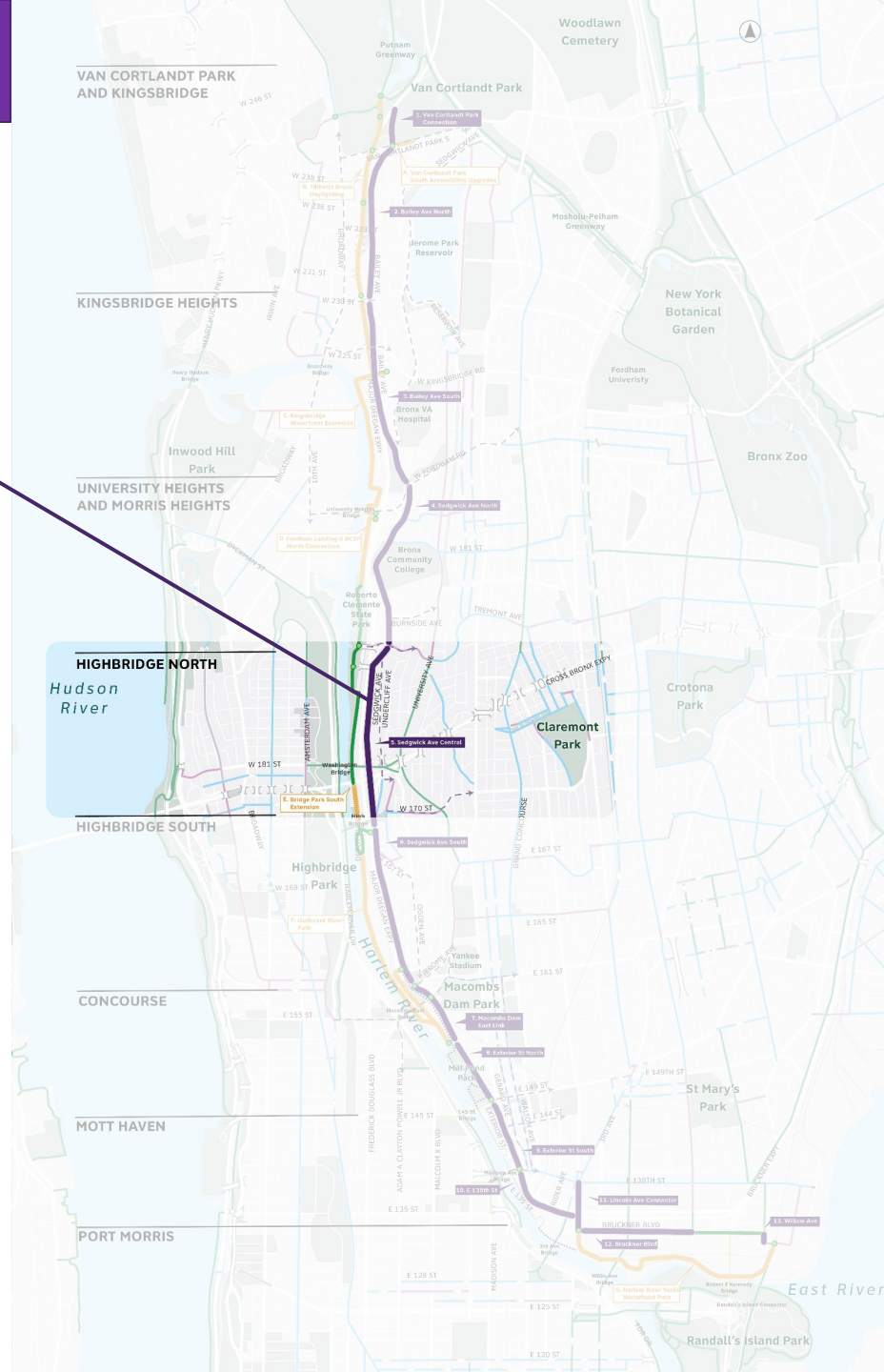
5. Sedgwick Central Corridor Improvements

From Tremont Ave to Depot Pl



Selection rationale

- Connection to Depot Place (the only waterfront access point for over a mile)
- Flatter route near waterfront
- Direct north-south transportation option in area with poor subway access

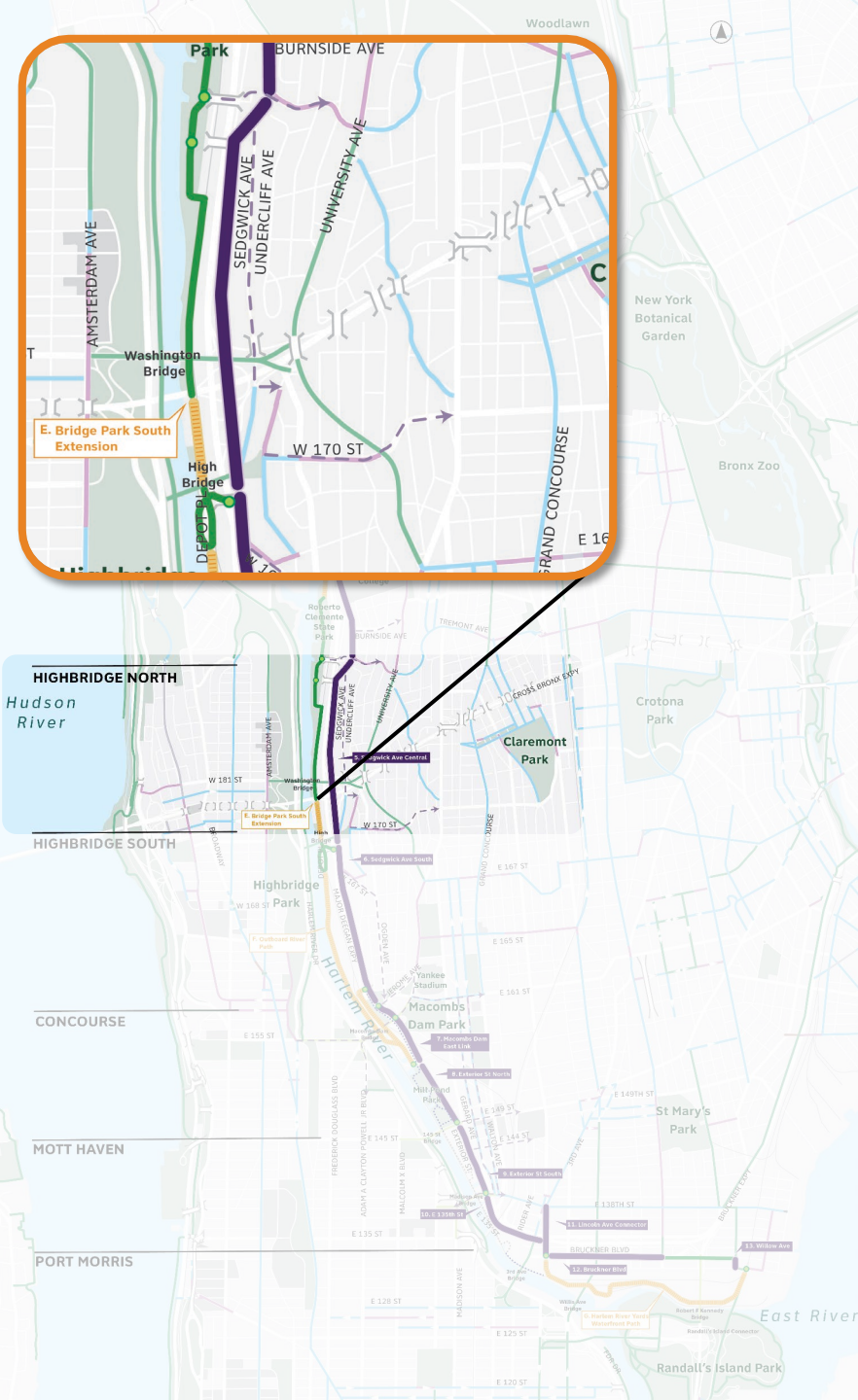


E. Bridge Park South Extension



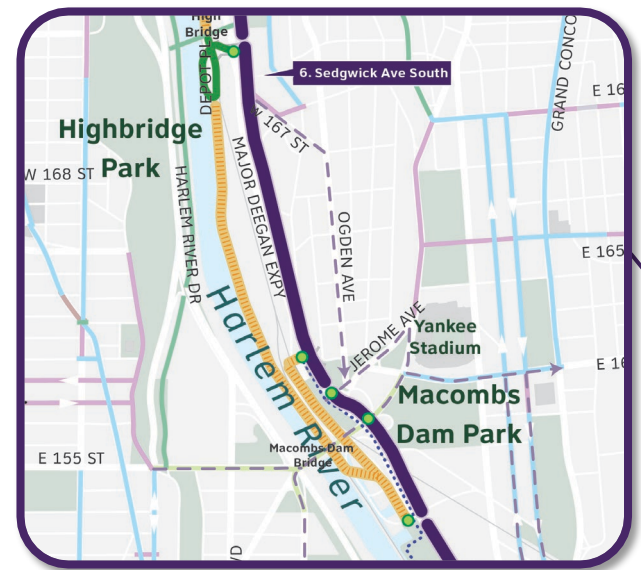
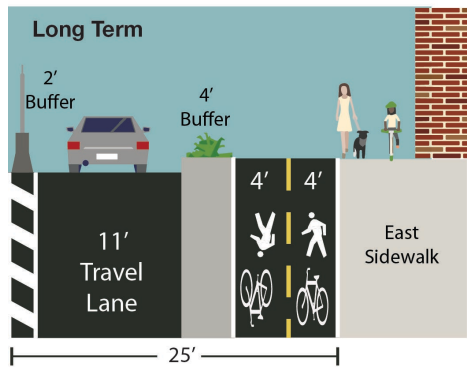
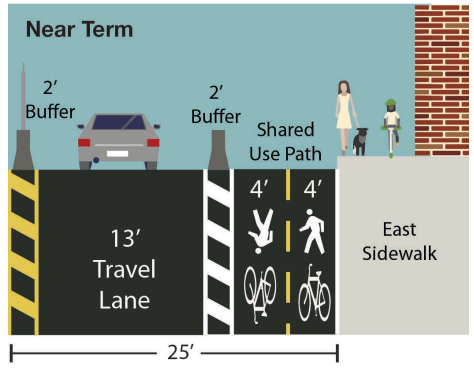
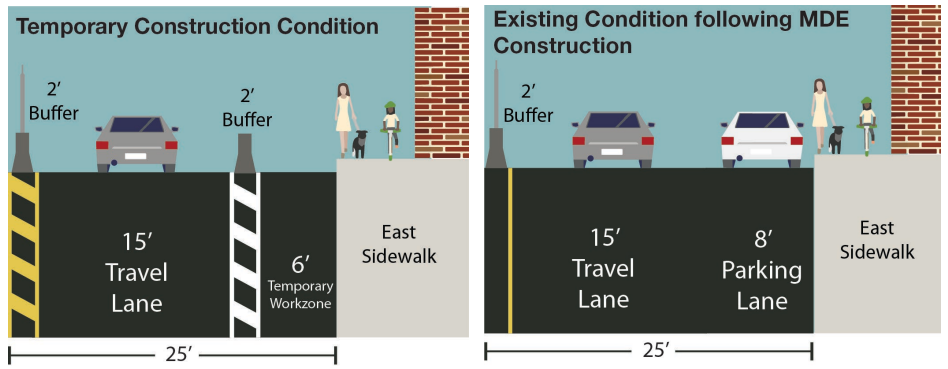
Partnership with NYC Parks

Anticipated opening: 2029

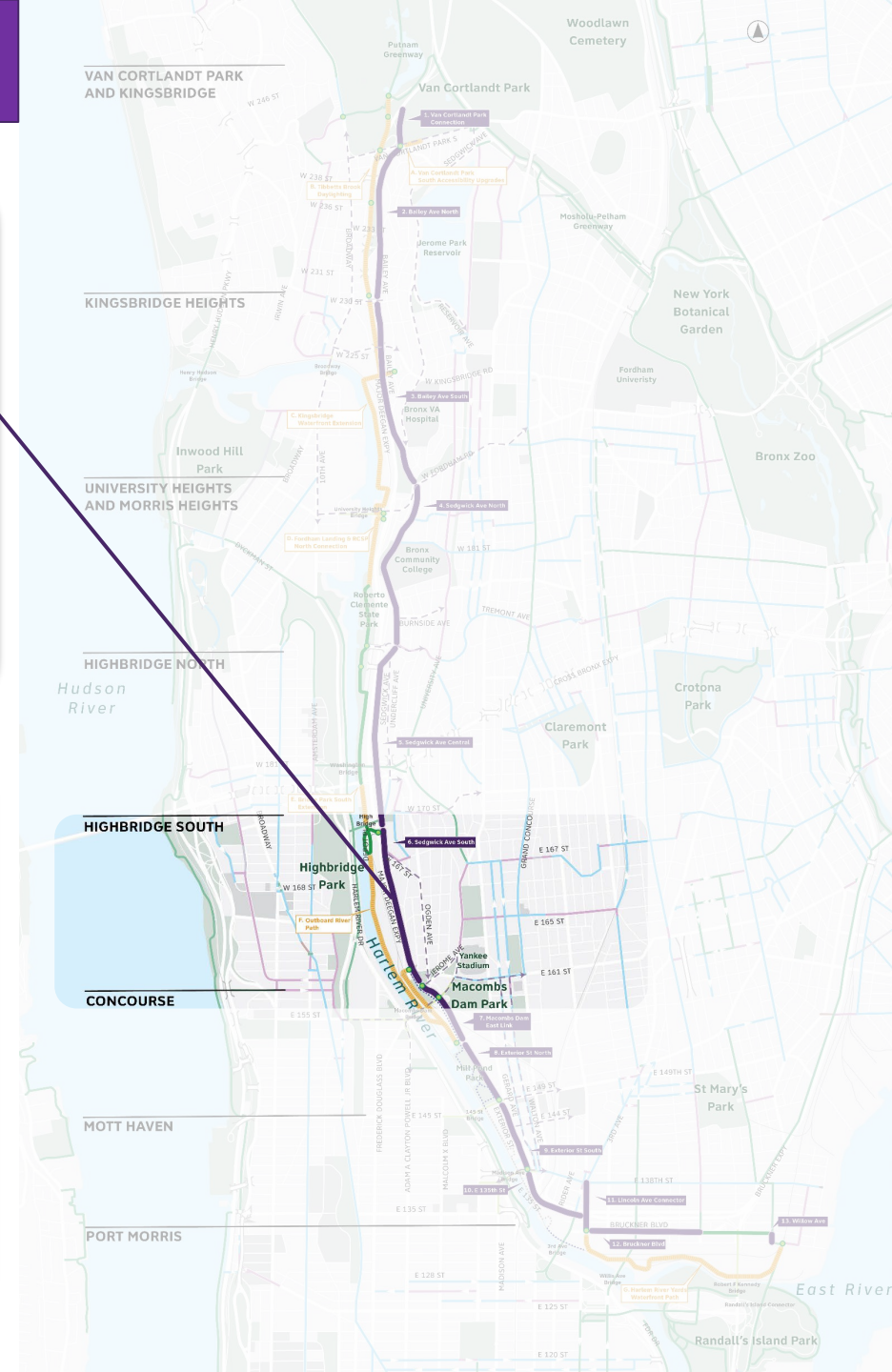


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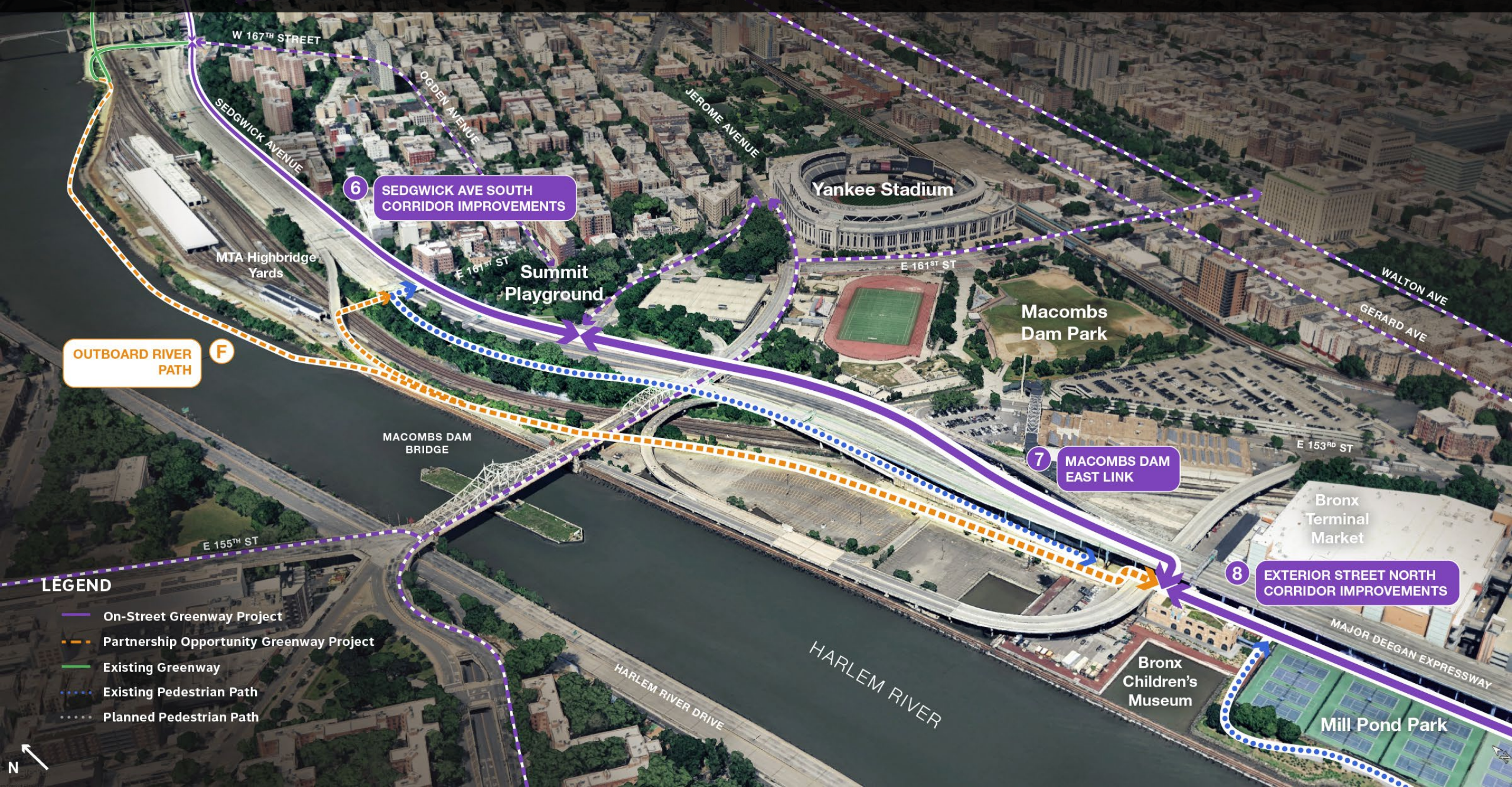
From Depot PI to Jerome Ave



- ### Selection rationale
- Most direct on-street option
 - Path previously utilized by cyclists during construction
 - Connections to waterfront access at Depot PI

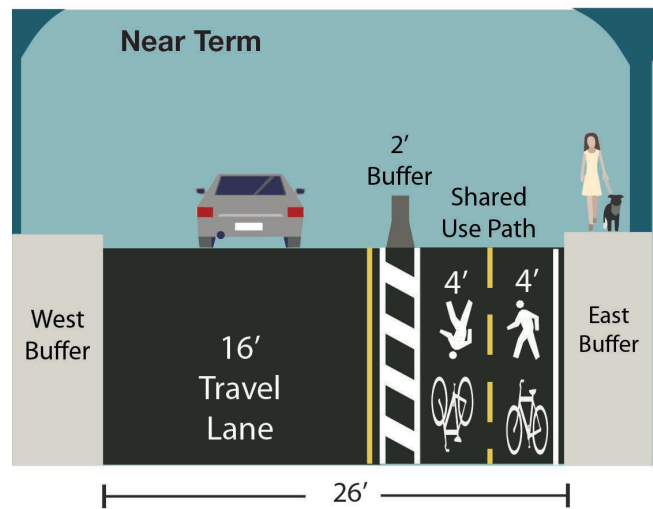
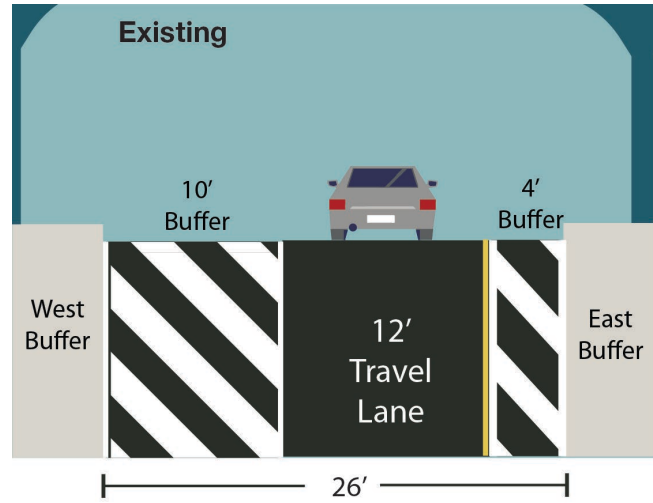


Planning Area: Highbridge South

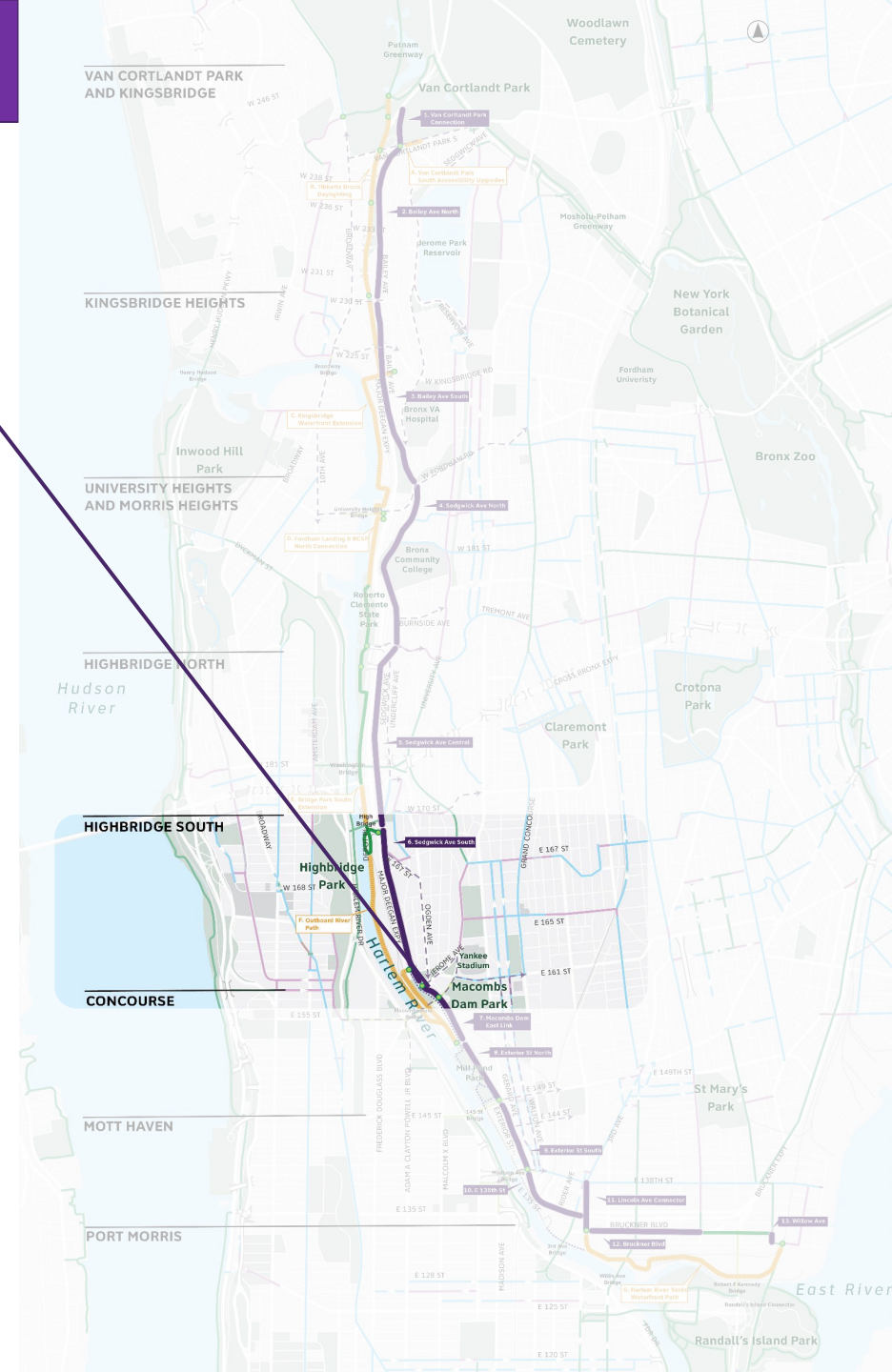


7. Macombs Dam East Link

From Jerome Ave to Bronx Terminal Market



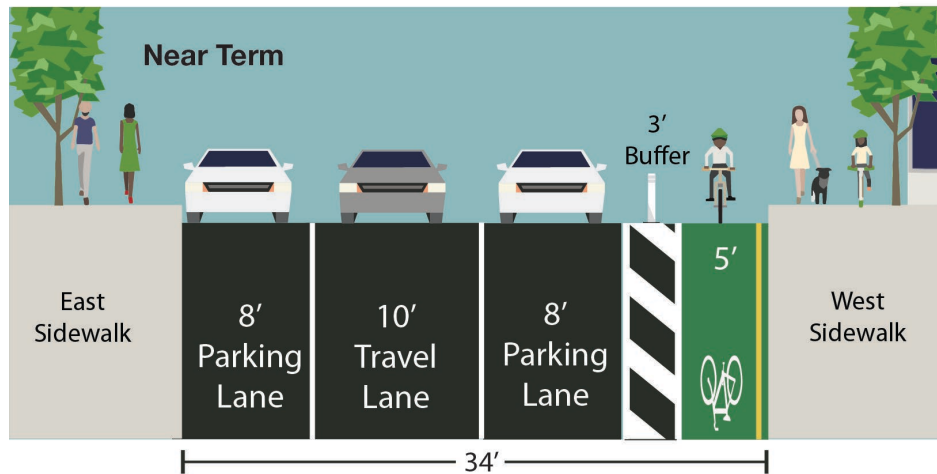
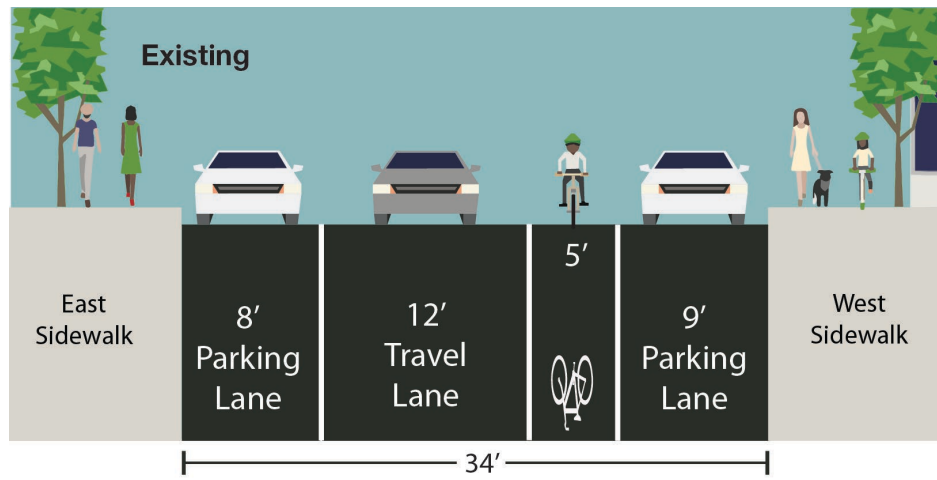
- ### Selection rationale
- Opportunity to improve difficult intersections
 - Minimal grade change
 - Access to Macombs Dam Bridge



Possible with NYCDOT in-houses resources but requires **NYSDOT** review and coordination.

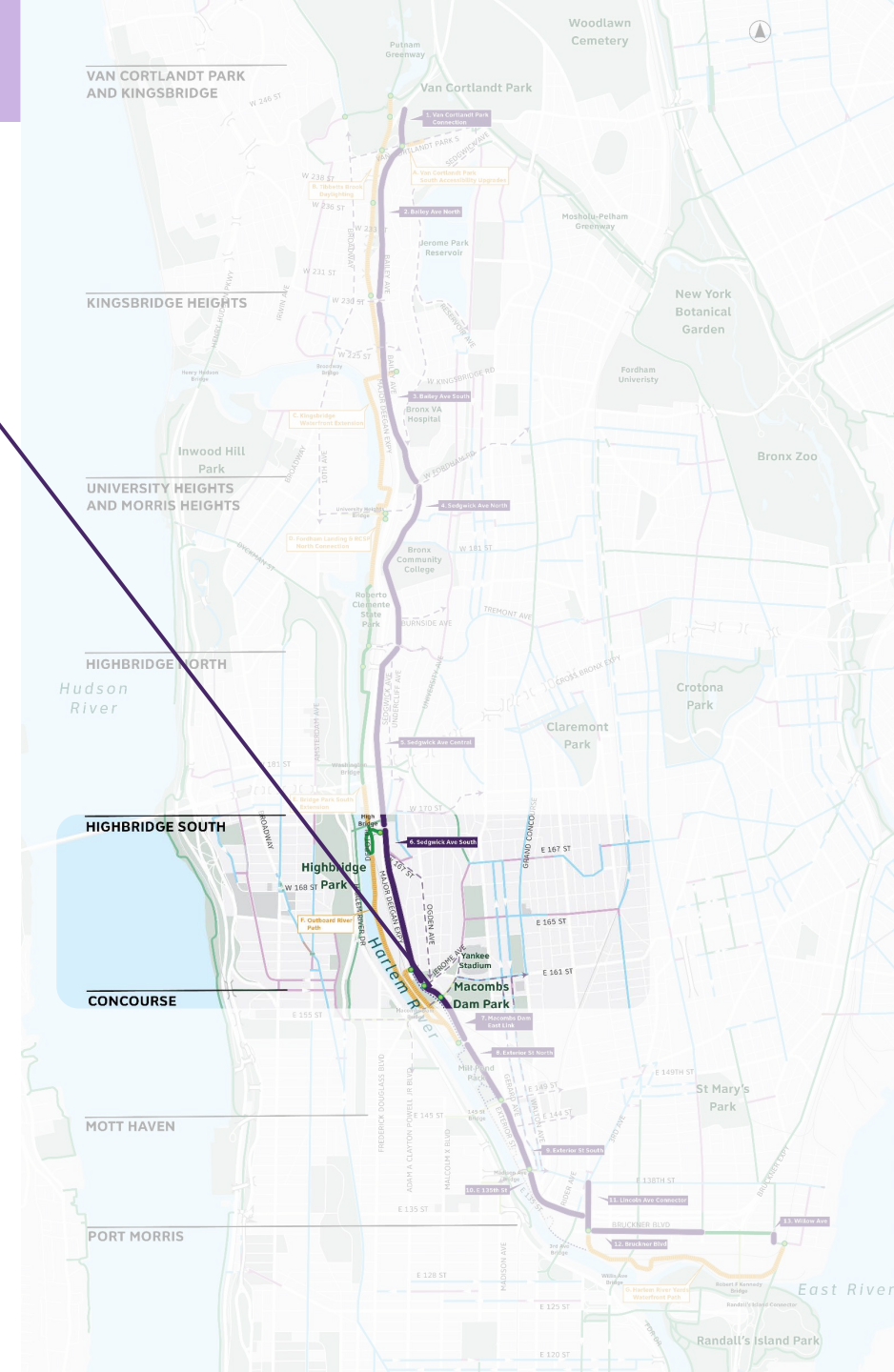
7B. Gerard and Walton Inland Bypass

From 138th St to 161st St

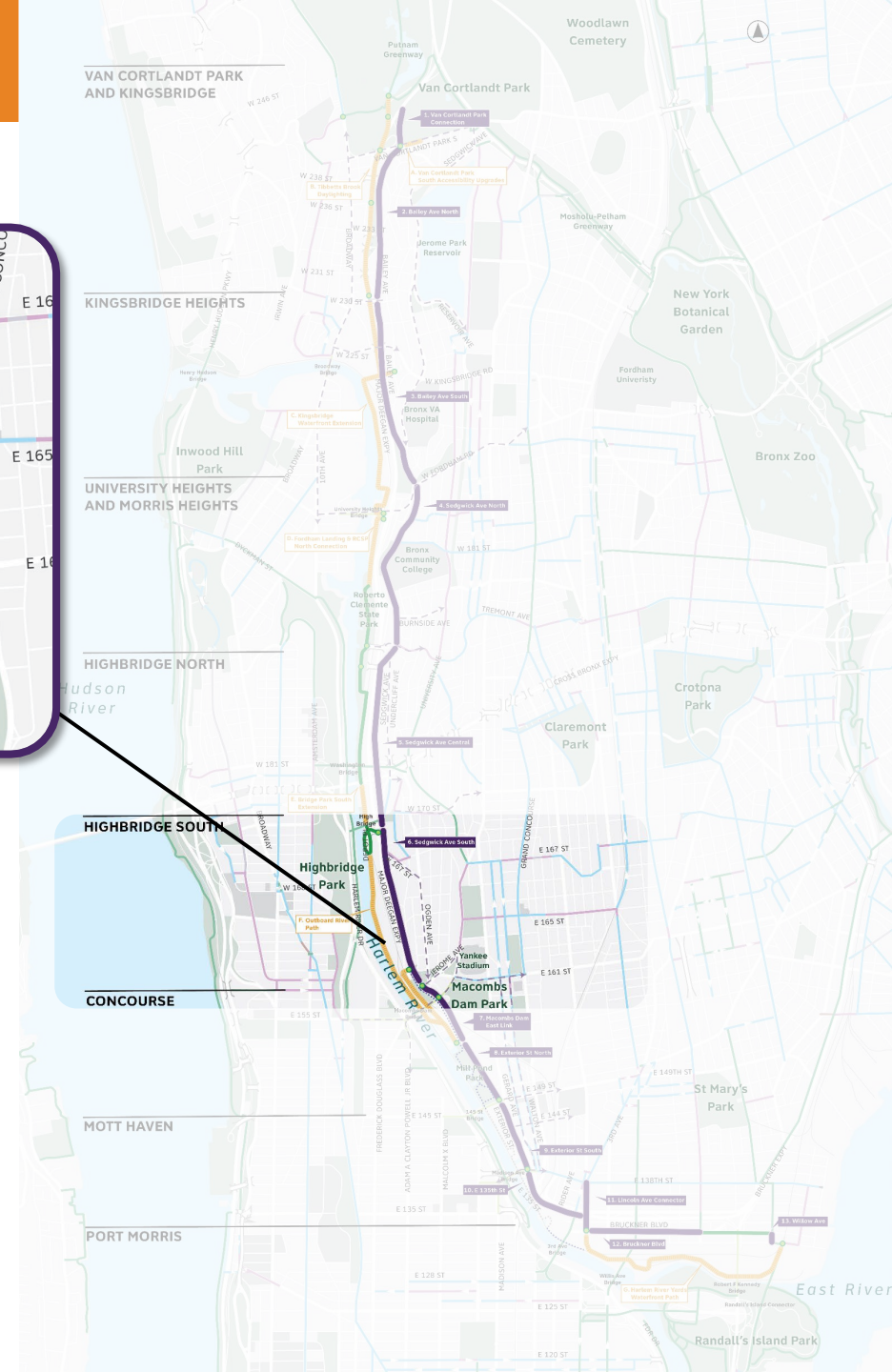


Selection rationale

- Provide complementary inland route for those traveling north-south
- Upgrade existing bike lanes to protected



F. Outboard River Path



Extensive coordination required with **MTA Metro-North**, **NYSDOT**, and **US Coast Guard**

Planning Area: Concourse



EAST LINK

Bronx Terminal Market

Mill Pond Park

145TH STREET BRIDGE

8 EXTERIOR STREET NORTH CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

9 EXTERIOR STREET SOUTH CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

10 E 135TH ST CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

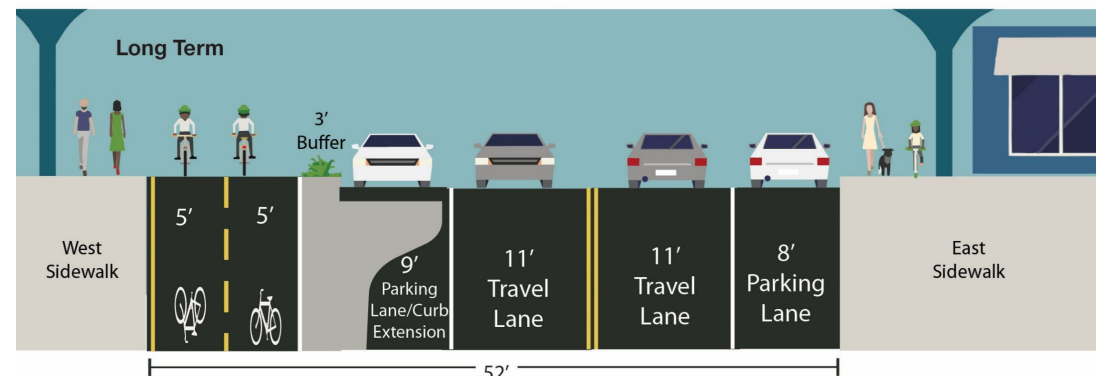
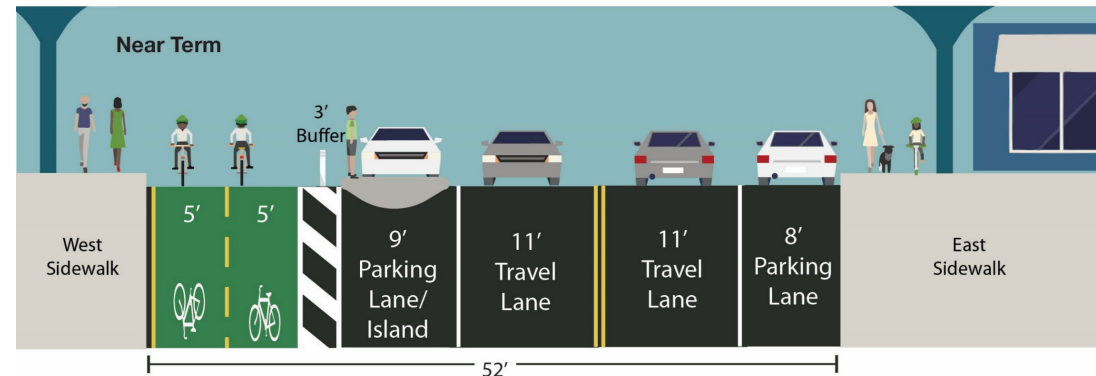
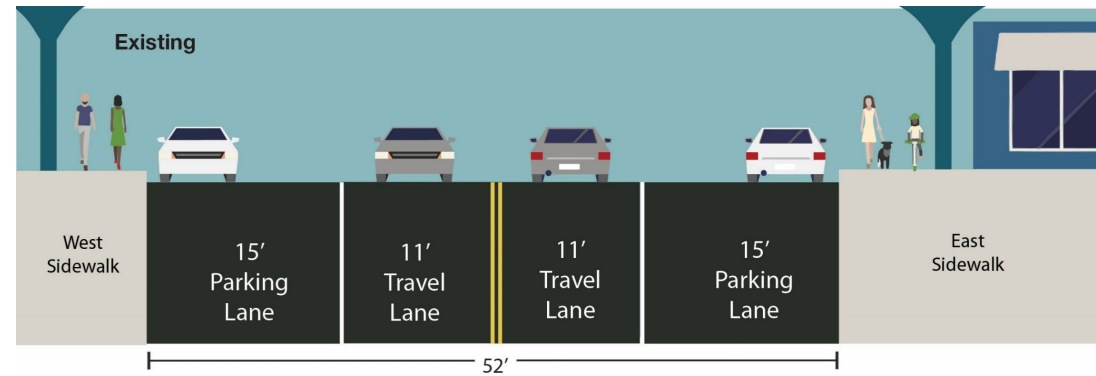
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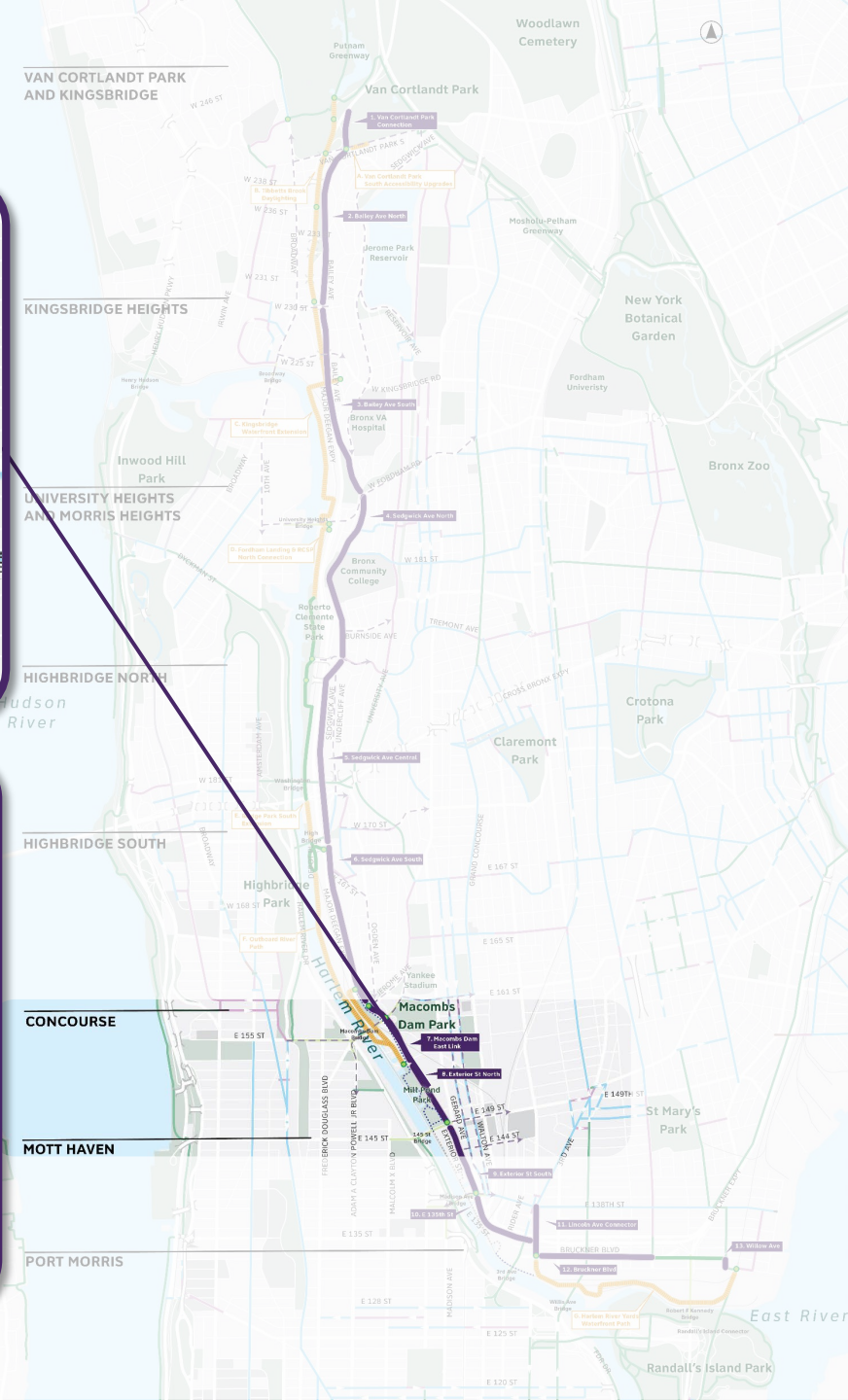
8. Exterior St North Corridor Improvements

From Bronx Terminal Market to 145th St Bridge



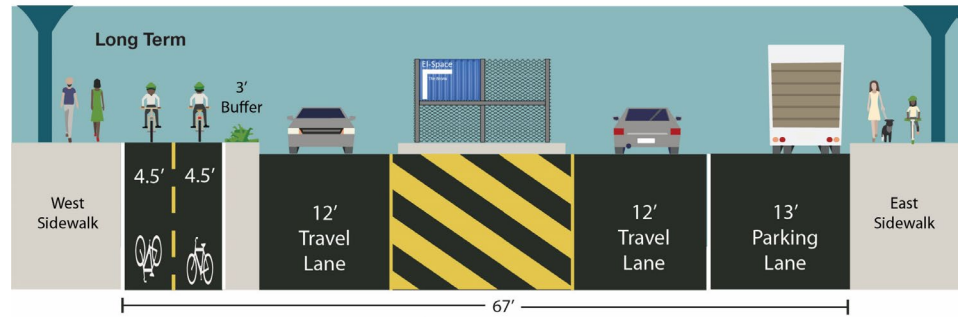
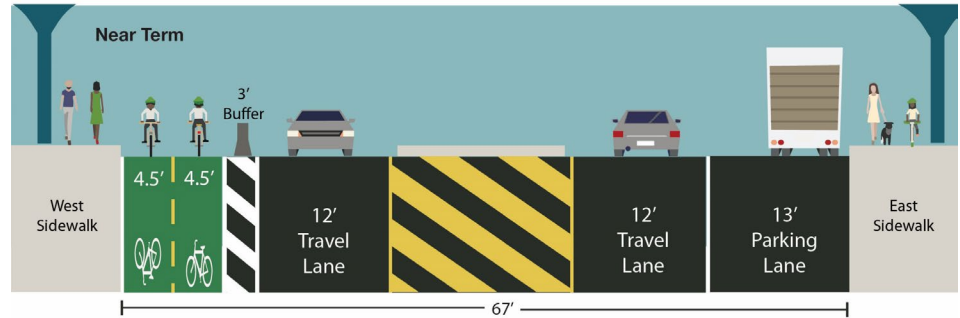
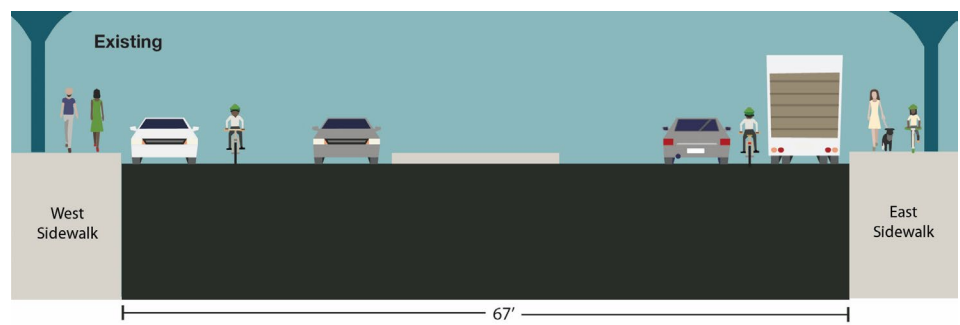
Selection rationale

- Closest continuous street to waterfront
- Calm traffic on an overwide street
- Access to Mill Pond Park, Bronx Children's Museum, Hop Hop Musuem

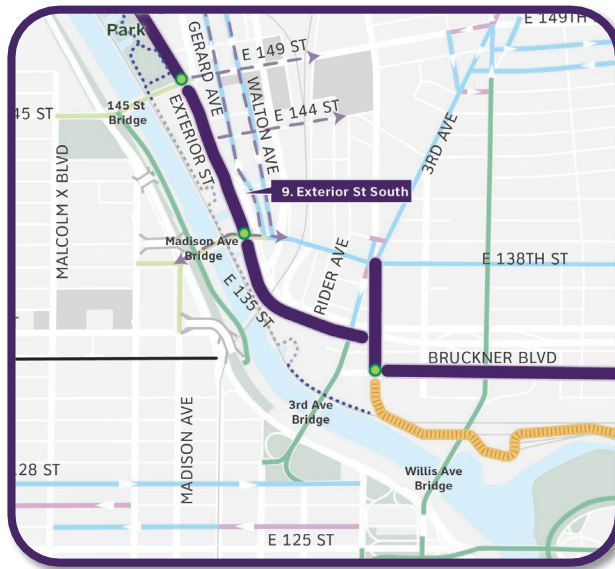


9. Exterior St South Corridor Improvements

From 145th St Bridge to Madison Ave Bridge

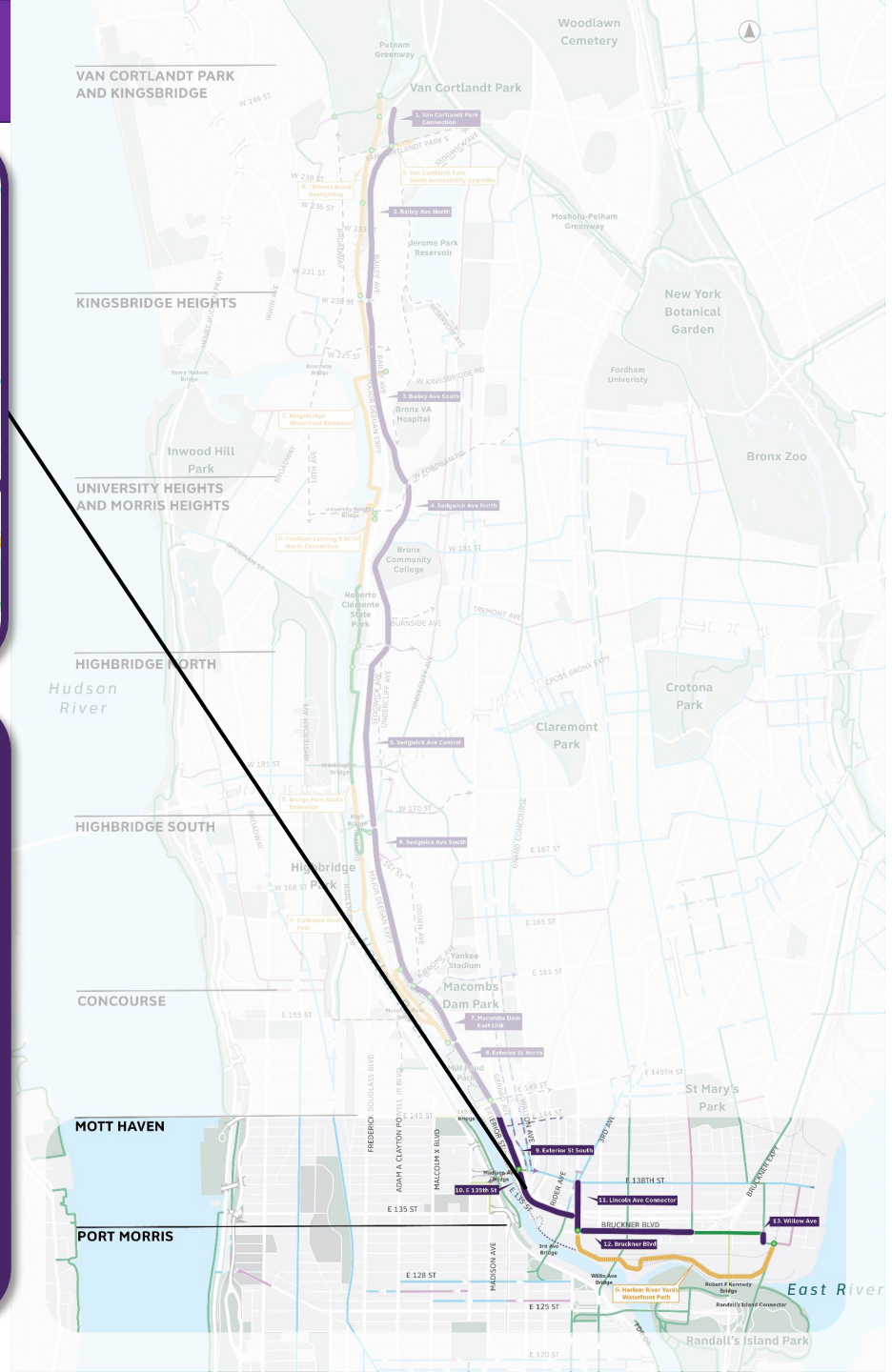


BxCB1 notified in October 2024



Selection rationale

- Closest continuous street to the water
- Opportunity to improve bridge connections (145th St and Madison Ave)
- Access to Lower Concourse Park (Opening Fall 2025)



Planning Area: Mott Haven



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11 LINCOLN AVENUE CONNECTOR

12 BRUCKNER BOULEVARD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

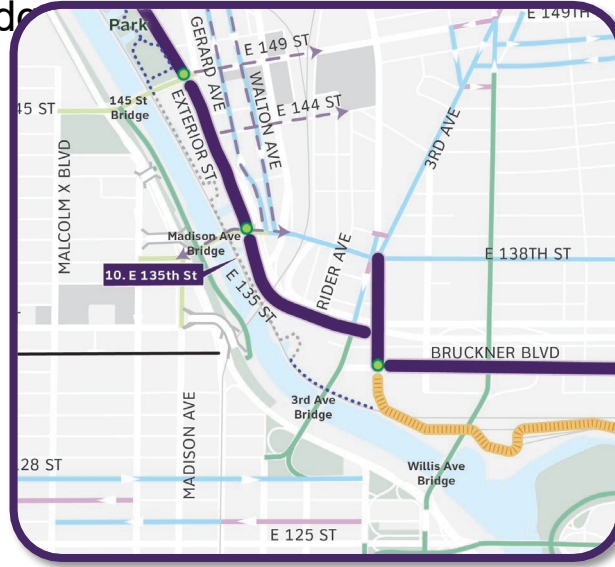
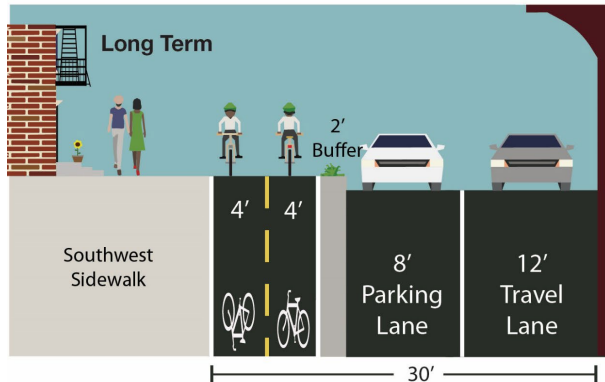
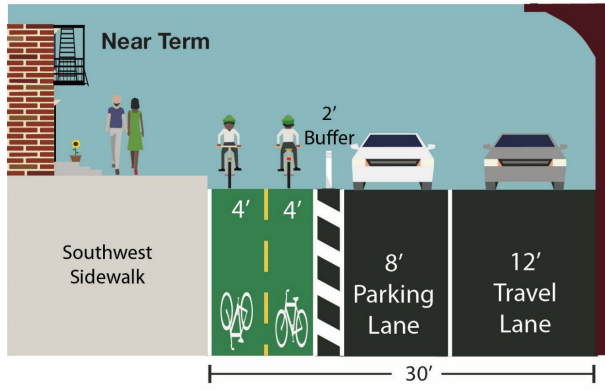
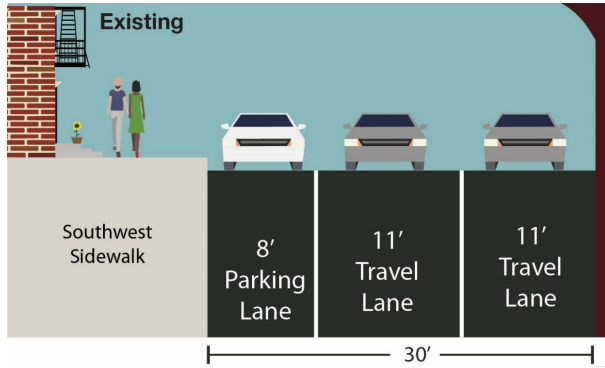
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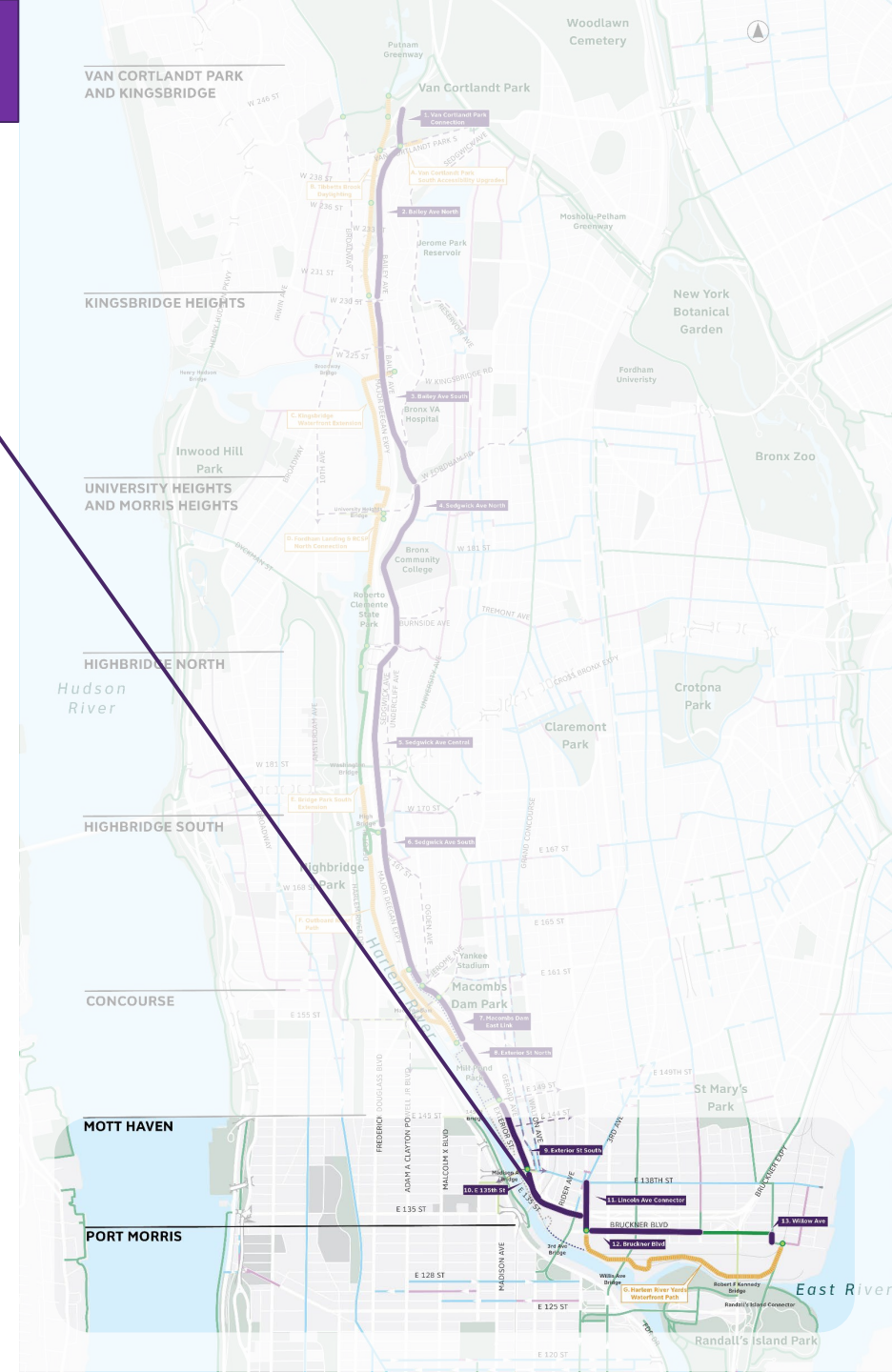
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From Madison Ave Bridge to Third Avenue Bridge



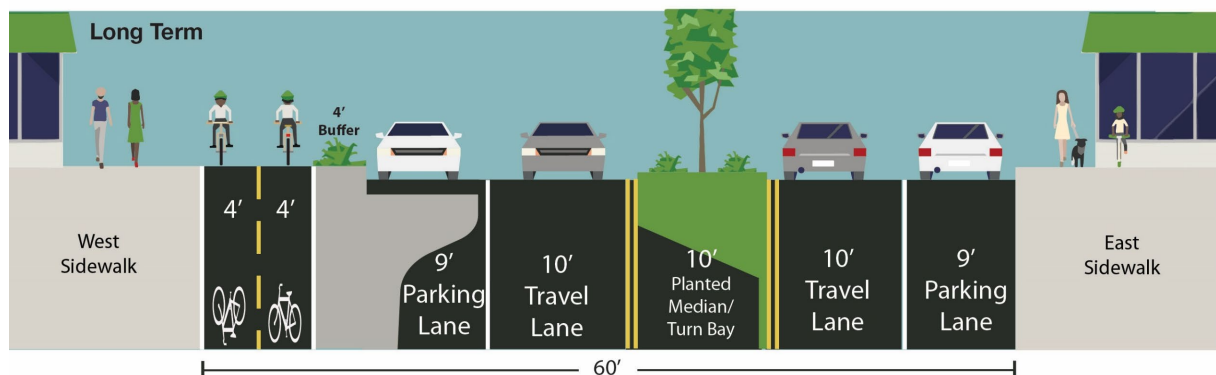
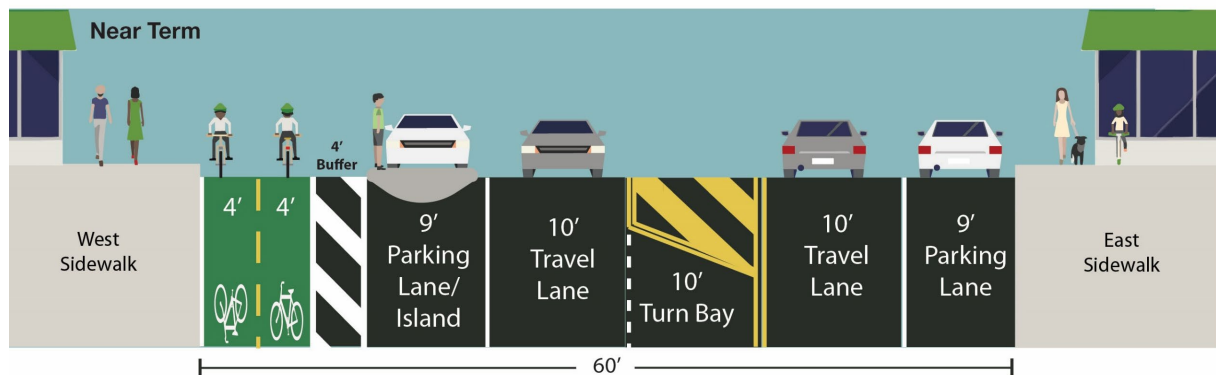
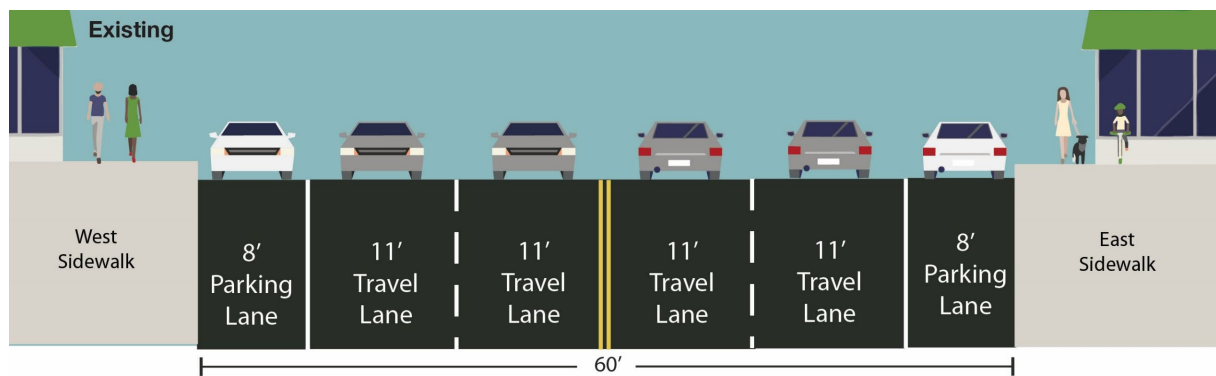
Selection rationale

- Waterfront proximity and views at various street ends
- Best continuous route south of the Deegan
- New residential development planned

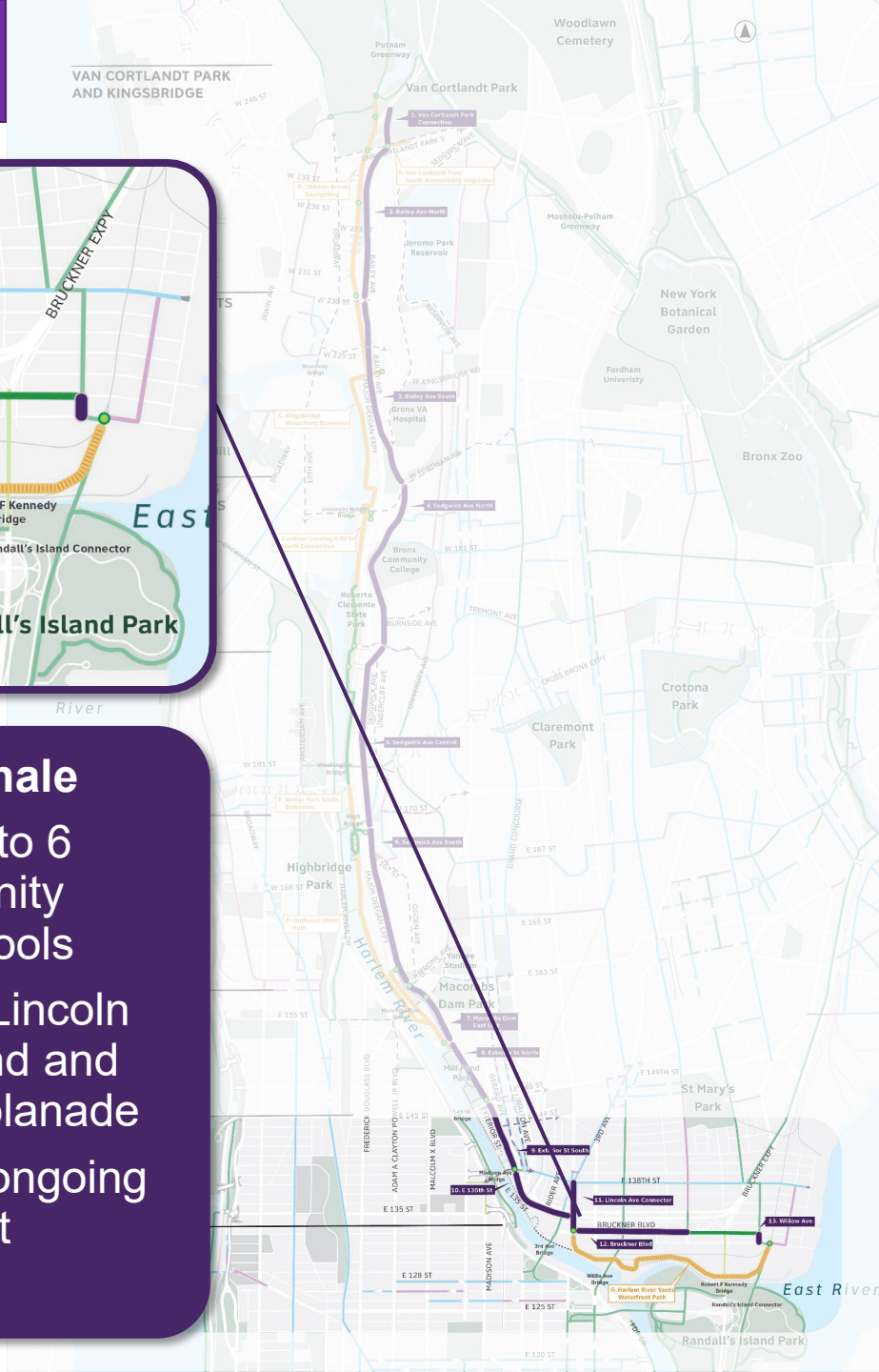


11. Lincoln Ave Connector

From Third Ave to Bruckner Blvd



- Selection rationale**
- Connections to 6 train, community gardens, schools
 - Connects to Lincoln Ave Street end and Bankside esplanade
 - Connects to ongoing capital project

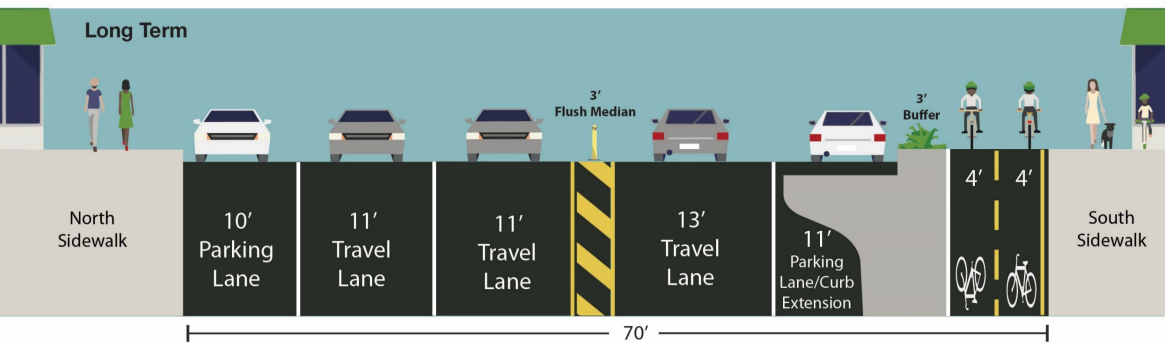
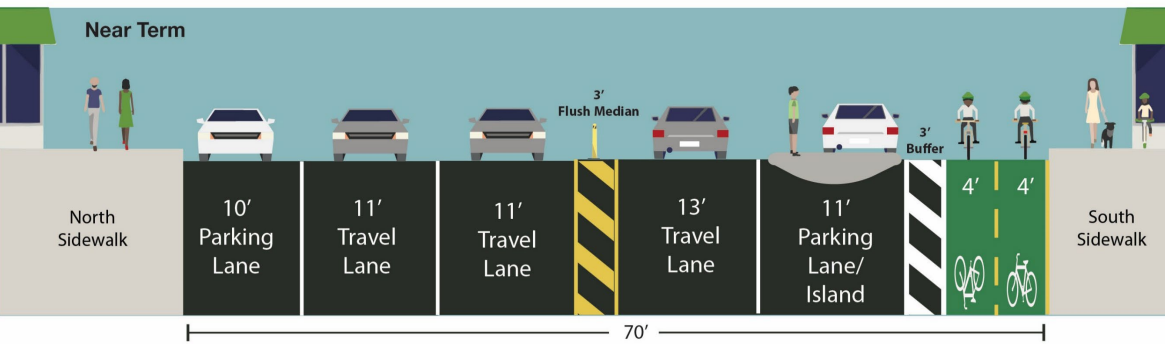
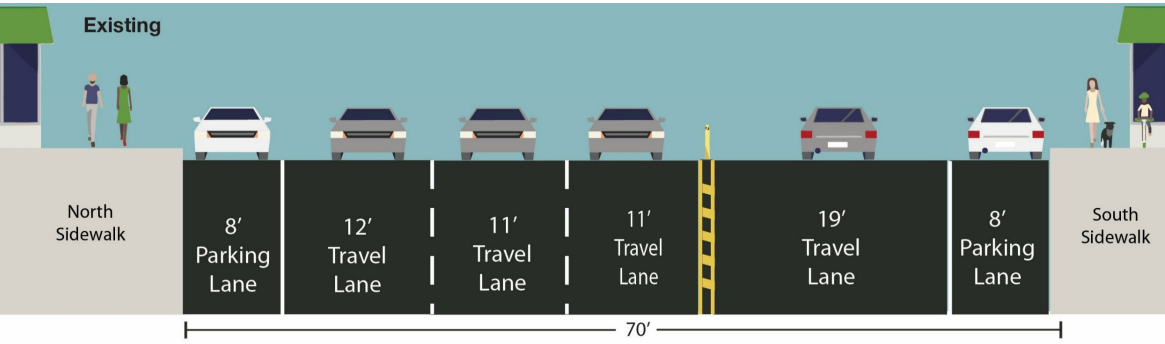


Planning Area: Port Morris



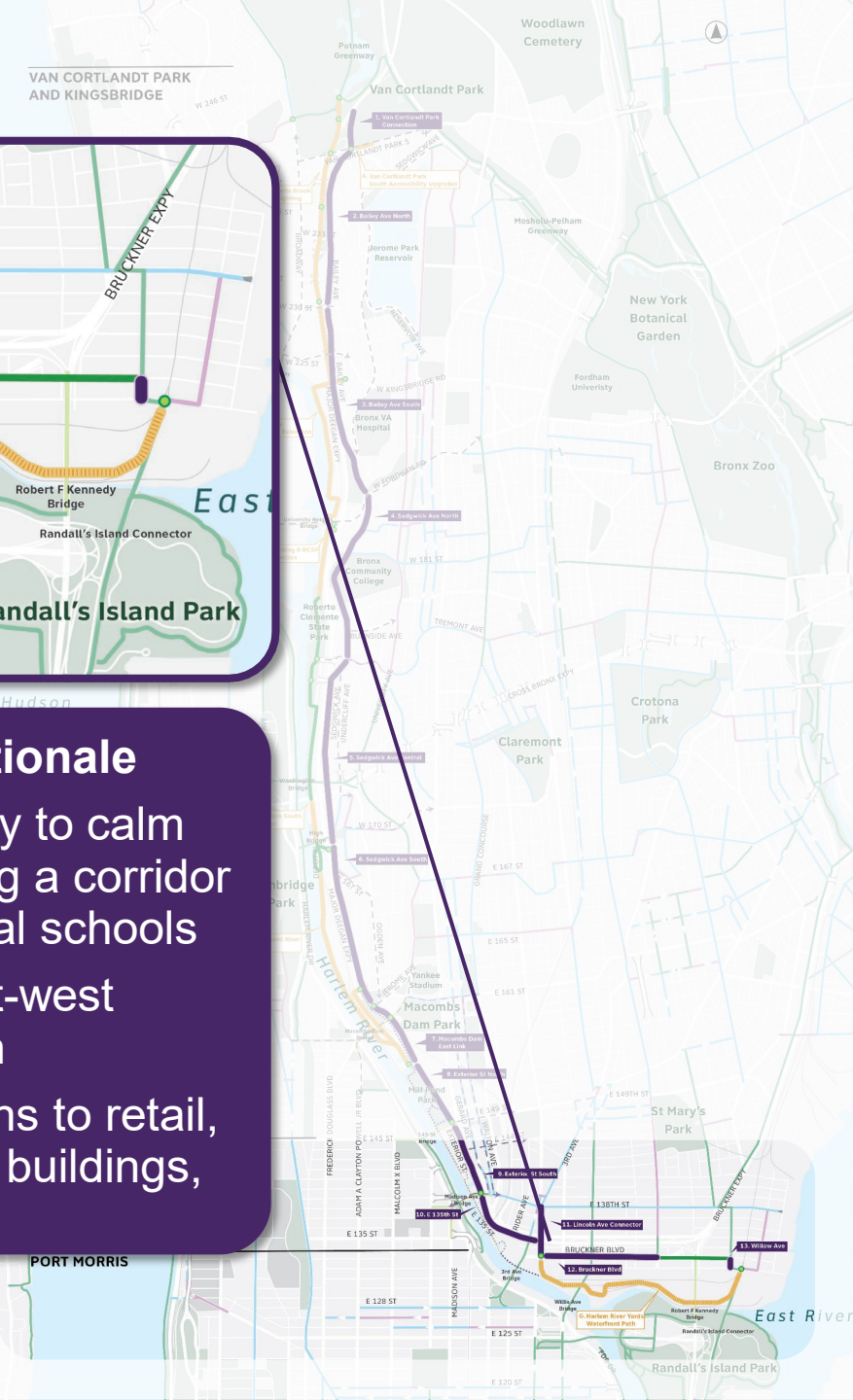
12. Bruckner Blvd Corridor Improvements

From Lincoln Ave to E 133rd St



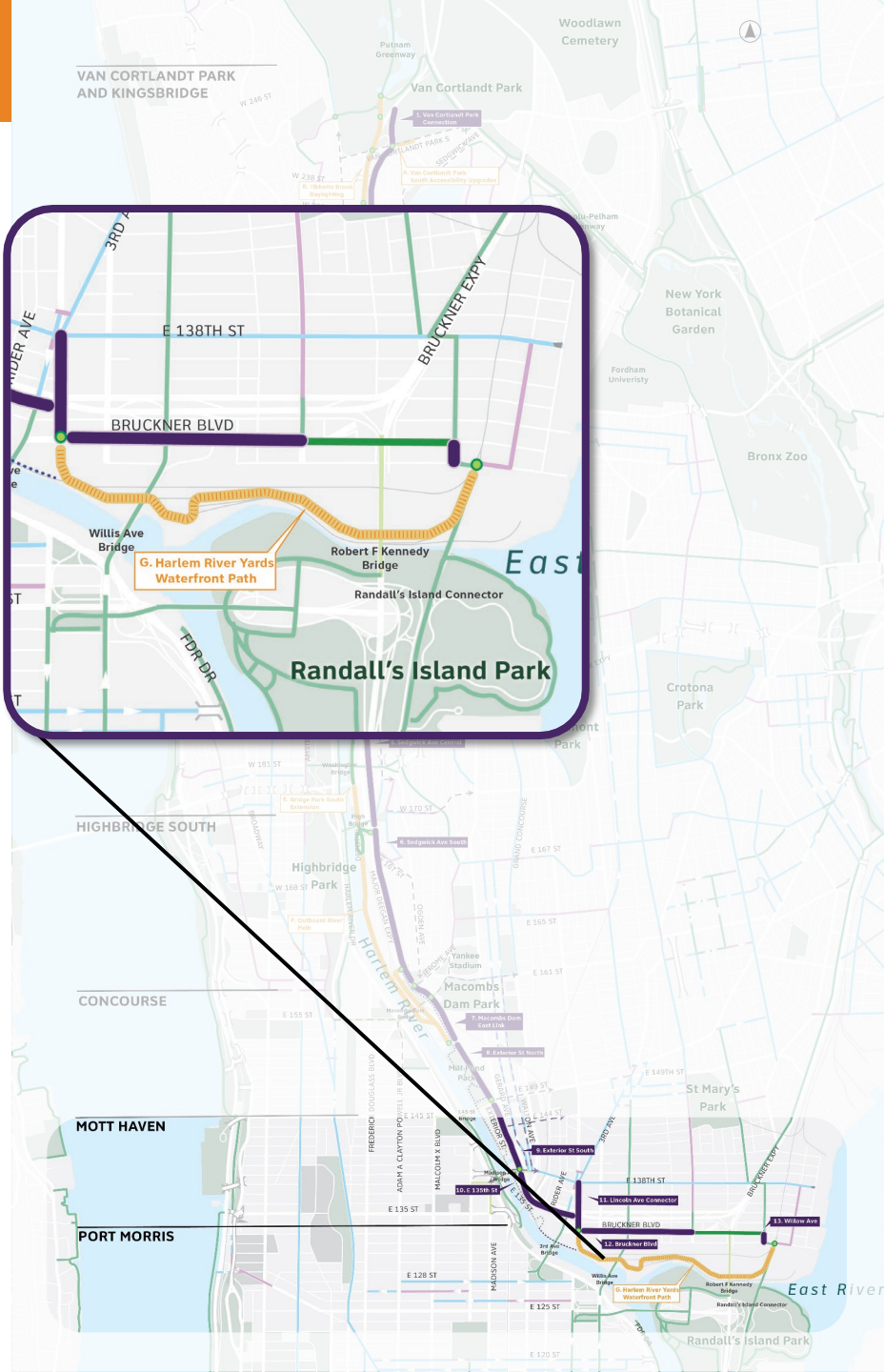
Selection rationale

- Opportunity to calm traffic along a corridor with several schools
- Direct east-west connection
- Connections to retail, residential buildings, schools



Presented to BxCB1 in June 2024

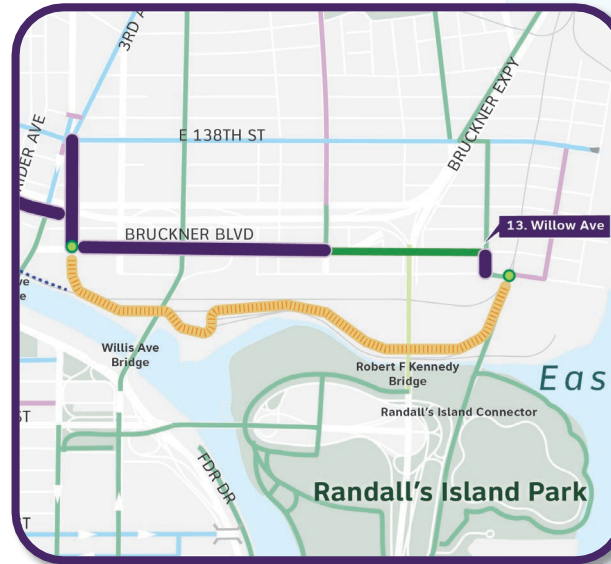
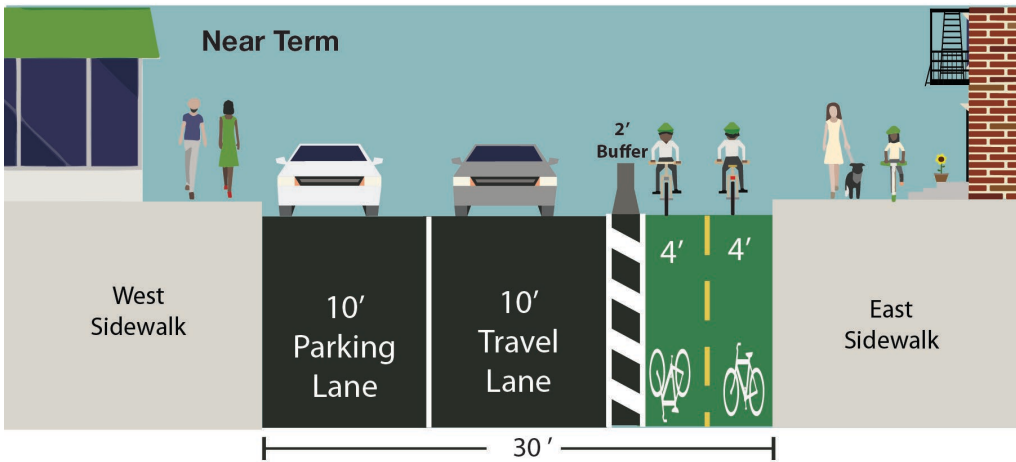
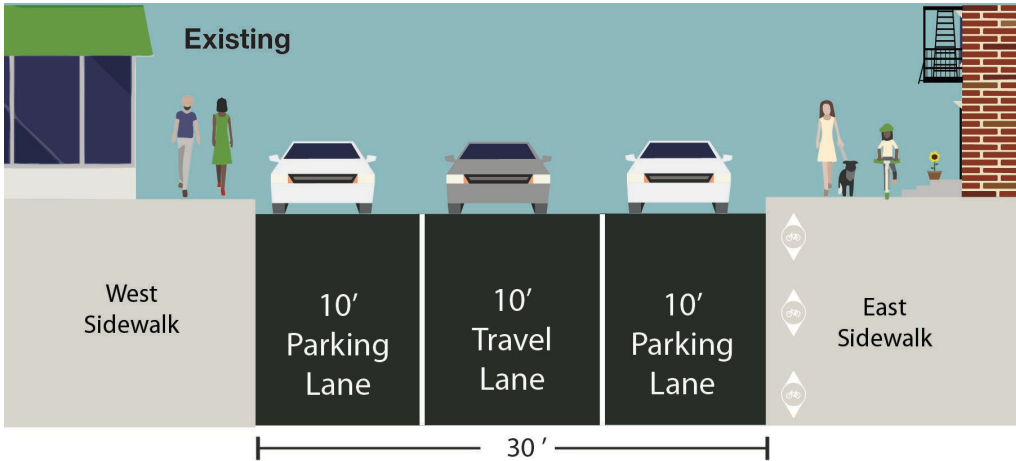
G. Harlem River Yards Waterfront Path



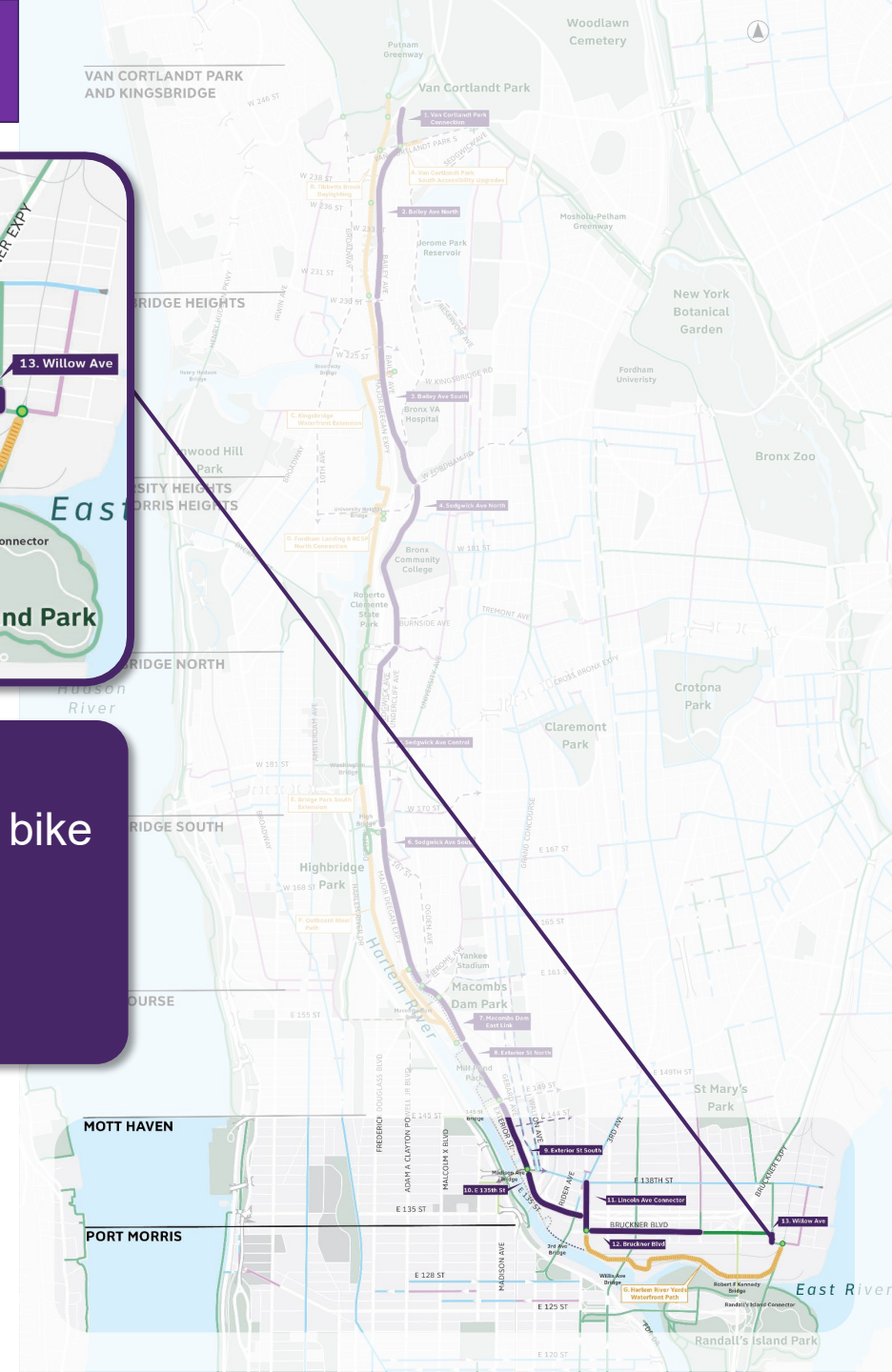
Coordination required with **NYS DOT** and private property ground lessee Galesi Group

13. Willow Ave Upgrade

From E 133rd St to E 132nd St

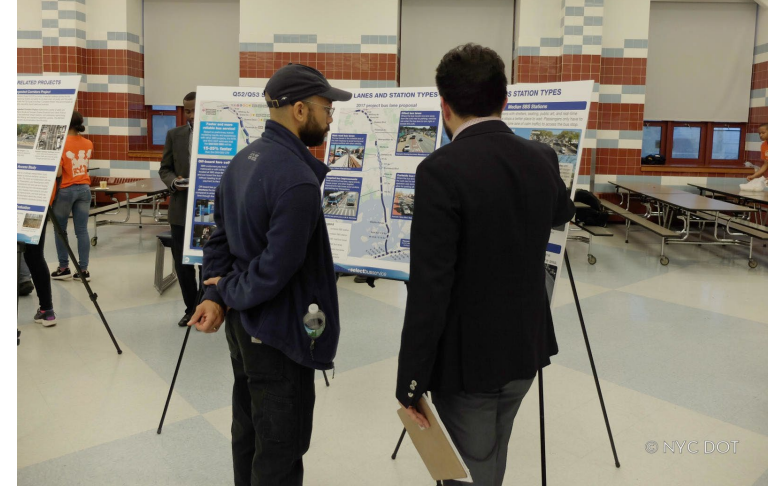


- Selection rationale**
- Improves existing bike path
 - Connection to Randall's Island



Open House!

- Circulate throughout the space
- Talk to staff, ask questions, provide feedback
 - **Sticky notes/flags** for general comments
 - **Stars** to indicate priority projects that you'd like to see happen first (on-street only). Everyone gets a "budget" of 5 stars.



Next Steps

- **Final report** release in Summer 2025
- Near-term project **implementation** (some already underway!)
All projects will be shared with Community Boards in advance.

Additional thoughts, feedback?



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Thank You!

Questions?



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