

51st Avenue and 63rd Street Street Direction Changes Study

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Study Area / Background

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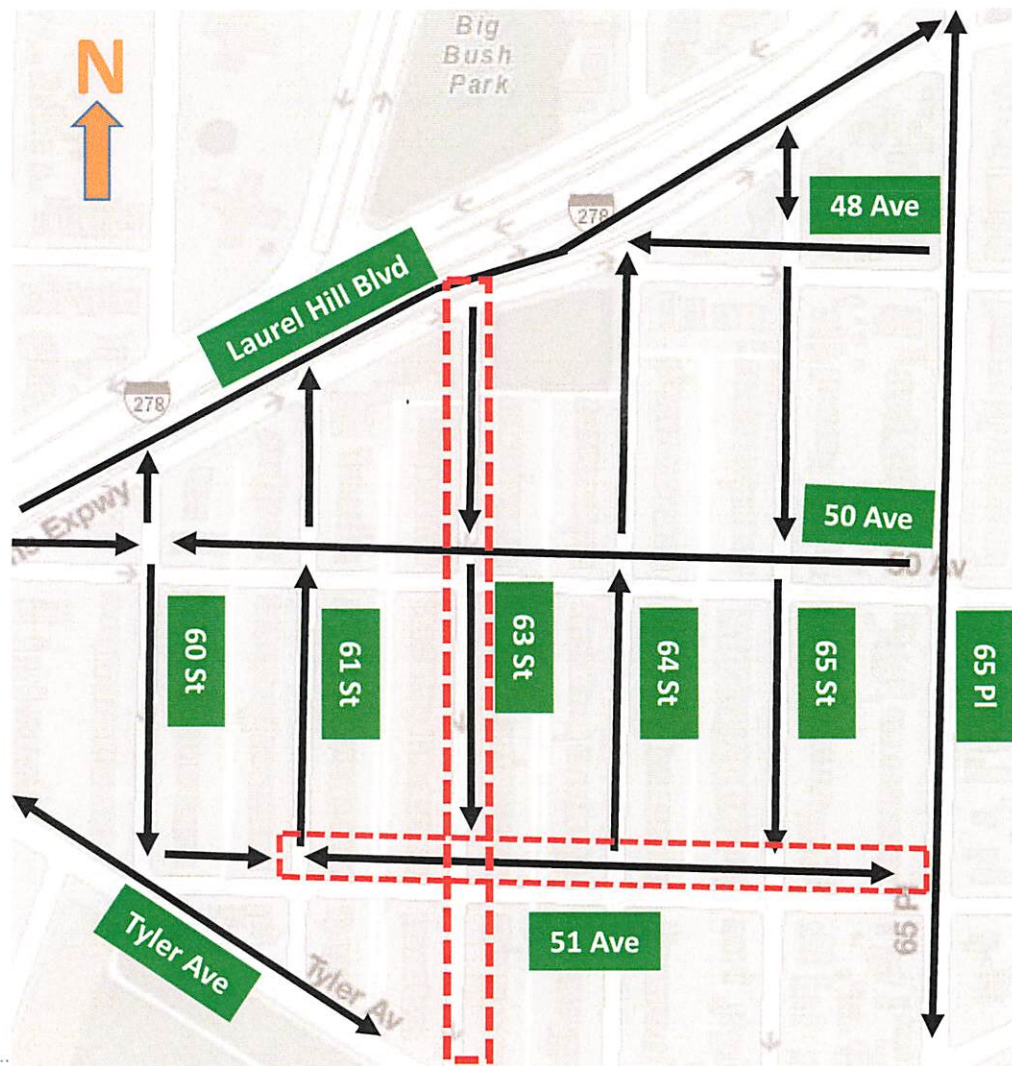
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- **May 2017:**
 - CB 2 requested conversion of 50th Avenue, from 60th Street to 65th Place.
- **August 2019:**
 - DOT implemented conversion of 50th Avenue to one-way westbound, from 65th Place to 60th Street.
- **May 2021:**
 - On behalf of residents, CB 2 requested feasibility study to convert 51st Avenue to one-way eastbound, from 61st Street to 65th Place.
- **Jan 2022:**
 - On behalf of residents, CB 2 requested feasibility study to reverse 63rd St to one-way northbound, from Tyler Ave to Laurel Hill Boulevard.

Legend:

Existing street directions = 

Streets currently studied = 

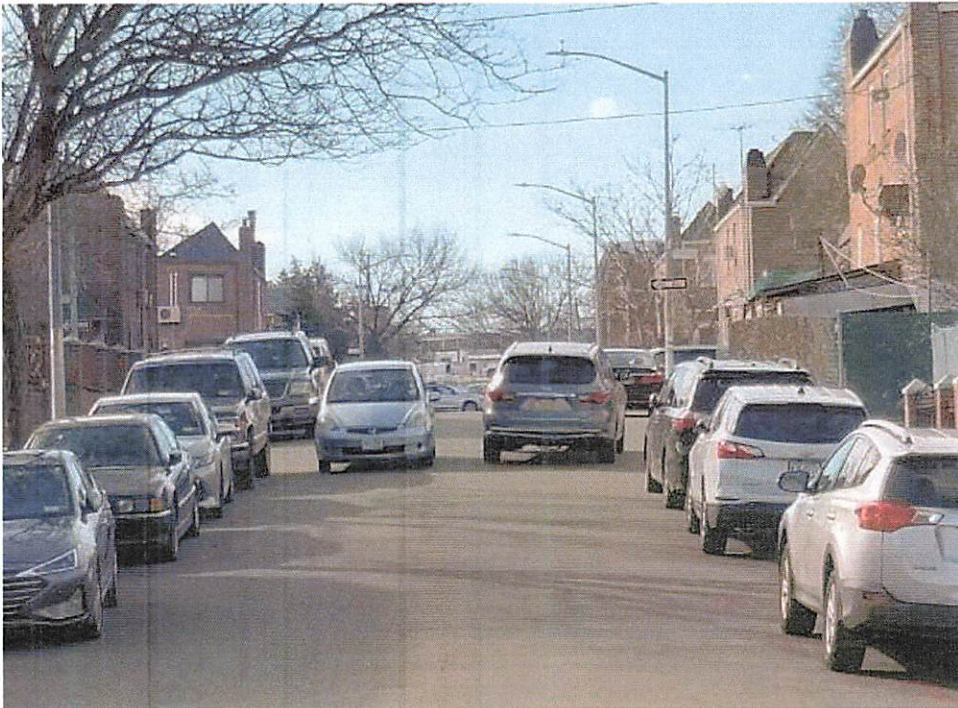


Existing Conditions

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Existing Conditions – 51st Avenue

- ❑ 51st Avenue is a 30 foot wide, two-way residential street with parking on both sides, resulting in:
 - Some vehicles required to pull over to allow opposing traffic to pass.
 - High volumes of eastbound cut-through traffic through the neighborhood.
 - Some potential for sideswipes of moving and parked vehicles.



51st Ave, looking west towards 63rd St



51st Ave, looking west towards 64th St

Existing Conditions – 63rd Street

- ❑ 63rd Street is a 30 foot wide residential street, operating one-way southbound.
 - Little Bush Park is located at the southeast corner of 63rd St and Laurel Hill Blvd.
 - Truck restriction signs are posted at the intersection of 63rd St and Laurel Hill Blvd.
 - Experiences relatively high volumes of cut-through traffic.



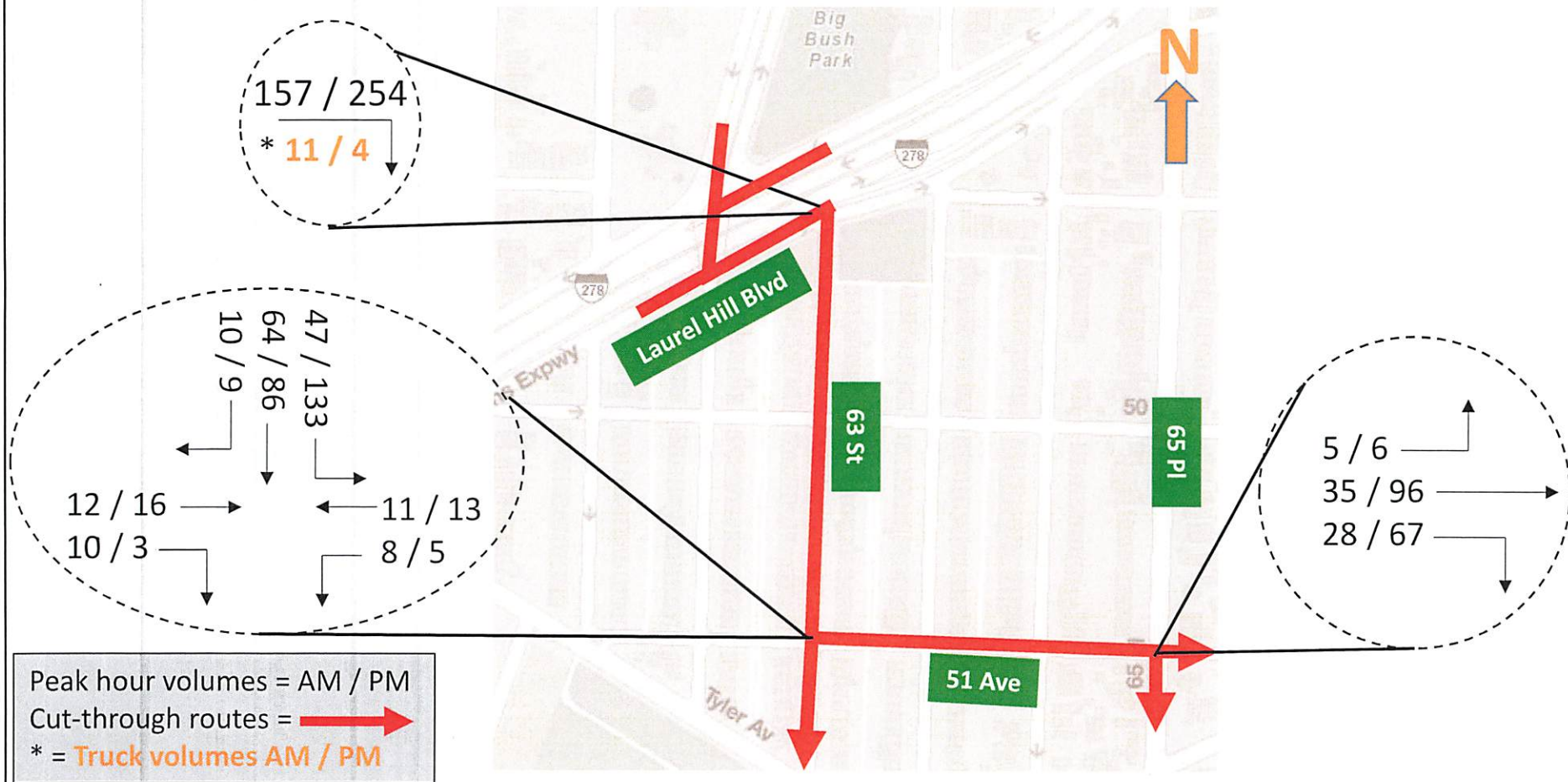
63rd St @ Laurel Hill Blvd, looking south



63rd St @ 51st Ave, looking south

Existing Conditions

- Both 63rd Street and 51st Avenue are used as cut-through routes by eastbound traffic on Laurel Hill Boulevard, destined to points east and south.

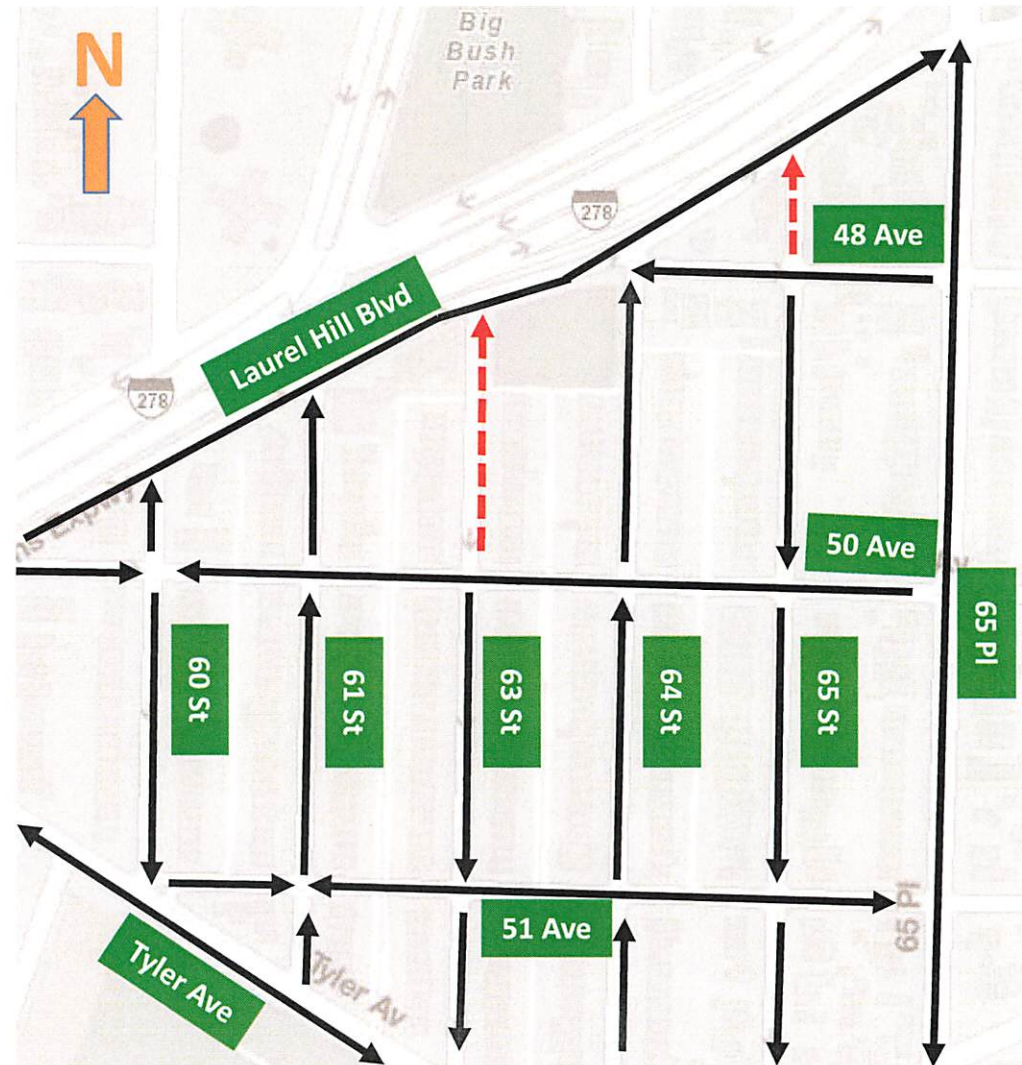


Proposed Changes


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- ❑ Reverse 63rd Street to one-way northbound operation, from 50th Avenue to Laurel Hill Boulevard.
 - Would prevent eastbound cut-through traffic from using 63rd Street to travel south.
 - This would reduce vehicular volumes significantly on 63rd St and 51st Ave.
- ❑ Convert 65th Street to one-way northbound operation, from 48th Avenue to Laurel Hill Boulevard.
 - Prevents vehicles from using 65th Street as the next available cut-through option to travel south.
- ❑ Maintain 51st Avenue as a two-way street from 61st Street to 65th Place.
 - Reduced volumes due to elimination of cut-through traffic would negate the need for converting 51st Avenue and improve safety.



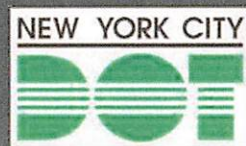
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Proposed street direction changes = 

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