Thomson Ave & Skillman Ave
Pedestrian & Traffic Safety Improvements
CB2 - Traffic & Transportation Committee

Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan  New York City Department of Transportation
Office of Research, Implementation & Safety
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• December 2012 / January 2013 - DOT receives requests from CB2, CM Van Bramer and LaGuardia College for improvements at Thomson Ave & Van Dam Street
• 3/11/13 - Student Fatality
• 3/28/13 - DOT Meeting with LaGuardia College
  – Traffic consultant to conduct neighborhood traffic safety study
• 4/16/13 - DOT implemented signal improvements
• Mid April – sign improvements and refurbishments at Thomson Ave & Van Dam St
• Marking refurbishments ongoing
Thomson Ave & Skillman Ave – Implemented Signal improvements

Will study Thomson Ave to evaluate need for Electronic speed display signs
Thomson Ave & Skillman Ave – relevant data

**Westbound Right Turn Slipramp Volumes**
MD: 32
PM: 34
15% light commercial, no heavy trucks

**Eastbound Left Turn Volumes**
MD: 73
PM: 179
(All outbound traffic from the Koch Bridge)
Nearly zero trucks

Skillman Ave At Thomson Ave, QN
Injury Summary, 2007-2011 (5 Years)

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Thomson Ave & Skillman Ave slip ramp – Current Conditions
Thomson Ave & Skillman Ave slip ramp – Proposed Slipramp Closure
Thomson Ave & Skillman Ave – Proposed Slip Ramp Closure & EB Left Turn Ban

6 planters LaGuardia College to maintain

Other options to “harden” this edge: granite blocks or guard rail

DOT currently working with FDNY to ensure emergency services access
• Other area of concern – 30th St Crosswalk
  – Extremely high pedestrian volumes
  – High School and College students
  – Frequent Vehicle Pedestrian Conflicts
Other Potential Safety Changes

- Additional turn bans
- Network changes
- Comprehensive pedestrian and traffic improvements at key intersections