BQE and 37th Ave
Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project

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Project Area
Pedestrian Generators

- Near subways (E, M, F, R & 7) and bus terminal
- High density residential neighborhood
- Connector to retail and restaurant areas

- Subway (M/R)
- Playground
- Subway (7)
- Woodside
- Jackson Heights → Subway and bus hub
Existing Conditions

No sidewalk on south side of 37th Ave

Low vehicle volumes with excess road capacity (peak hour = 255 cars)
Existing Conditions

During peak travel hours, nearly 100 pedestrians walk in the roadbed along 37th Ave.
Existing Conditions

Grade change in concrete and pedestrian fencing make existing sidewalk inaccessible.
Right-turn-only lane from 69th St to 37th Ave is ineffective and underused.
Rapid Response Toolkit

- Pavement markings
- Painted and/or textured surfaces
- Concrete work
- Flexible delineators
- Jersey Barriers
Create sidewalk space with markings and paint protected by jersey barriers and flexible delineators
Proposal

Move pedestrian fence back and do concrete work to make sidewalk accessible
Proposal

Remove right-turn-only lane, extend parking, and shorten crossings

Turning vehicles (355 during peak hour) have a protected signal phase to make turns
Proposal

Looking Southwest
1. Install “painted” sidewalk extension protected by flexible delineators and jersey barriers
2. Move pedestrian fence back and do concrete work to make existing sidewalk accessible
3. Remove right-turn only lane on NB 69th St and shorten crosswalks