Astoria Blvd Capital Planning Update

Presentation to Queens Community Board 3
May 19th, 2022
Agenda

1. Background and Past Work
2. Current and upcoming Capital Improvements
Background and Past Work
Astoria Blvd Background

• Request from then Councilmember Ferreras-Copeland for safety enhancements
• DOT hosted workshop in April 2015 to identify priority and issues for eastern portion of corridor
• DOT hosted subsequent workshop in December 2015 with then Councilmember Constantinides to discuss western portion
Astoria Blvd
Background

• DOT proposed an in-house safety project to CB 3 in April and May of 2015 and installed in 2016 and 2017
• Project made intersection improvements and lane markings changes on the eastern and western ends of the corridor
• PM rush hour lane was removed on the south side, reducing highway-like feel to the boulevard
Astoria Blvd In-House Project

- 10,000 sq. ft. of Concrete Work
- 5 New Crosswalks
- 2 New Signals
- 7 New Street Trees
- 1 New LPI
- 78 Upgraded Pedestrian Ramps
- 180 Parking Spaces added in PM
Astoria Blvd In-House Project

• 9% reduction in crashes with injuries
• 28% reduction in pedestrian injuries
Current and Upcoming Capital Improvements
Current Capital Improvements

108th St and Astoria Blvd

• Capital project in construction
• Project will close slip lane from 108th St to Astoria Blvd
• Part of citywide pedestrian safety project (HWPEDSF5)
• This site funded by former CM Ferreras-Copeland
Upcoming Capital Improvements

Astoria Blvd Safety Improvements

• $12.9M Project ($300K from former CM Constantinides)
• 3 locations
• Interest from Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez as part of Federal Community Project Funding
Upcoming Capital Improvements

Astoria Blvd Safety Improvements
• Pedestrian Safety Enhancement
• Pedestrian Accessibility Improvements
• Bus Stop Improvements
• Vehicular Safety Improvements

2018 – Project Scoped
2020 – Project Funded
2022 – Project Initiated/Design Kickoff
2023 - Preliminary Design
  -Community Presentation
2024 - Final Design
2025 – Construction
Approximately 2027 - Completion
Astoria Blvd and 24th Avenue

Improvements

1. New left turn bay
2. Bus Bulb at 82nd St
3. Curb extensions at 82nd St
4. Widen median on 82nd St to add pedestrian refuge
5. Curb extensions at 24th Ave and 83rd St to create continuous pedestrian path
Astoria Blvd and 25th Avenue

Improvements

1. Extend median at 88th St for pedestrian refuge
2. Bus bulb at 88th St
3. Close slip lane to 25th Ave
4. Curb extensions at 89th St to create continuous pedestrian path
Astoria Blvd and 25th Avenue

Improvements
1. New sidewalk along 25th Ave
2. Close slip lane from Astoria Blvd to eastbound 25th Ave
3. Expand triangle and green street at 90th Pl

Note: This location is heavily dependent on grading and may be subject to change. Goal of improvement is to create a continuous pedestrian path along Astoria Blvd.
Astoria Blvd and 29th Avenue

Improvements
1. Curb extensions at 29th Ave and 102nd St to create direct pedestrian crossings
2. Widen median on Astoria Blvd to create pedestrian refuge
3. Curb extensions at Humphrey’s St to slow turns
Thank You!

Questions?