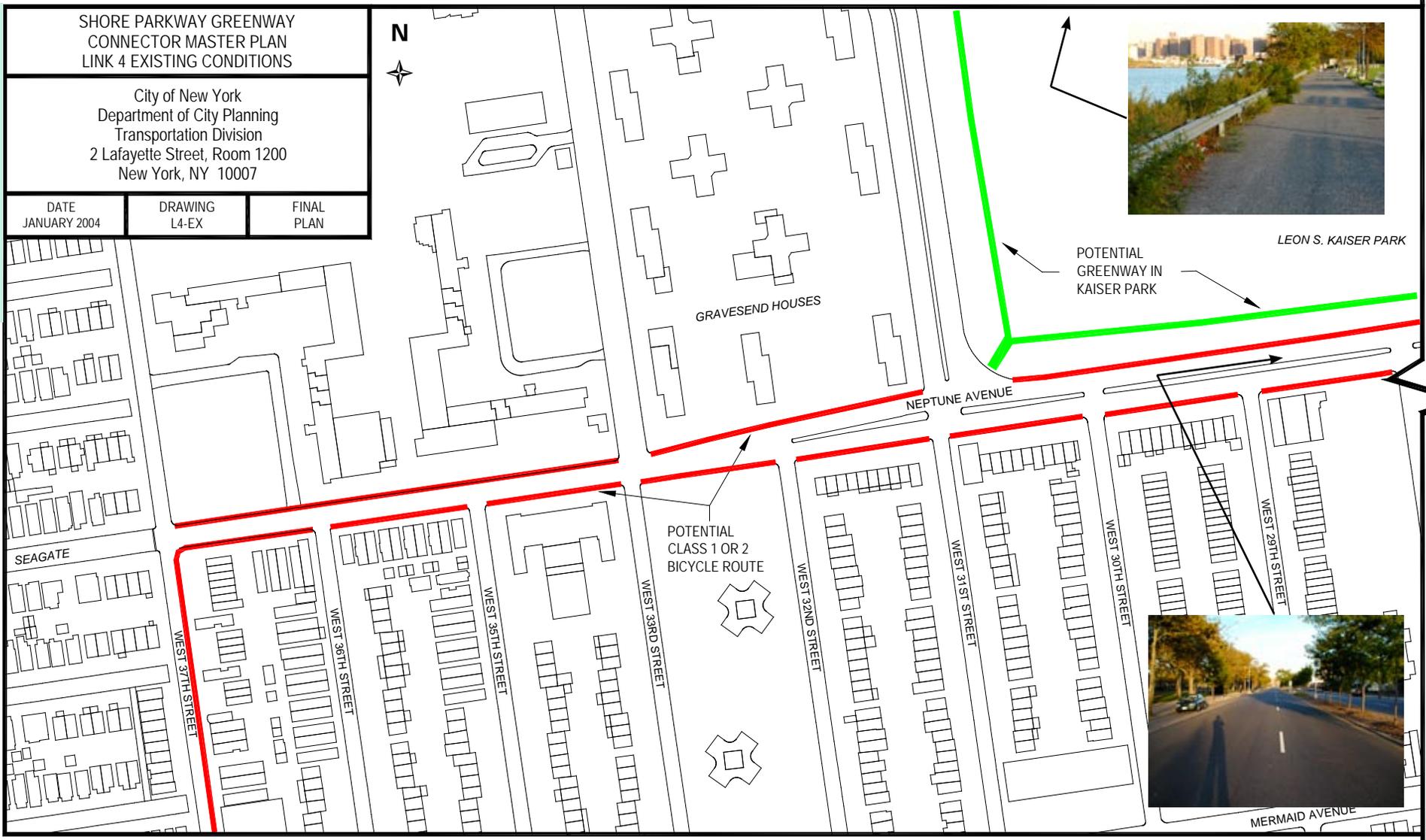


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Proposed Route



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Existing Conditions

Land uses in this link west of the Cropsey Avenue Bridge are a mix of manufacturing, residential uses, and open space along Coney Island Creek, and residential uses south and west of Neptune Avenue [Map 8]. Auto-oriented businesses are located north of Neptune Avenue from West 17th Street to West 23rd Street. Next to the Mark Twain Intermediate School 239 on Neptune Avenue, between West 23rd and West 24th Streets, is a city-owned Green Thumb garden under the jurisdiction of Parks & Recreation. Within the garden is the former Coney Island Fire Service Pumping Station, designed by Irwin S. Chanin in the Art Moderne style. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this vacant but beautiful bunker retains some of its past glory despite the decay and graffiti. Leon S. Kaiser Park is next to I.S. 239 and extends from behind the school around West 24th/West 25th Street to West 31st Street and from Neptune Avenue to the waterfront. Kaiser Park is 26 acres with pathways, tennis courts, handball courts, basketball courts, a pier, open fields and a small beach and fishing area.

High-rise public houses - Coney Island Houses, Gravesend Houses, Surfside Gardens, Carey Gardens, Bernard Haber Houses - and housing for the elderly are concentrated south of Neptune Avenue and north of Neptune Avenue between West 31st Street and West 37th Street. There are a significant number of one- and two-family homes. The gated and private Sea Gate residential community occupies the rest of the peninsula west of West 37th Street. Further south of Neptune Avenue is the world-famous Coney Island Beach and 2.6-mile Riegelmann boardwalk along the Atlantic Ocean waterfront.

Neptune Avenue from West 17th Street to West 31st Street is at least 80 feet, and, in some cases, up to 90 feet wide, with a raised or painted center median separating two travel lanes and one parallel parking lane in each direction [Figure 16 and Figure 17]. Neptune Avenue narrows from West 31st Street to West 33rd Street; at West 33rd Street the roadbed is 44 feet wide [Figure 18]; at West 37th Street the street continues as a private roadway. Traffic west of West 17th Street/Cropsey Bridge is significantly lighter than to the north or east. One-way north-south residential streets link Neptune Avenue, Surf Avenue, and the Coney Island Boardwalk. These streets, some of which end short of the waterfront or are blocked by modern high-rise buildings, are approximately 30-34 feet wide with a single travel lane and two lanes of parallel parking. There is little mass transit in this link with no subway stops and no bus service along Neptune Avenue. School buses shuttle students to and from I.S. 239.

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Existing Conditions

Existing Conditions 1

West 17th Street to West 25th Street - No Median

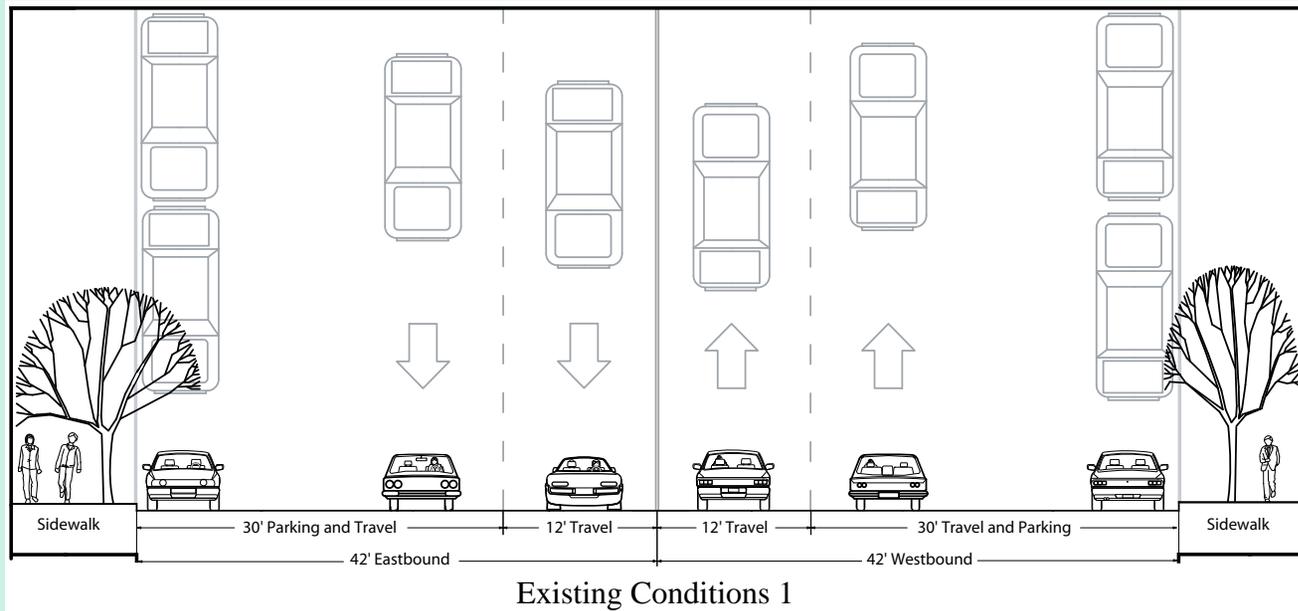
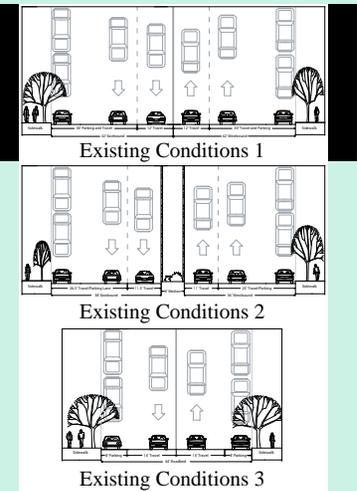


Figure 16



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Existing Conditions

Existing Conditions 2

West 25th Street to West 31st Street - Median

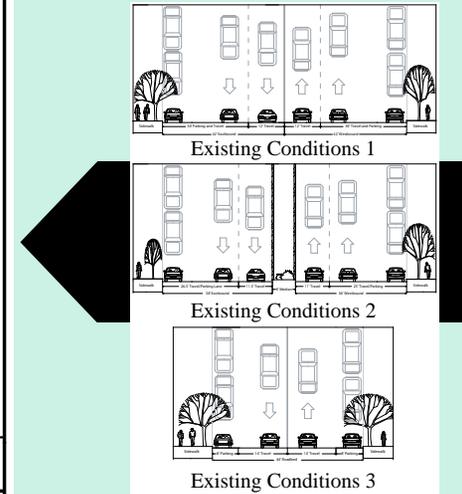
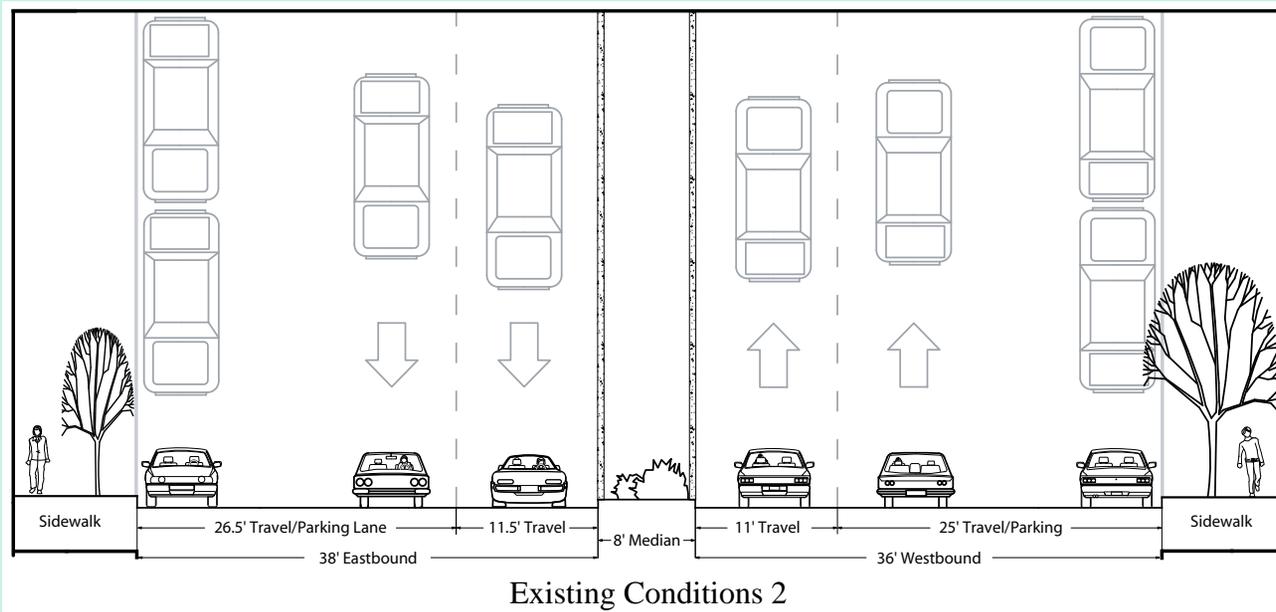


Figure 17

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Existing Conditions

Existing Conditions 3

West 33rd Street to West 37th Street - No Median

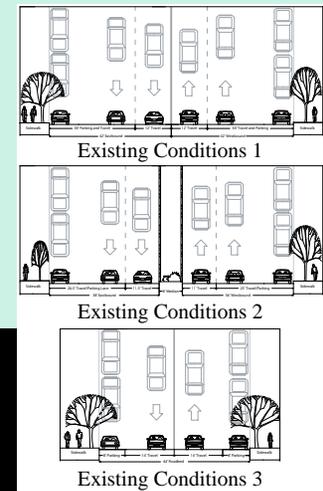
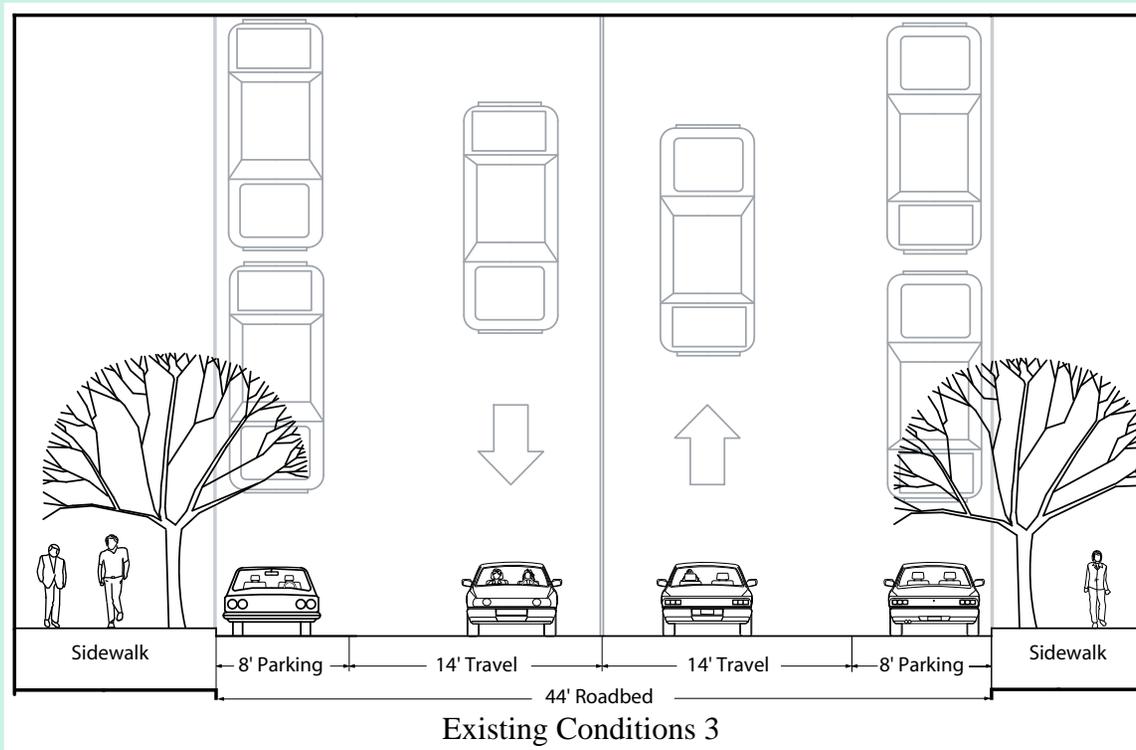


Figure 18

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Existing Conditions



- 80+ foot Roadbed
 - West 17th Street to West 31st Street
- 44-foot Roadbed
 - West 33rd Street to West 37th Street
- On-Street Parking
- Mixed Density Residential

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Future Conditions

The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation recently received \$1 million in multi-model funds from New York State Assemblywoman Adele Cohen (46th District) as well as an additional \$175,000 to build a new waterfront greenway with related amenities along the Coney Island Boardwalk. These funds will be used to implement the first phase of a new pathway for bicyclists, in-line skaters, people using wheelchairs, etc., that is parallel to the existing boardwalk, to install historic boardwalk lights and provide decorative enhancements. This new greenway will help minimize conflicts between pedestrians and wheeled users on the boardwalk by providing a dedicated facility for use at all times for wheeled users (previously bicyclists could only ride on the boardwalk from 5am to 10am each day). Several smaller paths will be spaced throughout the length of the beach that will be perpendicular to the boardwalk and greenway to allow easier beach access for people on the boardwalk or using the greenway. Between the boardwalk and the curves of the greenway will be “program coves”.

Future improvements along the waterfront of Coney Island will include new palm tree spray showers, beach playgrounds, volleyball courts and the creation of new beach activity areas including fitness stations, event areas and possibly concessions. U.S. Congressman Jerry Nadler (NY 8th District) has earmarked an additional \$3.2 million in TEA-3 funds to enable future phases of the greenway and amenities project to be constructed.

