

## 71<sup>st</sup> - Continental (E, F, R, V, G,)

At this intermodal station located along Queens Boulevard, high levels of congestion result from heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The recommendations for this site are as follows:

### System-wide:

- Install subway signs surrounding each station
- Highlight concrete risers near subway stairwells with orange or yellow thermoplastic
- Install universal pedestrian signals
- Install (LED) light emitting diode lighting on all traffic signals
- Install bicycle parking at stations located along bicycle routes

### Station type:

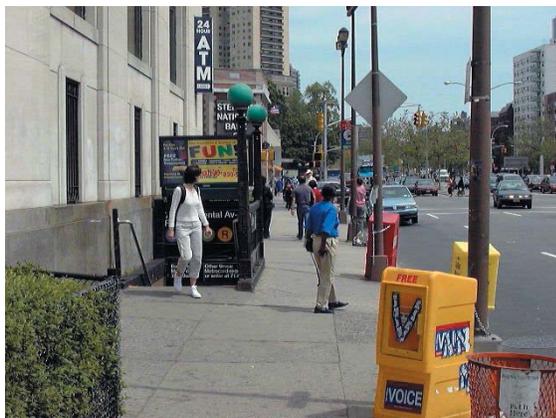
- Install bus signage within the stations to direct subway passengers to the correct exits and the appropriate bus stops on the street level
- Display subway, neighborhood and bicycle maps on bus shelters



*71<sup>st</sup>-Continental station entrance. The southeast corner of Queens Boulevard and Continental Avenue is heavily congested.*

### Site-specific:

The sidewalk along the north side of Queens Boulevard between 70<sup>th</sup> Road and 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue is heavily congested with pedestrian traffic due to passengers exiting and entering both the subway station and the buses that stop in front of the station. The sidewalk should be widened the entire width of the adjacent travel lane to increase pedestrian circulation space. Additionally, we recommend removing the existing parking along the median on Queens Boulevard between 70<sup>th</sup> Road and 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue to compensate for the lost travel lane. We also recommend removing four parking spaces along the median between 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 71<sup>st</sup> Road to relieve vehicles of the congestion caused by cars slowing down for the right turn in the right lane. Implementation of these recommendations would require an analysis of curb utilization to determine any potential blocking of traffic resulting from the combination of a widened sidewalk, loading buses, and illegally parked vehicles.



*The subway stairwell, street furniture, and bus stops create crowded sidewalks on the north side of Queens Boulevard between 70<sup>th</sup> Road and 108<sup>th</sup> Street.*

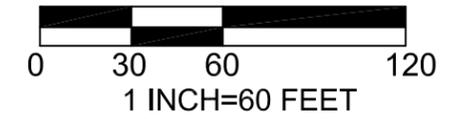
The northeast corner of 70<sup>th</sup> Road and the northwest corner of 71<sup>st</sup> Road at Queens Boulevard are crowded with news boxes. We recommend enforcing Executive Order No. 22, whereby structures and objects, such as news boxes and trash cans, should not be placed in the corner or corner quadrant.

Subsequent to the release of the *Technical Memorandum IV: Issues and Opportunities* report, universal pedestrian signals and LED lighting were installed at this location.

Additionally, pedestrian improvements have been implemented as a result of recommendations made in the *Queens Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Study, Phase I*. This includes the installation of pedestrian fencing along the medians, the installation of neckdowns and the extension of the medians into the crosswalks.

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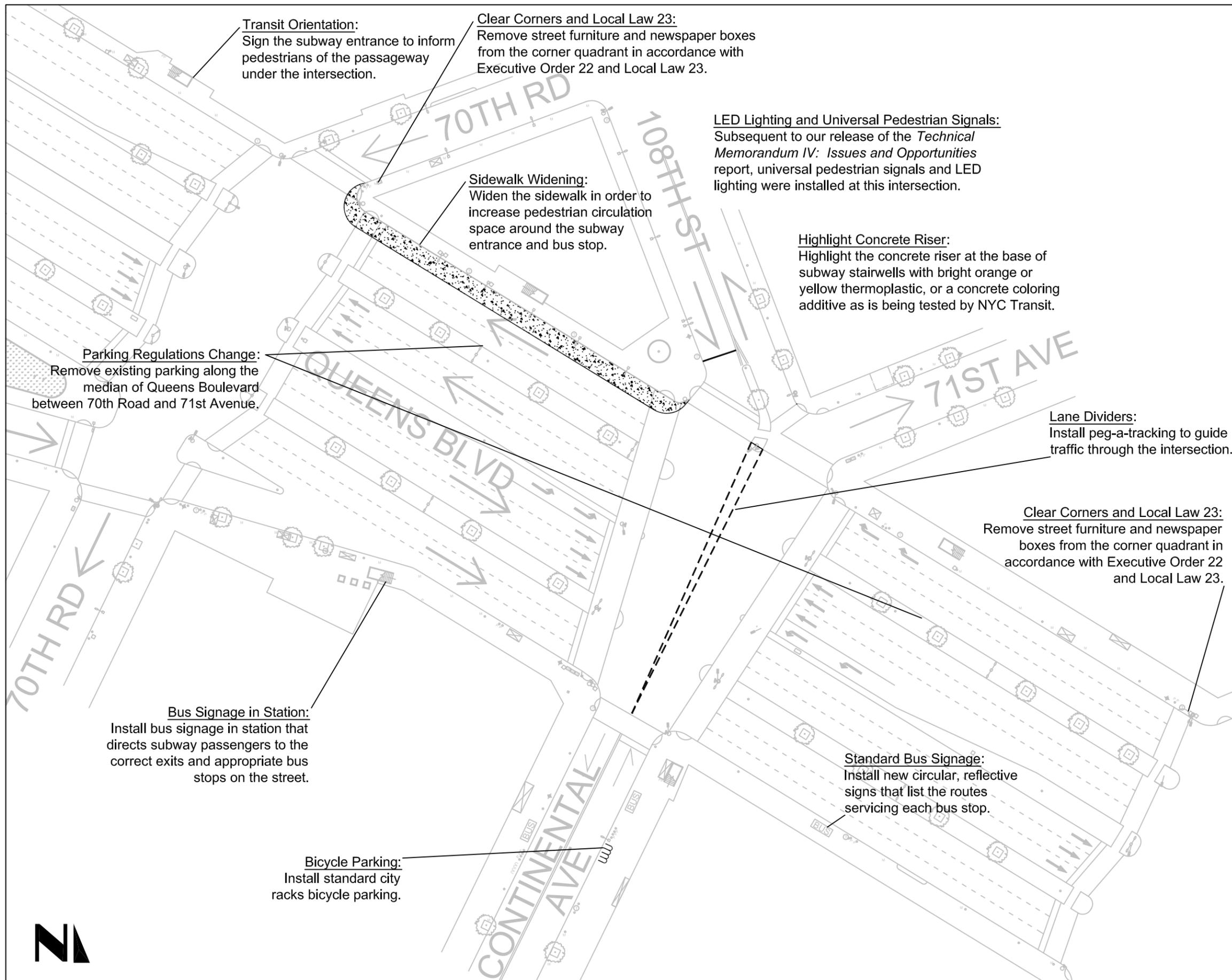
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-  SUBWAY ENTRANCE
-  STREET TREE
-  AWNING
-  DRIVEWAY / CURB CUTS
-  STREET VENDOR
-  PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL
-  TRAFFIC SIGNAL
-  STREET LIGHT
-  TRASH CAN
-  DUMPSTER
-  SIGNAGE
-  PARKING METER
-  FIRE HYDRANT
-  PHONE
-  MAIL BOX
-  BOLLARD
-  BIKE RACK



**Transit Orientation:**  
Sign the subway entrance to inform pedestrians of the passageway under the intersection.

**Clear Corners and Local Law 23:**  
Remove street furniture and newspaper boxes from the corner quadrant in accordance with Executive Order 22 and Local Law 23.

**Sidewalk Widening:**  
Widen the sidewalk in order to increase pedestrian circulation space around the subway entrance and bus stop.

**LED Lighting and Universal Pedestrian Signals:**  
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**Highlight Concrete Riser:**  
Highlight the concrete riser at the base of subway stairwells with bright orange or yellow thermoplastic, or a concrete coloring additive as is being tested by NYC Transit.

**Parking Regulations Change:**  
Remove existing parking along the median of Queens Boulevard between 70th Road and 71st Avenue.

**Lane Dividers:**  
Install peg-a-tracking to guide traffic through the intersection.

**Clear Corners and Local Law 23:**  
Remove street furniture and newspaper boxes from the corner quadrant in accordance with Executive Order 22 and Local Law 23.

**Bus Signage in Station:**  
Install bus signage in station that directs subway passengers to the correct exits and appropriate bus stops on the street.

**Standard Bus Signage:**  
Install new circular, reflective signs that list the routes servicing each bus stop.

**Bicycle Parking:**  
Install standard city racks bicycle parking.

