

Myrtle/Wyckoff Avenues (M, L)

The Myrtle/Wyckoff station is an elevated, intermodal station with an entrance located in a building. The recommendations for this station type include the following improvements:

System-wide:

- Improve lighting beneath the elevated structure
- Paint columns a light, reflective color
- Install netting to prevent sanitation problems that result from birds perching
- Drain runoff directly into the storm sewer system
- Install subway signs surrounding station entrances

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 and neighborhood maps on bus shelters
- Install concrete bus pads that delineate bus stops



MTA booth dispatches the high volume of buses at Myrtle/Wyckoff Station.

Site-specific:

At this station there is a lack of pedestrian circulation space on some of the narrow sidewalks. The sidewalk on the west side of Palmetto Street, north of Wyckoff Avenue, is approximately eight feet wide. However, near the subway entrance it narrows even further to approximately four feet wide. An additional hindrance to pedestrian queuing space are the columns from the elevated structure and street vendors at the intersection of Wyckoff Avenue. A proposal to widen the sidewalk was rejected because it would narrow Palmetto Street and interfere with NYCT bus operations. Palmetto Street is part of the NYCT Myrtle-Wyckoff Intermodal Improvement Project which will improve the passenger pedestrian environment.

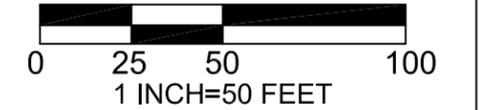
Another issue at this site is the numerous bus stops scattered throughout the study area. The Myrtle/Wyckoff Avenue station serves as the terminus for seven bus routes that carry passengers to the primary study area. On Palmetto Street, beneath the elevated structure, there is an MTA dispatch booth from which MTA employees direct the high volume of buses. In order to improve the area's bus operations and utilize the dispatcher optimally, Palmetto Street between Wyckoff and St. Nicholas avenues should be closed to create an intermodal bus terminal along the street. The large width of Palmetto Street provides an opportunity to relocate all the bus stops onto a street already used for passenger loading and bus layovers. This would enable the sidewalk extension recommended above.

Lastly, the photo booth on Myrtle and Wyckoff avenues is uninhabited and located in a direct pedestrian path. Removing the photo booth and restoring the sidewalk would provide a pleasant environment and improve pedestrian circulation around the station.

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MYRTLE AVE & WYCKOFF AVE LINES

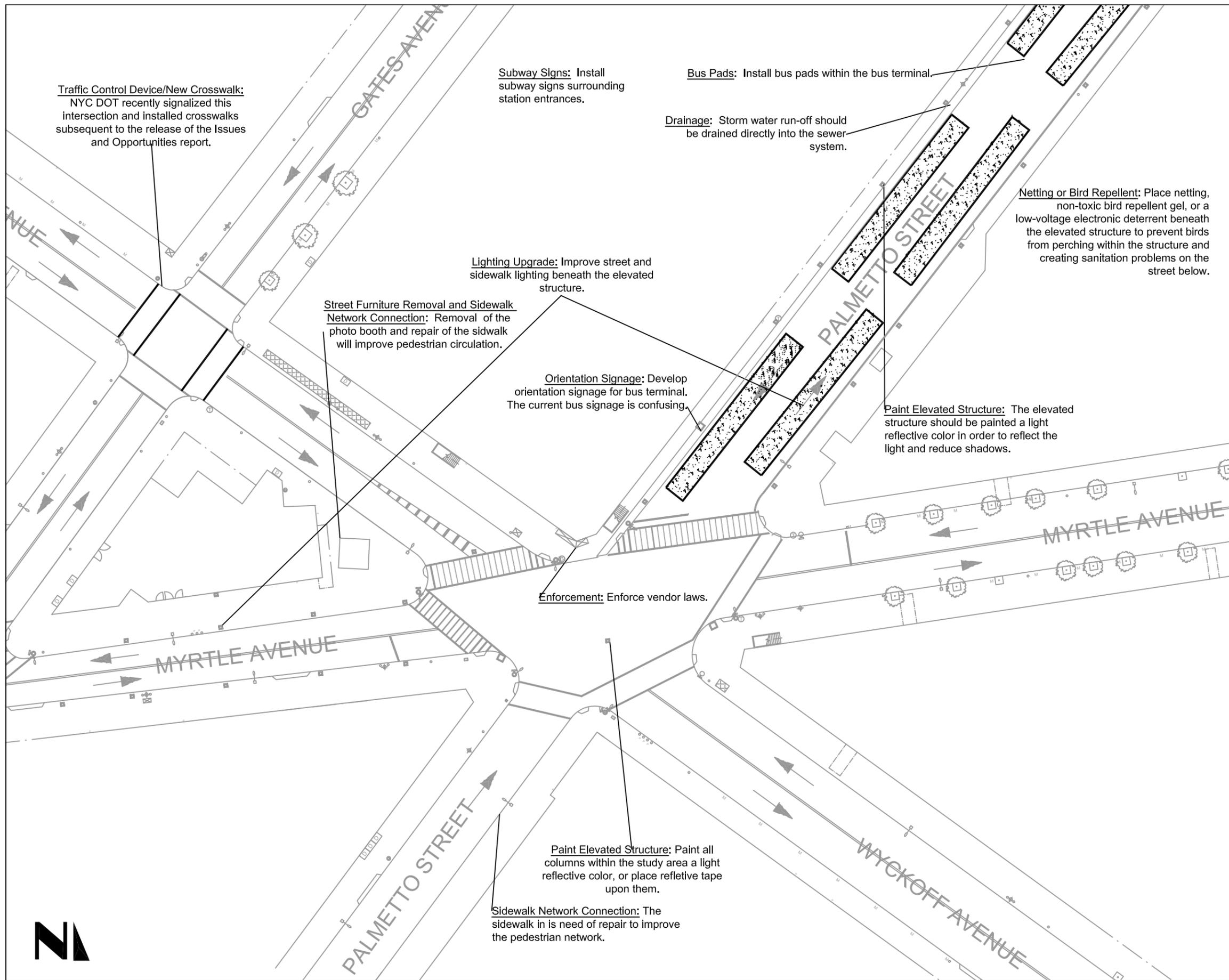
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-  COLUMN
-  SUBWAY ENTRANCE
-  STREET TREE
-  FENCE
-  MARQUEES / AWNINGS
-  DRIVEWAY / CURB CUTS
-  EMERGENCY CALL BOX
-  STREET VENDOR
-  PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL
-  RECYCLING BIN
-  STREET LIGHT
-  TRASH CAN
-  UTILITY POLE
-  DUMPSTER
-  SIGNAGE
-  PARKING METER
-  FIRE HYDRANT
-  PHONE
-  MAIL BOX
-  BOLLARD
-  BUS SHELTER
-  GRATE



Traffic Control Device/New Crosswalk: NYC DOT recently signalized this intersection and installed crosswalks subsequent to the release of the Issues and Opportunities report.

Subway Signs: Install subway signs surrounding station entrances.

Bus Pads: Install bus pads within the bus terminal.

Drainage: Storm water run-off should be drained directly into the sewer system.

Netting or Bird Repellent: Place netting, non-toxic bird repellent gel, or a low-voltage electronic deterrent beneath the elevated structure to prevent birds from perching within the structure and creating sanitation problems on the street below.

Lighting Upgrade: Improve street and sidewalk lighting beneath the elevated structure.

Street Furniture Removal and Sidewalk Network Connection: Removal of the photo booth and repair of the sidewalk will improve pedestrian circulation.

Orientation Signage: Develop orientation signage for bus terminal. The current bus signage is confusing.

Paint Elevated Structure: The elevated structure should be painted a light reflective color in order to reflect the light and reduce shadows.

Enforcement: Enforce vendor laws.

Paint Elevated Structure: Paint all columns within the study area a light reflective color, or place reflective tape upon them.

Sidewalk Network Connection: The sidewalk is in need of repair to improve the pedestrian network.

