2ND AVE E 68TH ST TO 59TH ST

PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS

New York City Department of Transportation

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OVERVIEW

1. Protected Bike Network
   Implementation Update

2. Evaluation of Off-Peak
   Protected Bike Lane
   (2\textsuperscript{nd} Ave, 52\textsuperscript{nd} to 43\textsuperscript{rd} Streets)

3. Filling the Gaps

4. Proposal: Bridge
   (2\textsuperscript{nd} Ave, 68\textsuperscript{th} to 59\textsuperscript{th} Streets)

5. Update: Tunnel
   (2\textsuperscript{nd} Ave, 43\textsuperscript{rd} to 34\textsuperscript{th} Streets)

6. Next Steps
Protected Bike Network Implementation Update
**Northbound: 1st Ave**
- Continuous 9-mile protected bike lane connecting Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx

**Southbound: 2nd Ave**
- Challenges to creating continuous protected bike lane:
  - 2nd Ave Subway construction
  - High traffic volumes approaching Queensboro Bridge and Midtown Tunnel
2ND AVENUE EXISTING BIKE FACILITIES

**PROTECTED BIKE LANE**
- 96 St – 88 St: 2016 (MTA)
- 88 St – 82 St: Functional, not yet completed (MTA)
- 82 St to 74 St: 2016 (DOT)
- 74 St – 68 St: Functional, not yet completed (MTA)

**ENHANCED SHARED LANE**
- 68 St – 59 St Bridge: Fall 2016/17 (MTA/DOT)

**PROTECTED BIKE LANE**
- 59 St – 43 St: 2017 (DOT)
- 52 St – 43 St: *Off-peak Protected Bike Lane Design* 2017 (DOT)

**ENHANCED SHARED LANE**
- 43 St – 34 St Tunnel: 2011 (DOT)
BIKE VOLUMES ARE GROWING

In the third quarter of 2017, 699,000 Citi Bike trips either started or ended in CB 6 and CB 8.

Bike Counts on 2nd Ave: +105% (2015-2017)

On Average, 5,406 cyclists use the Queensboro Bridge bike lane daily (between April and October).

Bicycle Volume Data: Average of three 12-hr (7AM-7PM) counts conducted on weekdays in May, July, and September for each year reported.
# Safety Concerns

## 2nd Ave is a Vision Zero Priority Corridor

### 2 Ave, 68 St – 59 St

Injury Summary, 2012-2016 (5 years)

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Fatalities, 01/01/2012 – 03/19/2018: None

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Fatalities, 01/01/2012 – 03/19/2018: None

Source: Fatalities: NYCDOT. Injuries: NYSDOT. KSI: Persons killed or severely injured
Evaluation of Off-Peak Protected Bike Lane Design
BEFORE: 2 AVE, 52 ST – 43 ST

- High traffic volumes, lack of organization in roadway
- Gap in the protected bike lane network where facilities were most needed
- Site specific curb access and parking needs

Enhanced Shared Lane

Evaluation of Off-Peak Protected Bike Lane Design
AFTER: Peak Period Design

Curbside bike lane provides dedicated space for cyclists
Maintains five moving lanes
Loading not permitted
Evaluation of Off-Peak Period Bike Lane Design

AFTER: Off-Peak Design

Parking protected bike lane provides dedicated space for cyclists, separated from moving vehicles

Removal of travel lane calms traffic when speeding is more likely to occur

Loading permitted
VEHICLE SPEEDS: MIDTOWN IN MOTION EZPASS DATA

Data show no significant change to average vehicle speeds in the project area (2nd Ave 59th St to 43rd St)

Overall, average motor vehicle speeds on streets in Midtown Manhattan decreased during this same time period**

Source: EZPASS 2017 October Mid-week Vs. 2016 October Mid-Week.
Note *: 2nd Avenue - Southbound - 42nd St to 34th St, 15 min Average Travel Time using 2017 October midweek vs. 2016 October midweek (The 2016 data for this link is approximate using the historical travel time as EZPASS reader at 34 St was down during this month).
Note **Taxi GPS is used as a proxy for travel speeds.)
**BLOCKING OF BIKE LANE: TIME LAPSE CAMERA OBSERVATIONS**

### Bike Lane Blockages

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### No Stopping Left Turn Area Blockages

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- Bike lane is clear 97% of the time
- Left Turn Area is clear 75% of the time

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No Standing
7am-10am 3pm-7pm
Mon - Fri

No Stopping Left Turn Area
Bike Volumes: Before/After Counts

Off-Peak Protected Bike Lane installed on 2nd Ave, 59 St to 43 St in Spring/Summer 2017

2015-2017

- 2011: 1,241
- 2015: 2,070
- 2016: 2,239
- 2017: 2,814

+36% increase in cycling (2015-2017)

Bicycle Volume Data: Average of three 12-hr (7AM-7PM) counts conducted on weekdays in May, July, and September for each year reported.
Proposal
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CORRIDOR: EXISTING CONDITIONS

High Traffic Volume
- High volume especially approaching bridge and tunnel

Curb Access/ Parking
- Commercial un/loading, drop-off/pick-up of passengers

Heavily Used Cycling Route
- No dedicated space for cyclists
- Gap in the protected bike network
**CORRIDOR: PROPOSED DESIGN (68<sup>th</sup> – 60<sup>th</sup> St)**

**Gap in the Protected Bike Network**
- No dedicated space for cyclists
- Enhanced shared lane breaks down during peak hour

**Peak Period** (7am - 10am, 3pm - 8pm)
- Curbside buffered bike lane
- Maintains vehicular capacity

**Off-Peak Period**
- Parking protected bike lane
- Traffic calming
- East curb access (loading/unloading)
- West curb access (loading/unloading) when bus lane not in effect
Proposal

QUEENSBORO BRIDGE: EXISTING CONDITIONS

Complex intersection
- High, constant vehicle volumes
- Limited pedestrian and bicycle access
QUEENSBORO BRIDGE: EXISTING/ISSUES

Vehicle Volumes:

1. High volumes throughout the day

2. No pedestrian and bike crossing on east side from 60th and 59th St

3. Southbound cyclists forced to merge turning vehicles to continue traveling through
QUEENSBORO BRIDGE: PROPOSED THREE STAGE CROSSING

Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 1
QUEENSBORO BRIDGE: PROPOSAL

1. Add pedestrian and bicycle crossing
   - Allows pedestrian crossing along east side
   - Closes the gap on the protected bike network on 2nd Ave

2. Add concrete island and tip extension
   - Shorter pedestrian and bicycle crossing that works with signal timing

3. Change in lane configuration
   - Existing:
     - 3 SB through
     - 1 shared SB/left lane
     - 1 left lane onto QBB
   - Proposed:
     - 3 SB through
     - 2 left lanes onto QBB
     - No left turn from 2nd Ave onto 59th St

4. No change to signal timing
PROPOSED DESIGN ELEMENTS AND BENEFITS

**EXISTING**

- **PROPOSED: Peak Period**
  - 11' Bus Lane/ Turn Lane
  - 10' Travel Lane
  - 10' Travel Lane
  - 10' Travel Lane
  - 10' Enhanced Shared Lane
  - 9' Parking Lane

**PROPOSED: Off-Peak Period**

- Continue existing lane south to 59th St
  - Bike lane is now continuous from 125th to 43rd Street
  - Shared lanes replaced with dedicated bike lanes at bridge

**New pedestrian crossing at QB Bridge**
- People can now walk continuously along east side

**Minimize congestion impacts**
- Signal timing remains the same, minimizing back-ups into surrounding streets
PROPOSED DESIGN ELEMENTS AND BENEFITS

- **New Curbside Bike Lane:** Fills the gap in bike network on 2 Ave from E 68 St to E 59 St
- **New Cut Through:** Improves Pedestrian Access
- **New Pedestrian and Bicycle Access:** Ramp to QBB
- **New Concrete Island:** Creates Shared Pedestrians and Cyclists Space
- **New Tip Extension and Cut Through**
- **New Pedestrian Island**
- **New Signal Infrastructure:** (Same Signal Timing) Allows for pedestrians and cyclists to cross 2 Ave from E 60 St to E 59 St along the east side
QUEENS MIDTOWN TUNNEL: ISSUES

- Complex intersection
- High vehicular volume for most of the day

Ongoing MTA work around the Tunnel area

DOT is currently working with MTA to develop a plan
Next Steps
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**QUEENSBORO BRIDGE**

- **Project Development**
  - Complete analysis and design of corridor during all traffic configurations
  - Finalize proposal for rush hour/parking regulations

- **Community Outreach**
  - Present finalized designs to
    - Elected Officials
    - Community Board 6 and 8

- **Implementation**
  - Late 2018 / Early 2019

**QUEENS MIDTOWN TUNNEL**

- DEP capital work on 2nd Ave between 34th and 36th Streets

- DOT is working with MTA to develop a plan for the area

- Due to ongoing work and coordination efforts, facilities between 34th and 43rd Streets will not be implemented at the same time as QBB
THANK YOU!

Questions?