

Victory Boulevard Transit and Safety Improvements

Winter 2025 Outreach

March 2025



Victory Blvd and Austin Pl

Agenda

1. Background and Context
2. Bus Priority and Safety Toolkit
3. Next Steps and Discussion

Background and Context

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Why Victory Boulevard?

NYC DOT and MTA seek to improve bus service on Victory Boulevard because:

- There are **25,789** average daily riders on 16 routes that facilitate connections to the Staten Island Ferry.
- 619 injuries on the corridor in the past 5 years, including 60 who were severely injured. Victory Boulevard is a Vision Zero priority corridor.
- Existing bus priority treatments are due for an upgrade.
- According to a recent MTA survey, Staten Island bus riders would like MTA to prioritize reducing wait times, providing more reliable service, and minimizing delays.*

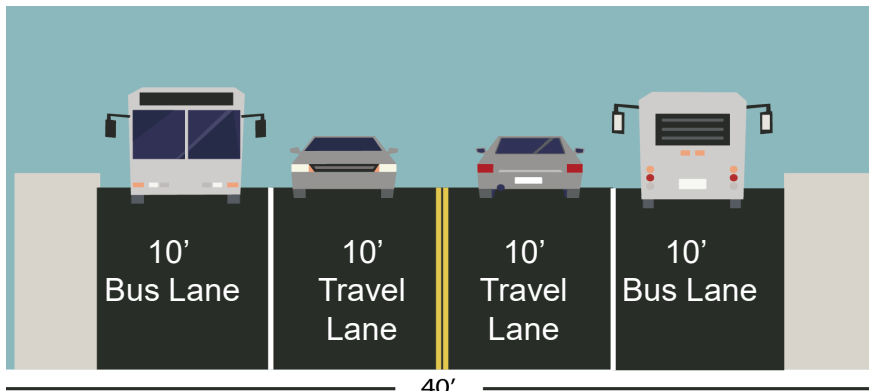


MTA Bus Blocked by Box Truck at Bus Stop on Victory Blvd

Source: MTA Survey, Fall 2024*

Existing Bus Lanes on Victory Boulevard

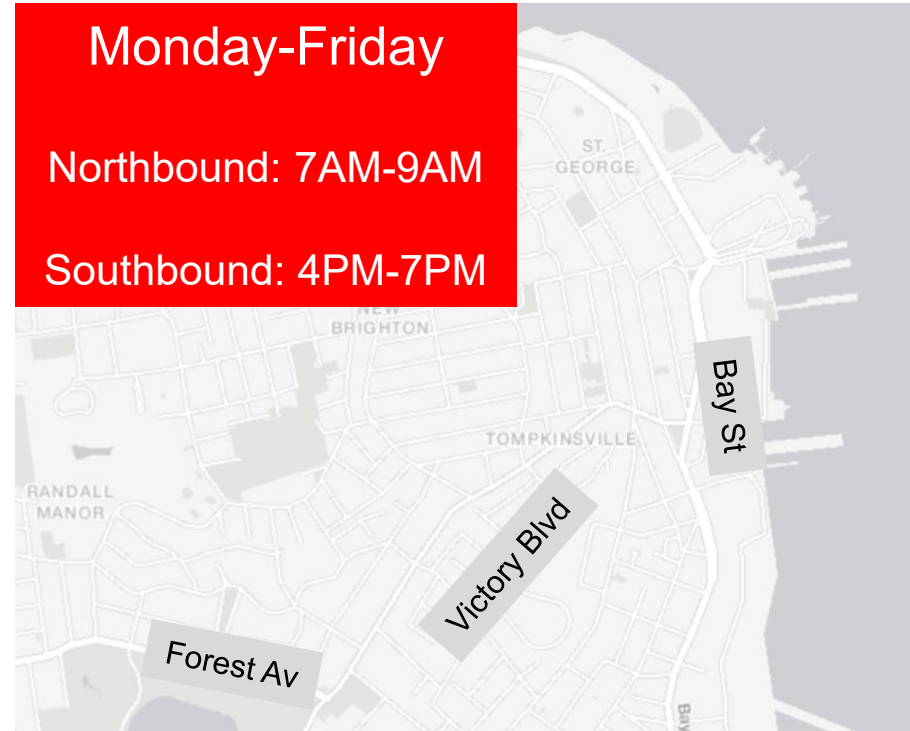
- There have been unpainted, curbside, peak-period bus lanes on segments of Victory Boulevard since 1963
- NYC DOT implemented pedestrian and bus improvements on Victory Boulevard in 2016 near the Staten Island Ferry Terminal
- Red paint was installed on the block between Bay St and St Marks PI in 2020



Monday-Friday

Northbound: 7AM-9AM

Southbound: 4PM-7PM

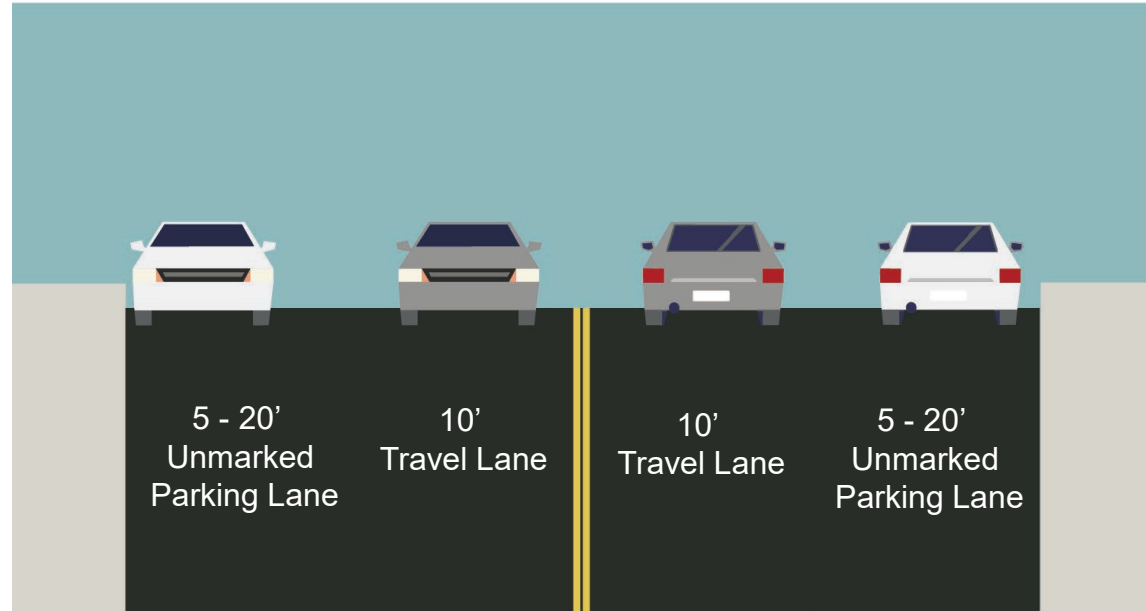


Issues Observed:

- Cars parked in bus lane during bus lane hours
- Bus speeds are slow beyond Forest Av where bus lane ends

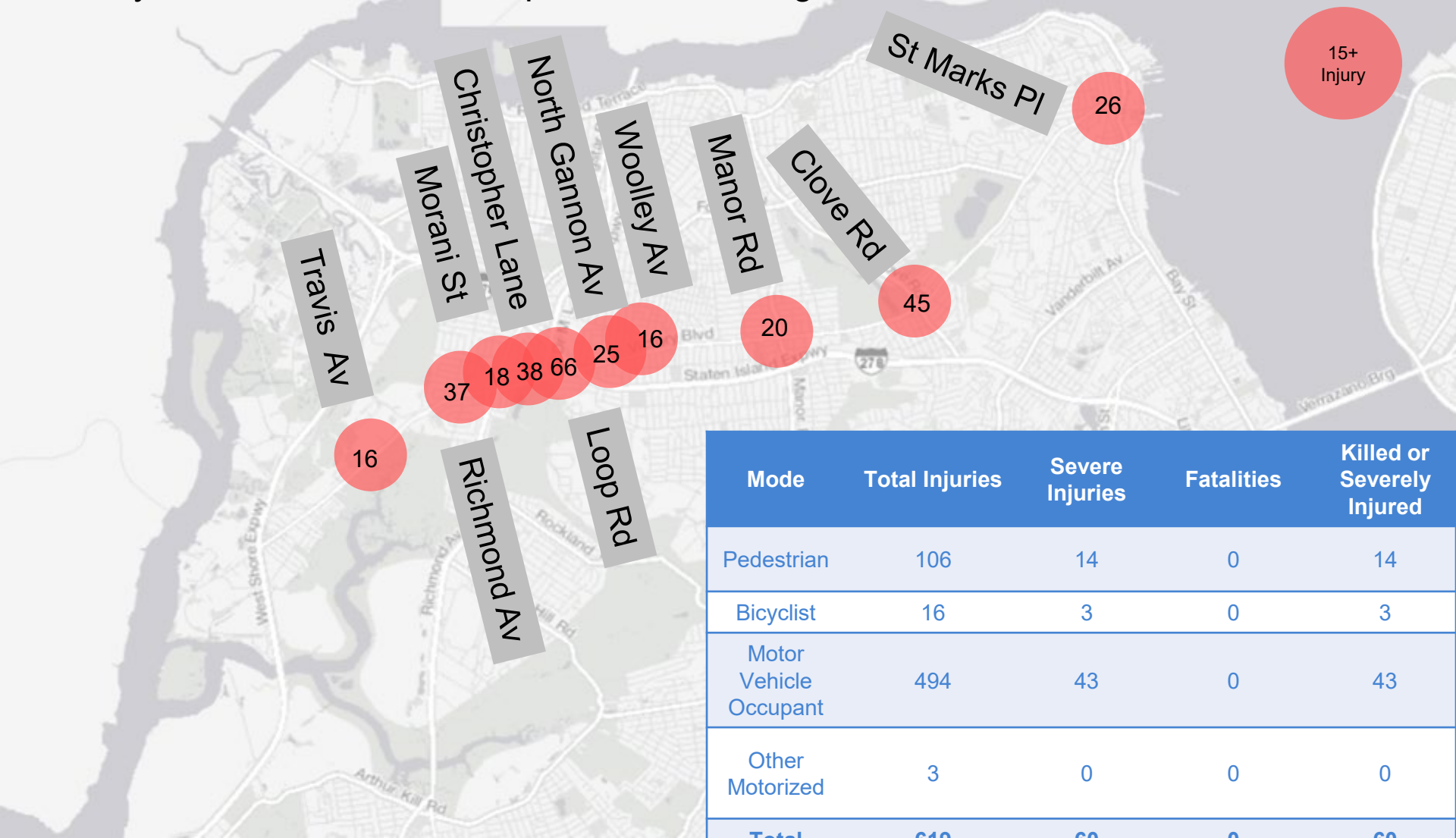
Existing Conditions South of Forest Av

- From Forest Av to Wild Av, the mid-block roadway width on Victory varies from 30'-60'.



Traffic Safety Data: 2019-2023

Victory Boulevard Ranks in Top 10% Most Dangerous Corridors in Staten Island



Victory Boulevard Bus Routes

There are 16 bus routes that travel along Victory Boulevard

Local

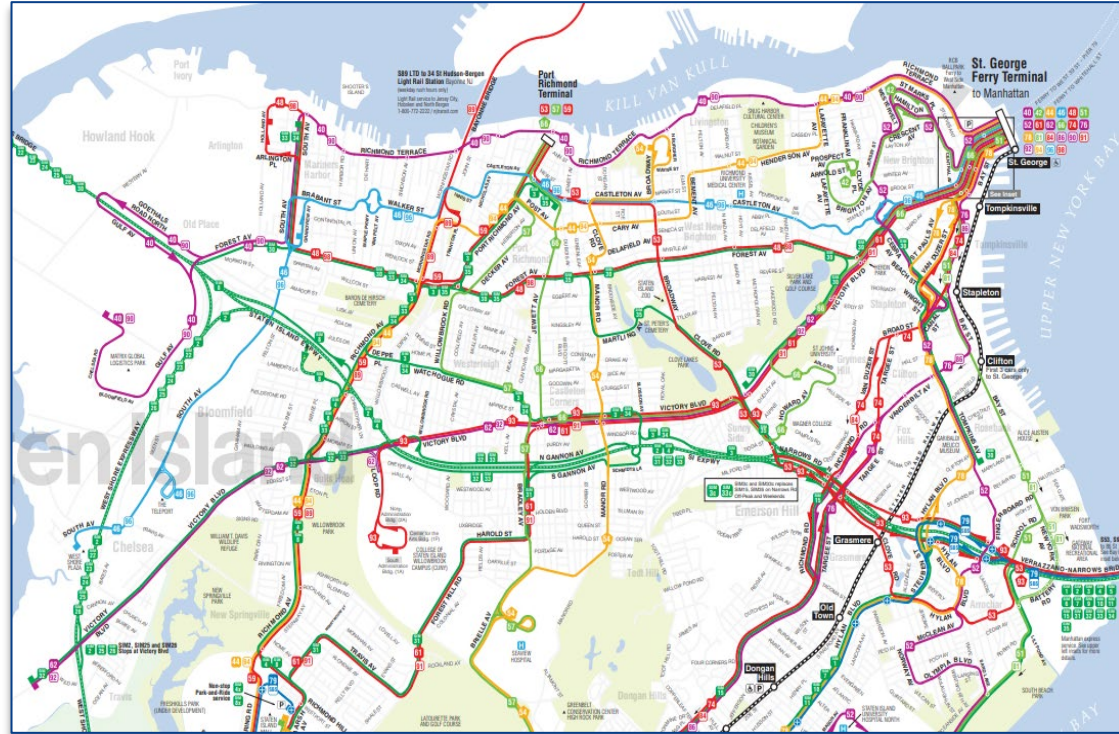
- S46, S48, S61, S62, S66

Limited

- S91, S92, S93, S96, S98

Express

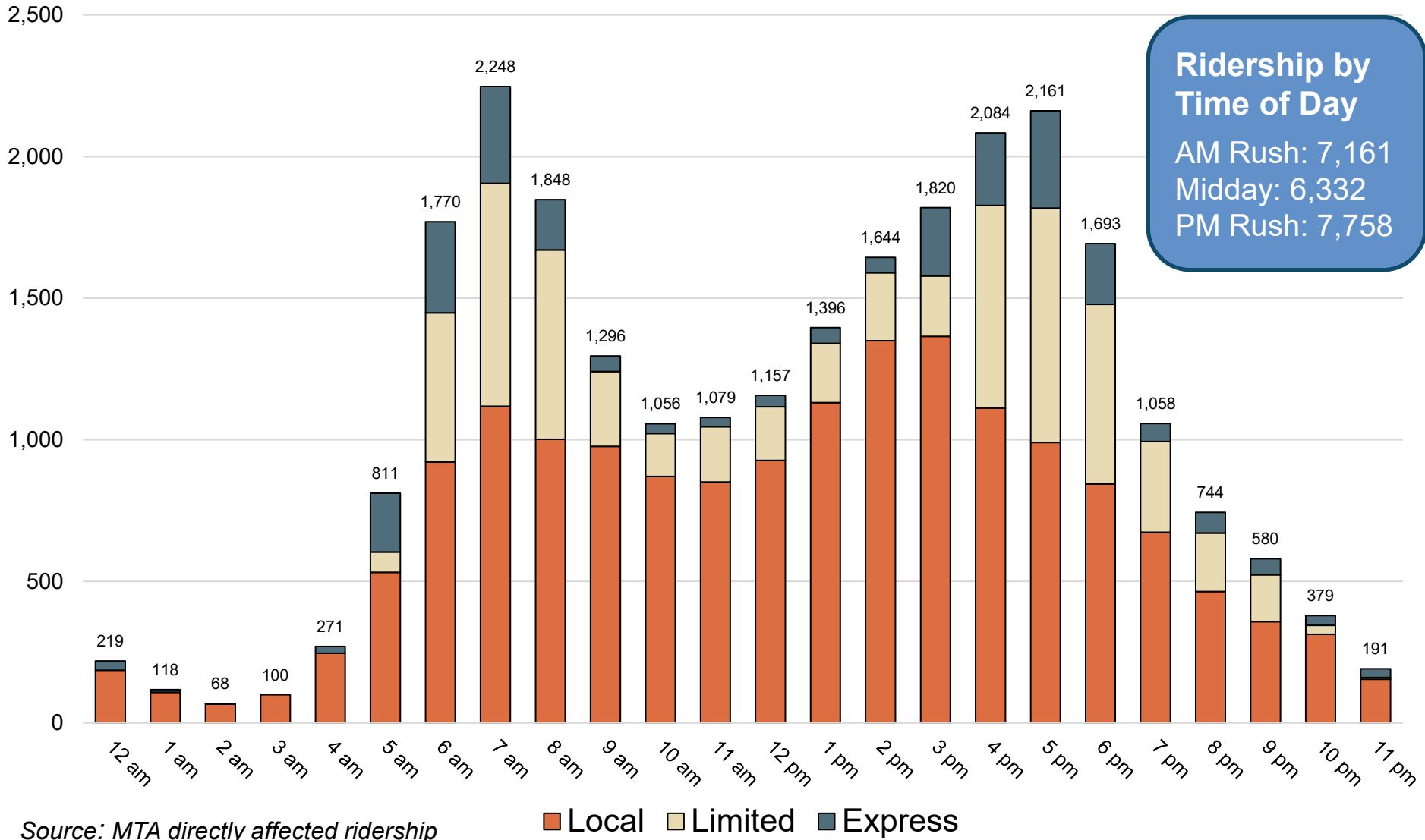
- SIM3, SIM3C, SIM30, SIM32, SIM33, SIM34



MTA Staten Island Bus Map

Source: MTA Data

Victory Blvd Bus Ridership by Hour



Source: MTA directly affected ridership

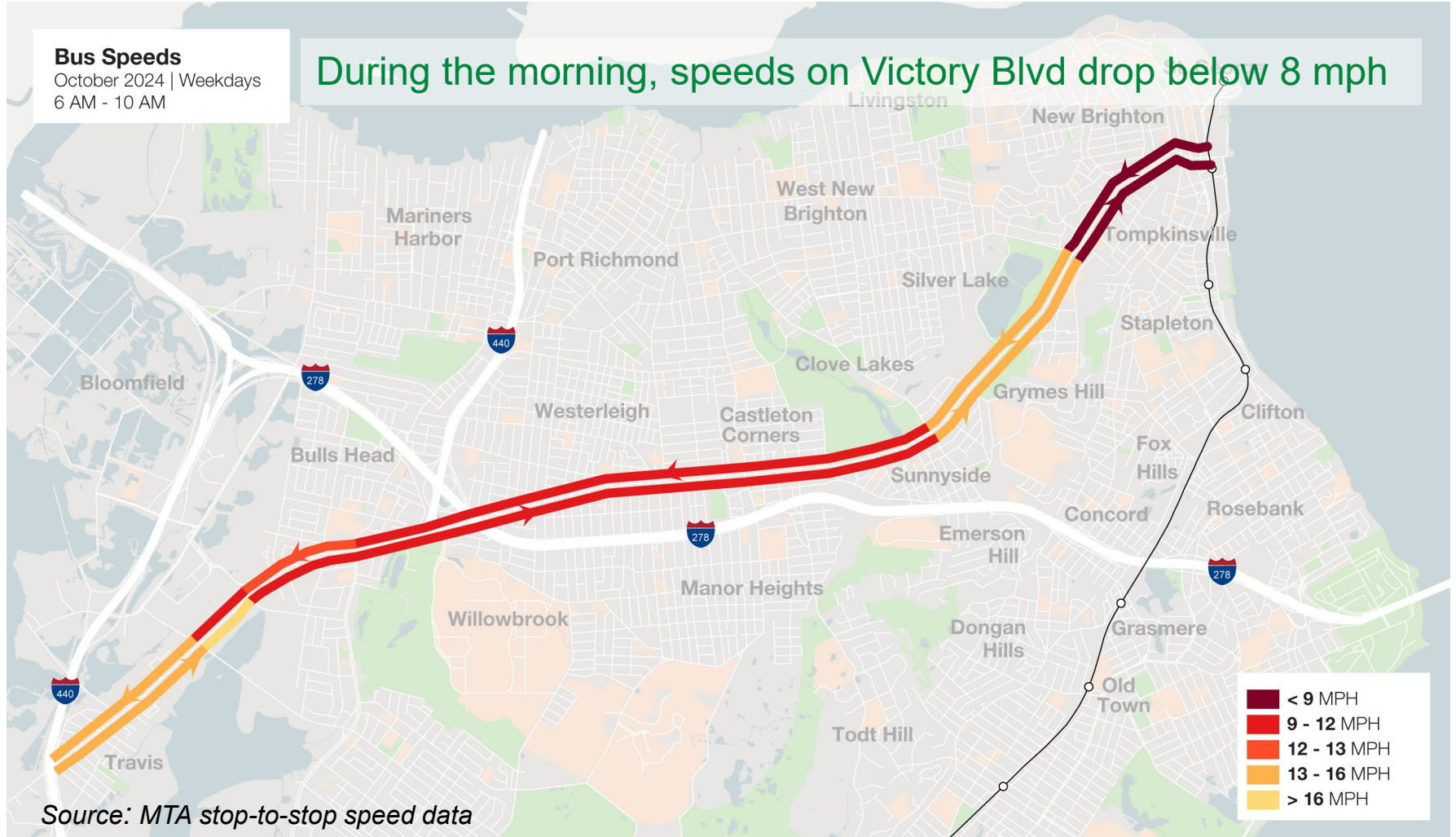
Local Limited Express

Victory Boulevard AM Bus Speeds

Bus Speeds

October 2024 | Weekdays
6 AM - 10 AM

During the morning, speeds on Victory Blvd drop below 8 mph



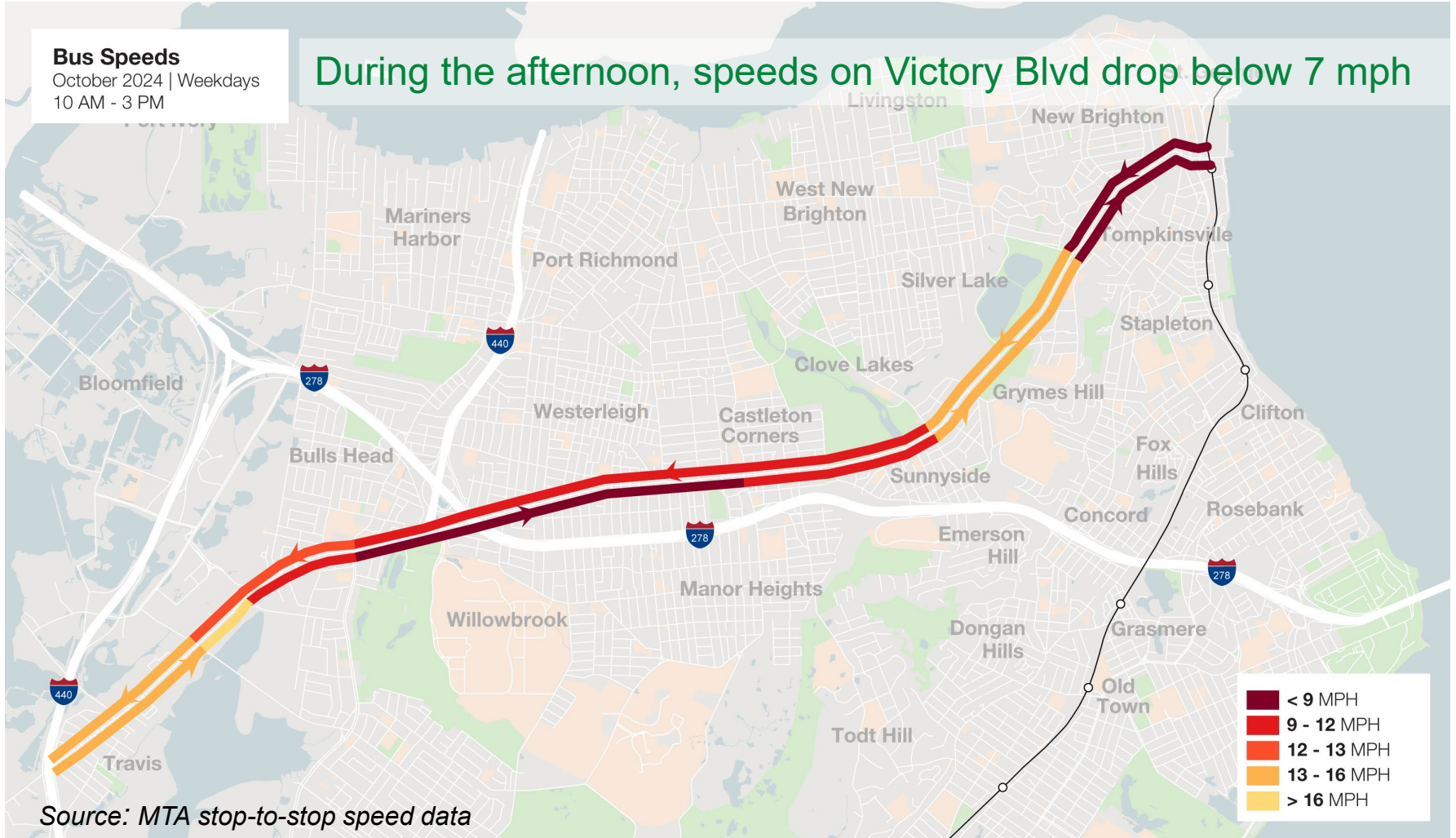
Source: MTA stop-to-stop speed data

Victory Boulevard Afternoon Bus Speeds

Bus Speeds

October 2024 | Weekdays
10 AM - 3 PM

During the afternoon, speeds on Victory Blvd drop below 7 mph



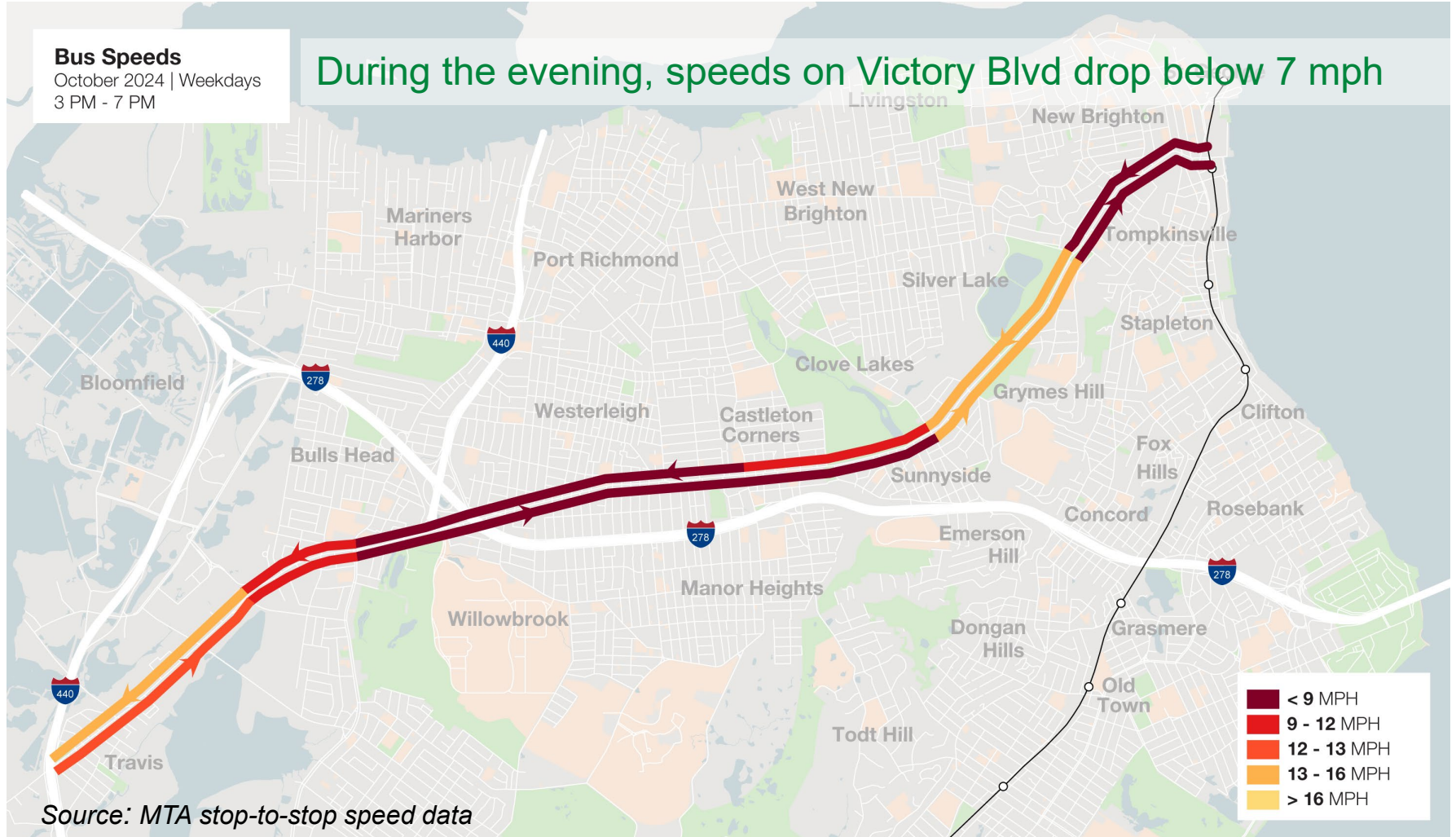
Source: MTA stop-to-stop speed data

Victory Boulevard PM Bus Speeds

Bus Speeds

October 2024 | Weekdays
3 PM - 7 PM

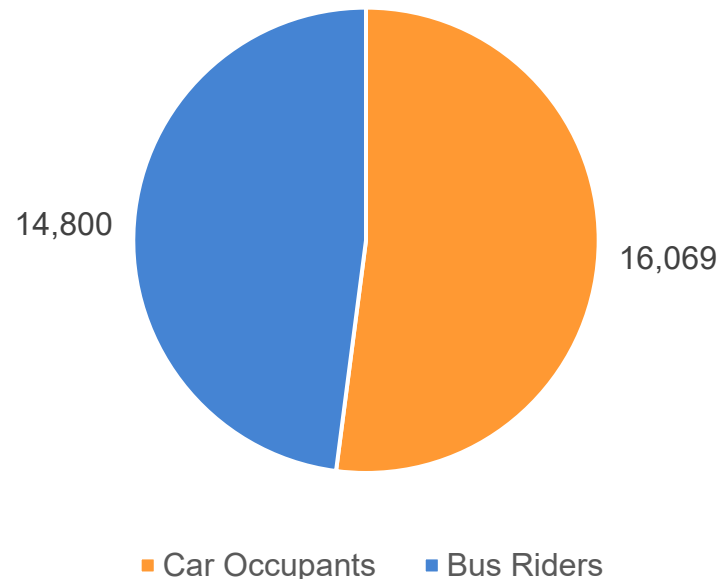
During the evening, speeds on Victory Blvd drop below 7 mph



Who's Using Victory Boulevard?

On Victory Boulevard north of Jersey St, 48% of vehicular road users are bus riders*, while 52% ride in cars**.

Victory Blvd: Bay St to Jersey Ave



Sources:

*MTA Data October 2024

**NYS DOT October 2022

Bus Priority and Safety Toolkit

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Curbside Concept

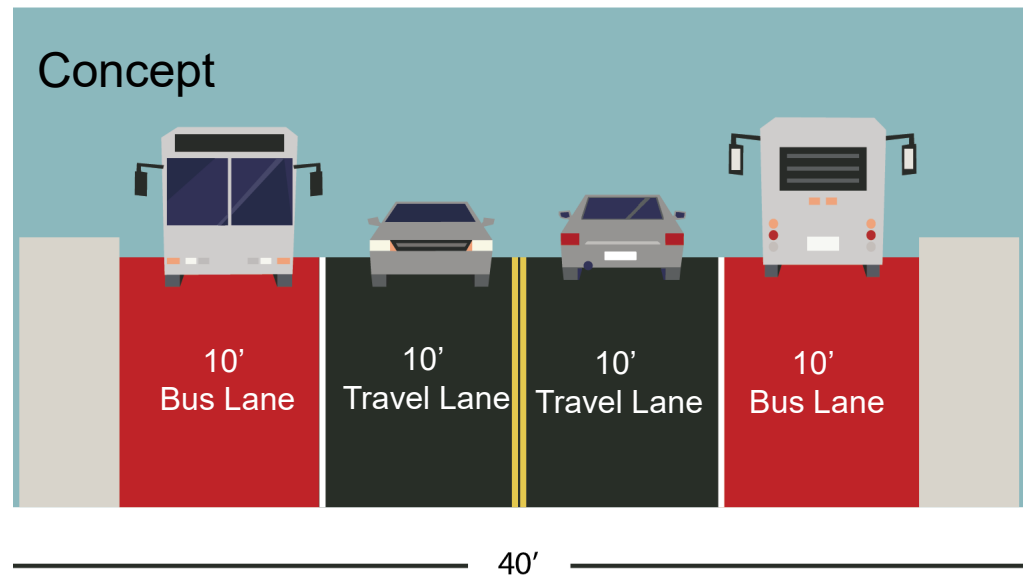
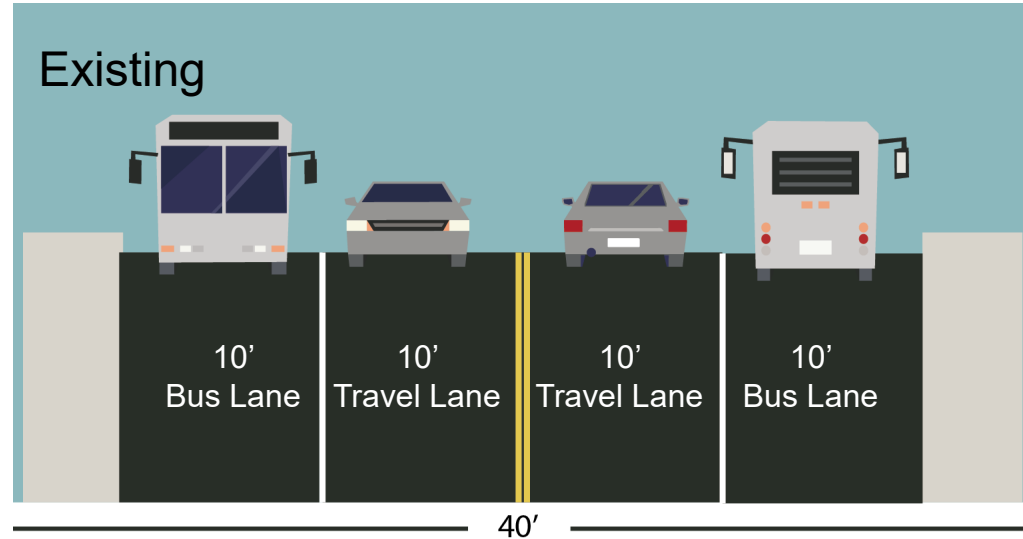
NYC DOT is studying the following potential treatments on Victory Boulevard to:

- Upgraded existing lanes with red paint
- Extended bus lane hours
- Extended lanes south of Forest Av

These design elements:

- Reduce transit commute times
- Increase safety
- Create faster connections to the Staten Island Ferry
- Maintain parking during off-hours

Treatments could be implemented in targeted sections of the corridor



Bus Stops Toolkit



Pedestrian Safety Toolkit



Fordham Rd, BX



Kings Hwy, BK



Park Ln, QNS



Southern Blvd, BX

Parking Toolkit

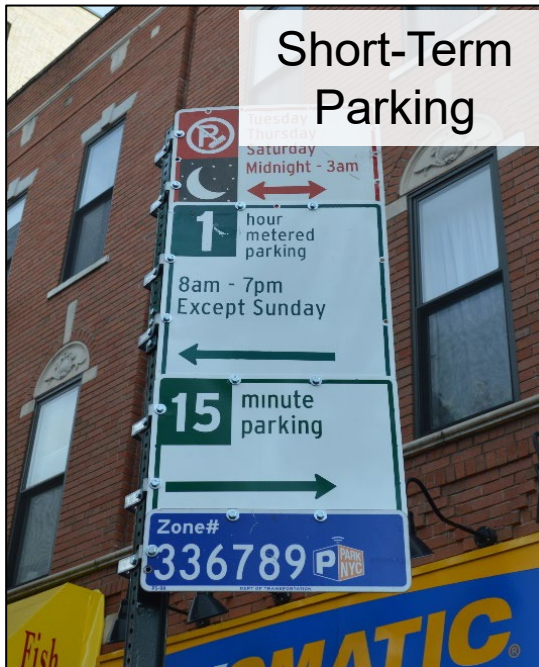
Parking Meters



Truck Loading Zones



Short-Term Parking

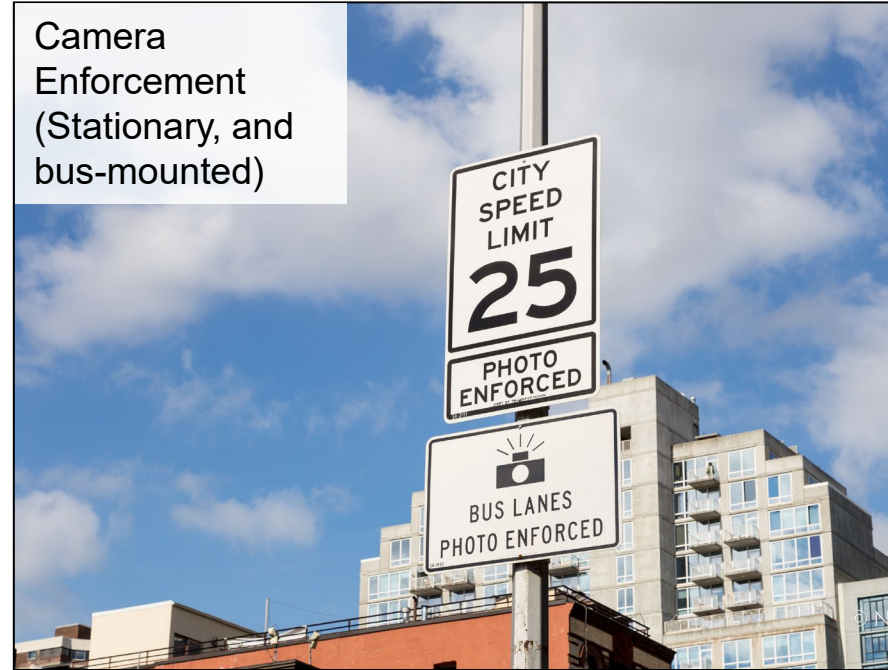


No Parking/No Standing



Other Treatments

Camera Enforcement
(Stationary, and bus-mounted)



Bus Queue Jump
Signal/Leading
Pedestrian Interval



Next Steps and Discussion

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Next Steps

- **Winter 2025:** Continue outreach to community boards, elected officials, other key stakeholders. Develop project based on community feedback and data.
- **Spring 2025:** Present detailed proposal to stakeholders
- **Summer 2025:** Expected Implementation

Discussion: Existing Conditions and Vision

- How does Victory Boulevard operate right now? What works & doesn't work?
- What issues do you see on Victory Boulevard?
- Which DOT and MTA tools sound most useful?
- What do you think about extending the hours of the existing bus lanes (from Bay St to Forest Av)?
- What do you think about extending the length of the bus lanes (past Forest Av)?
- What role can DOT and MTA take to make this street work better?



Thank You!

Questions?



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