SAFETY & PUBLIC SPACE IMPROVEMENTS IN COURT SQUARE

Public Space Unit  .  February 2021
Agenda

Introductions
  • Chat
  • Live Poll

Presentation

Design Workshop
  • Breakout Sessions

Closing Conversation
  • Workshop Summaries
  • Next Steps
  • Q & A
Introduction

DOT Queens Borough Commissioner’s Office

DOT Public Space
DOT Public Space: 2020 Recovery Efforts

Open Streets

Open Restaurants

Open Streets: Restaurants

Open Streets: Plazas

Open Streets: Play

Emergency BikeCorrals
Why Court Square?

- Fastest Growing Neighborhood
- Rebalancing for Pedestrians & Vehicles
- Economic Recovery & Resilience
Live Poll

What is your primary mode of transport to/from Court Square?
December 2020 Virtual Workshops

Workshop Summary
DOT Public Realm Improvements in Long Island City
NYC DOT & the Public Realm in LIC

L-Space: Dutch Kills

44th Dr. StreetSeat

12th StreetSeat

Weekend Walks: Vernon Blvd

2020 Open Streets

NYC Open Restaurants
Court Square & the Public Realm

Insufficient bike infrastructure

Significant north-south bound pedestrian traffic

Pedestrian infrastructure doesn’t respond to desire paths

Jackson Ave. (facing Court Sq. West)

Court Square Park (facing south from Court Sq. West)
Court Square & the Public Realm

Conflict between industrial and pedestrian activities.
DOT’s Public Space Toolkit
Community Outreach

Lessons Learned
2019 On-street Outreach

53 interactions
2 deployments on October 23 & 30, 2019

Top Safety Concerns Reported

1. Vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians
2. Heavy vehicular traffic
3. Speeding vehicles
4. Vehicles illegally parked

Top Improvements Requested

1. More pedestrian circulation space
2. More seating
3. More bike amenities
Areas of Improvement

1. Poor pedestrian connections
2. Lack of crosswalks or sidewalk
3. Issues with double parking
4. Median on Jackson Ave
Areas of Improvement

Live poll results

- Speeding vehicles
- Vehicles failing to yield
- Vehicles illegally parking
- Heavy truck traffic
- Trucks loading and/or unloading
- Pedestrians crossing outside of marked crosswalks
- Cyclists failing to yield to pedestrians
- Cyclists biking in the wrong direction
- Cyclists running stop lights/stop signs
- Cyclists riding on the sidewalk
Community Assets

1. All green spaces such as Rafferty Triangle and Court Square Park
2. Businesses on Jackson Ave and Crescent St
3. Public space activations such as the 44th Dr StreetSeat and L-SPace
4. Local cultural institutions
Project Ideas

1. Better pedestrian crossings and connections.
2. Creating more pedestrian crossings through the median on Jackson Ave.
3. Expanding the public space around Court Sq. Park
4. Activating parking lots on Dutch Kills
5. Connecting Rafferty Triangle and the pedestrian triangle on Hunter St.
6. Pedestrianizing part of 45th Ave.
7. Public space improvements on Court Sq. West.
8. Expanding sidewalks on Jackson Ave.
Project Ideas Proposed at December Workshops

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NYC DOT’s Near-Term Project Ideas
Design Concepts

Breakout Sessions
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Figure 1: Public Space Toolkit

- Flexible Delineators
- Signage
- Seating Furniture
- Planters
- Umbrellas
- Markings
- Bike Rack
- Epoxy Gravel
Design Concept #1
Design Concept #1
Design Concept #2

Chat: Alt + H

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Design Concept #3

Court Square Park

Long Island City Courthouse

Court Sq. West

Jackson Ave

McKenna Triangle
Design Concept #3
Project Idea #4

Jackson Ave

Thomson Ave

44th Dr

Court Square Park

Court Sq, East

Court Sq West
Project Idea #4

Vehicular Traffic
Programmable Public Space
Pedestrian circulation

Court Square Park
Jackson Ave
Thomson Ave
44th Dr
Court St East
Closing Conversation
Workshop Summary
Next Steps

2021

• **January- February 2021**: Virtual design workshops: *Conceptual design proposals*

• **March- April 2021**: CB2 Meeting: *Presentation of design proposals*

• **Late Spring – Summer 2021**: Implementation of interim improvements
Thank you!