BQE and 37th Ave
Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project

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Project Area
Pedestrian Generators

Neighborhoods near subways (E, M, F, R & 7) and bus terminal

High density residential neighborhood

Connector to retail and restaurant areas

Subway (M/R)

Playground

← Woodside

Subway (7)

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 NB 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
- Urban Art Program
Create sidewalk space with markings and paint protected by jersey barriers and flexible delineators.
Proposal

Install high visibility crosswalk and pedestrian signage
Proposal

Remove pedestrian fence 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
Walking distance along 37th Ave reduced by 100’ and 3 crossings
Summary

1. Install “painted” sidewalk extension protected by flexible delineators and jersey barriers
2. Install crosswalk and pedestrian signage at BQE SB entrance
3. Remove pedestrian fence and do concrete work to make existing sidewalk accessible
4. Remove right-turn only lane on NB 69th St and shorten crosswalks
Thank You

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