

Safe Streets for Seniors - Outreach

Forest Hills, Queens

2012

Selfhelp Austin Street Senior Center – September 19, 2012

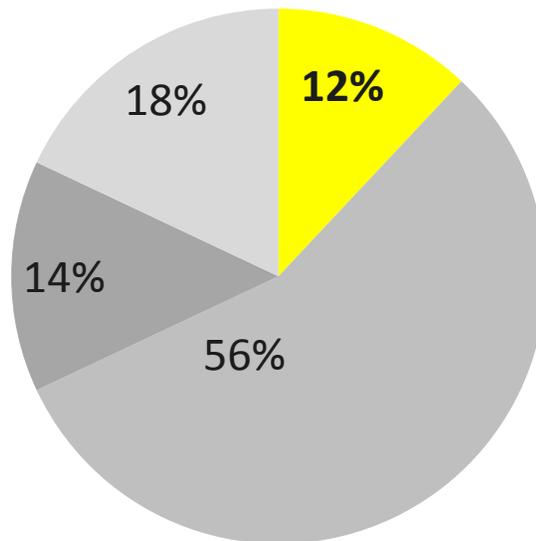


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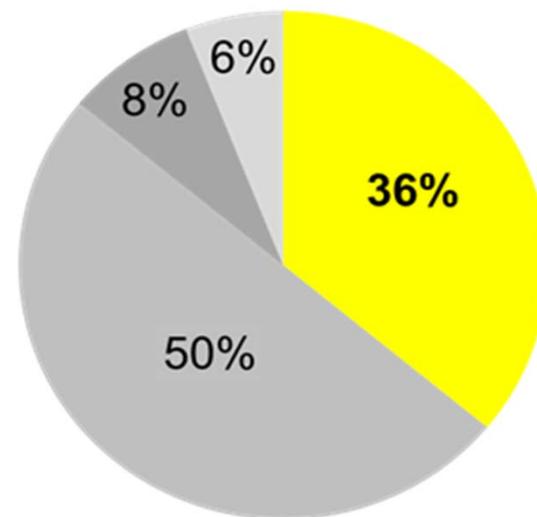
Senior Pedestrians

- 12% of the population in NYC are seniors
- 36% of pedestrian traffic fatalities are seniors

NYC Population



NYC Traffic Fatalities



- Seniors (65+)
- Adults (25-65)
- Young Adults (15-24)
- Children (0-14)

NYC's Safe Streets for Seniors

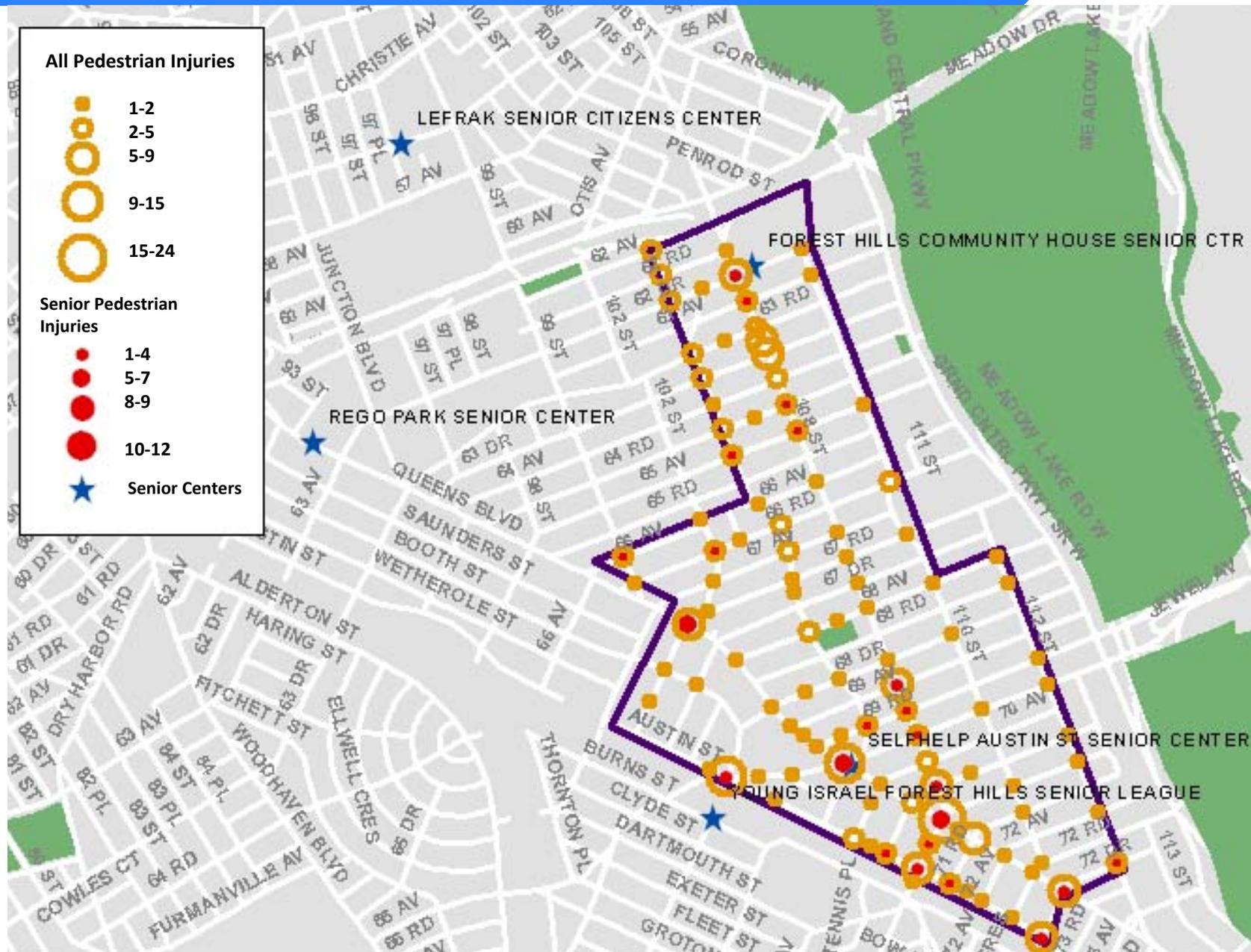
Senior Areas and Community Boards

- Round 2 Senior Area (2012-)
- Round 1 Senior Area (2008-2012)
- Pilot Senior Area (Completed)
- Community Boards

Forest Hills



Forest Hills Senior Focus Area



DOT Toolbox



Daylighting: Better driver-pedestrian visibility



Countdown Signals: Tell pedestrians how much more time they have to cross



Signal Timing: Can add more time to cross where possible



Pedestrian Refuge Islands: Shortens crossings on wide streets, provides safer crossing



Road Diet: Organizes traffic, less speeding



Sidewalk Extensions: Shortens crossing distance, slows turning cars

Queens Blvd & Yellowstone Blvd

Long crossing distances for all crosswalks



Illegal and unsafe turns



108th Street

Many seniors need more time to safely cross the wide street



108th St & 63rd Ave

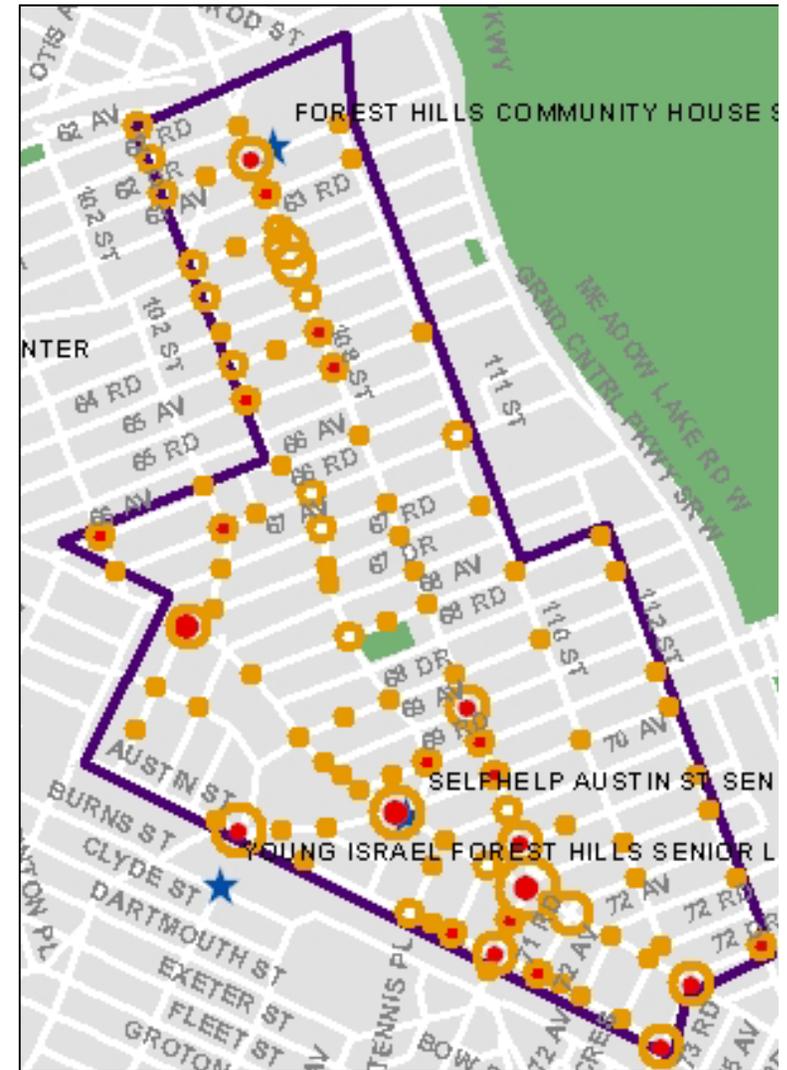
108th St & 65th Ave

Wide street with speeding



Forest Hills Senior Focus Area

- How do you usually travel around your neighborhood?
- Do seniors get around the same way?
- Which crosswalks in the study area feel least safe to cross?
- Does the senior crash data cover the most important locations?
- What other locations need safety improvements for seniors/disabled?
- Are there treatments from the DOT toolbox that would help your neighborhood?
- What other street treatments would you suggest in the study area?





Questions?



Thank
You

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