The Future of 34th Avenue
Open Street

Office of Street Improvement Programs
October 2021
Open Streets & 34th Ave
Program Milestones

• 17.4 mi of Open Streets in top 33 neighborhoods hardest hit by COVID

• 100 School Open Street Partners

• 20 City Supported & Maintained Open Streets

• 109 unique miles of Open Streets over 2 years
34th Ave Open Street

26 Blocks, 1.3 Miles

69th Street to Junction Blvd

Limited Local Access, Every Day, 7am – 8pm

Temporary Full Closures, M-F, at PS 149 & PS 398
34th Ave Current Operations

- Planters
- Barricades w/ Open Street Signage

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# End of Summer Schedule for 34th Avenue

## August 2021

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Event Locations:
- Black: 93rd St. and 34th Ave.
- Red: 90th St. and 34th Ave.
- Blue: 77th St. and 34th Ave.
- Green: Different Locations

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Safety Impacts on 34th Avenue

Traffic Crashes on 34th Avenue
- Crashes with Injuries:
  - 3 year Average Before: 43
  - After: 38
- Pedestrian Injuries:
  - 3 year Average Before: 11
  - After: 7
- Total Injuries:
  - 3 year Average Before: 56
  - After: 43
Community Engagement
Recent Timeline: DOT Public Engagement on 34<sup>th</sup> Ave

2018
- Summer: Community calls for safety improvements on 34th Ave
- October: Walkthrough with CEC 30
- Fall/Winter: PTA meetings along the 34th Avenue corridor

2019
- Winter 2018/19: Outreach for corridor redesign begins
- Spring: Meetings with 9 School Administrations/PTAs, Community Board 3
  - Request for: traffic calming measures, safer crossings, slow vehicular traffic, divert vehicles off avenue during arrival and dismissal, better bike infrastructure
- Summer/Fall 2019: Analysis for traffic calming measures
- Fall/Winter 2019: Continued outreach to schools/PTAs, local residents, Community Board 3, Elected Officials

2020
- March: COVID shutdown
- May: 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue Open Street Launches
- Fall: Outreach to community, elected officials and CB on future of Open Street

2021
- Winter 2020/21: Community Listening and Info Sessions & Public Survey Launch
- February/March 2021: 34<sup>th</sup> Ave design workshops
- June 2021: Community Board Report back on Outreach
- Continued Outreach to Schools/PTAs
- Ongoing Traffic Data Collection
Who took the survey

2,212
Community Survey Responses:

- 93% of survey responses were local to the Jackson heights neighborhood

- Nearly a third (27%) of participants who took the survey listed 34th Ave as the closest intersection to their home

- 90% of participants say they live nearby, close in proximity to 34th Avenue
Would you like to see permanent changes to make 34th Ave a pedestrian and/or cycling priority corridor?

- **YES**: 77% (1,600)
- **NO**: 24% (493)

(Data Notes: (x) Number of Responses, Displayed % Values Rounded, Based on 2212 responses unless otherwise noted)
Design Considerations
Design Considerations – Transportation Network

Bus Routes & Ridership
Bicycle & Pedestrian Priority
Traffic Volumes

AM/PM Spot Check Counts: Vehicles, Fall 2020 & Peds, Fall 2021
Design Considerations - Access

Maintain Critical Vehicular Access

- Driveways
- Fire Hydrants
- Deliveries
- Pick-Up/Drop-Off
Design Considerations - Schools

7 Schools Less than a block from 34th Ave

Enhance Safety
Access to Public Space
Events & Programming
Design Proposal*

* Exact design details still in development
Project Goals

- Ensure that each block has at least the public space benefits it has today
- Make the street more engineered for local access and less reliant on French barricades
- Add car-free spaces where appropriate, along with shared spaces that could be made car-free for events
Existing Conditions
Diverters
Diverters - Operations
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Plaza Blocks/Shared Blocks
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Shared Streets
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69-73 blocks
73-77 blocks
81-85 blocks
85-89 blocks
89-93 blocks
93-97 blocks
Next Steps

2021

• **October 2021**: Presentation of design proposals at CB3

• **Fall 2021**: Interagency Coordination:
  - MTA/NYCTA on Junction bus stop relocation
  - FDNY
  - NYPD
  - Sanitation

• **Fall/Winter 2021**: Incorporate feedback and finalize design proposal

2022

• **Spring 2022**:
  - Implement Corridor Improvements
  - Monitor Improvements
  - Ongoing Public Engagement on Design and Capital Improvements
Q & A

Thank you!