3rd Avenue Turnbays
Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project

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Nearby subways (4/5/6) and 5 bus routes

Shopping and restaurant corridor with dense residential use

Near to Central Park and Metropolitan Art Museum
Crash History

5 years (2007-2011):
- 78 total injuries
- 26 pedestrian injuries
- 3 severe injuries

18 pedestrian injuries
8 pedestrian injuries
Existing Conditions

Overly wide corridor with excess capacity and long crossings

Looking South at E 78th St

70’ with 5 moving lanes

Third Ave PM Peak Volumes
E 86th St: 1,425 vehicles
E 79th St: 1,585 vehicles
Existing Conditions

Pedestrians waiting in the roadbed to cross in the shadow of parking lane

Double turning from 3rd Ave

Double parking on 3rd Ave
Rapid Response Toolkit

- Painted and/or textured surfaces
- Planters with maintenance partner
- Pavement markings
- Flexible delineators
- Sign installation

Sidewalk extensions with and without maintenance partners
Proposal: E 86th & 79th Sts

Add painted neckdown in shadow of left-turn lane

Add left turn-only lane on Third Ave
Proposal: E 86th & 79th Sts

- Shorten crosswalks 16’
- Reduce pedestrian exposure to left-turning vehicles
Existing

Looking North at E 86th St
1. Add new left-turn only lane on Third Ave to E 79th St and E 86th St
2. Install “painted” neckdowns with flexible delineators in the shadow of left-turn lane to decrease crossing distances and reduce pedestrian exposure