



# 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE

## PROTECTED BICYCLE LANE

New York City Department of Transportation

Presented by the Bicycle and Greenway Program on June 6, 2016 to Manhattan Community Board 6



## (1) Background

- Project Area
- Bike Network
- Safety
- Vehicle Network

## (2) Existing Conditions

- Design of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue
- Use of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue

## (3) Proposal

- Protected Bike Lanes
- Vehicle Mobility
- 48<sup>th</sup> St Island

## (4) Summary

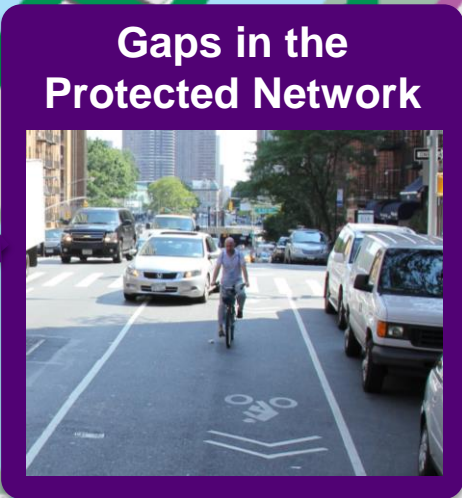


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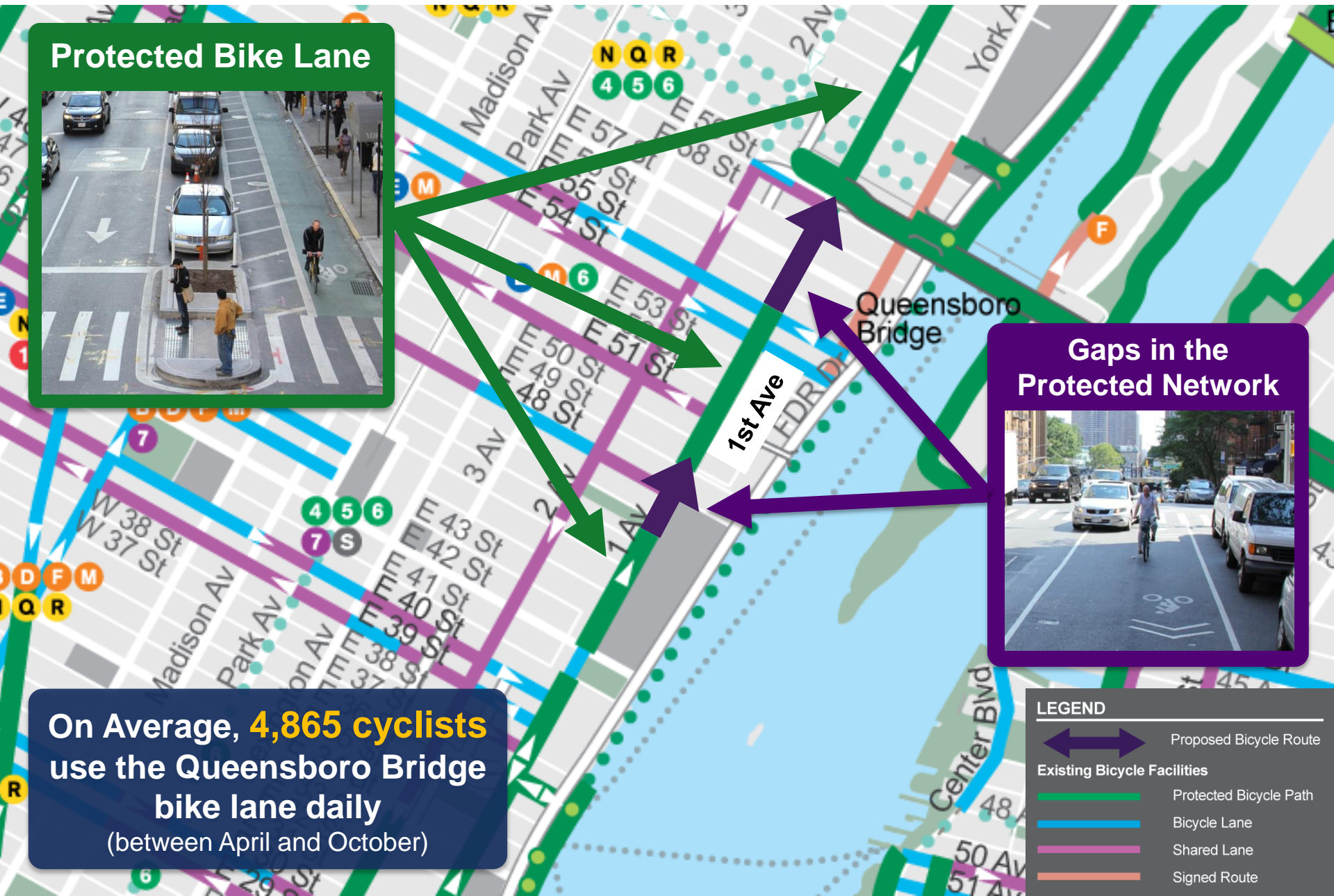
# PROJECT BACKGROUND

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# PROJECT AREA



On Average, **4,865 cyclists** use the Queensboro Bridge bike lane daily (between April and October)



LEGEND

Proposed Bicycle Route

Existing Bicycle Facilities

- Protected Bicycle Path
- Bicycle Lane
- Shared Lane
- Signed Route

# BIKE VOLUMES

## 1<sup>st</sup> Ave Bicycle Volume:

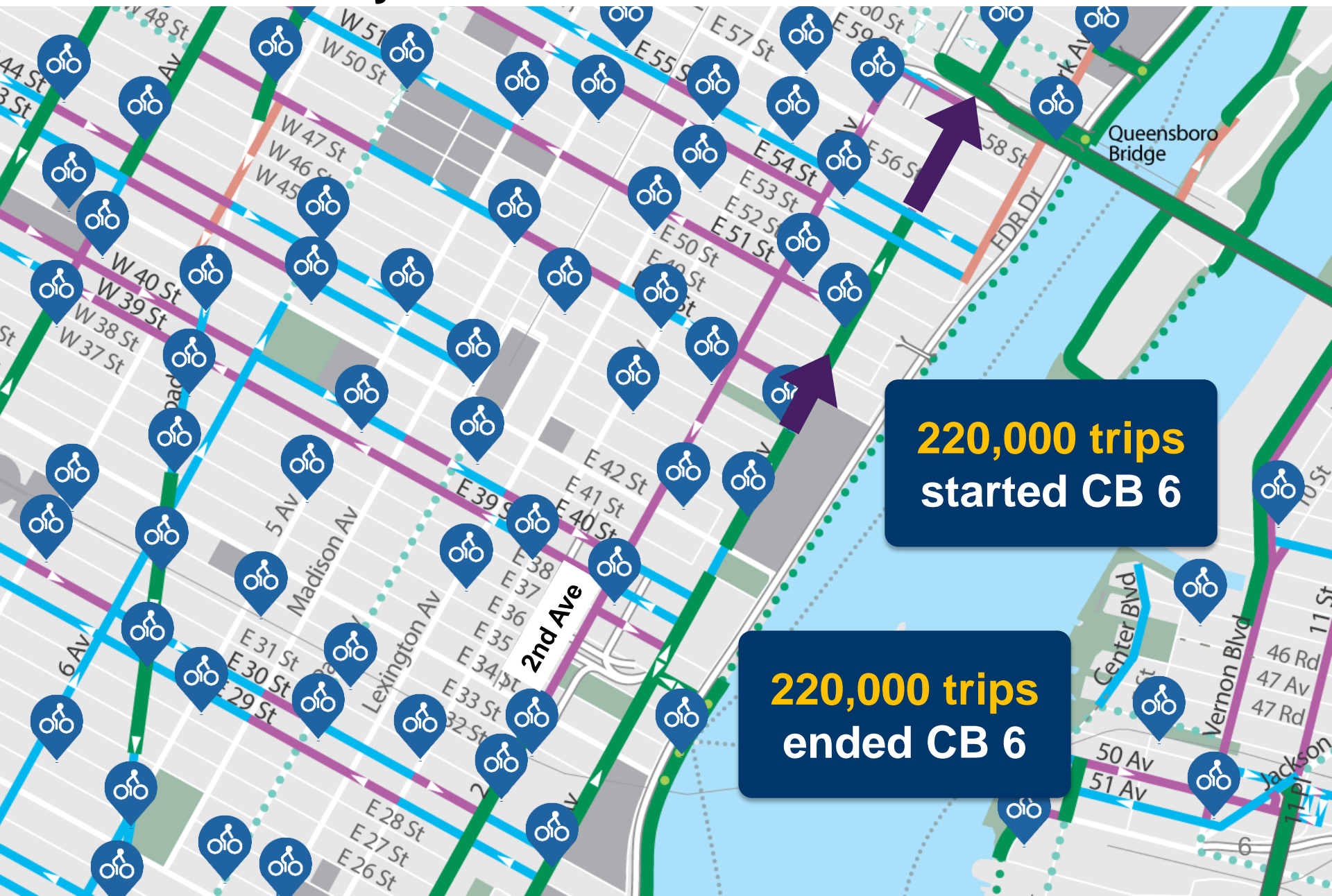
Year	12-hour Bike Volume
2013	1,411
2014	1,447
2015	1,605

- Growing number of cyclists
- High level facility needed

Source: ATI Data, Bicycles btw. E 50 St and E 51 St, in May, August, and September in 2013, 2014, and 2015



# CITI BIKE January 2016 – March 2016



# SAFETY – Vision Zero

## Total Injuries (2010-2014)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Ave at 47<sup>th</sup> St

- 3 Pedestrian Injuries
- 2 Bicyclist Injuries

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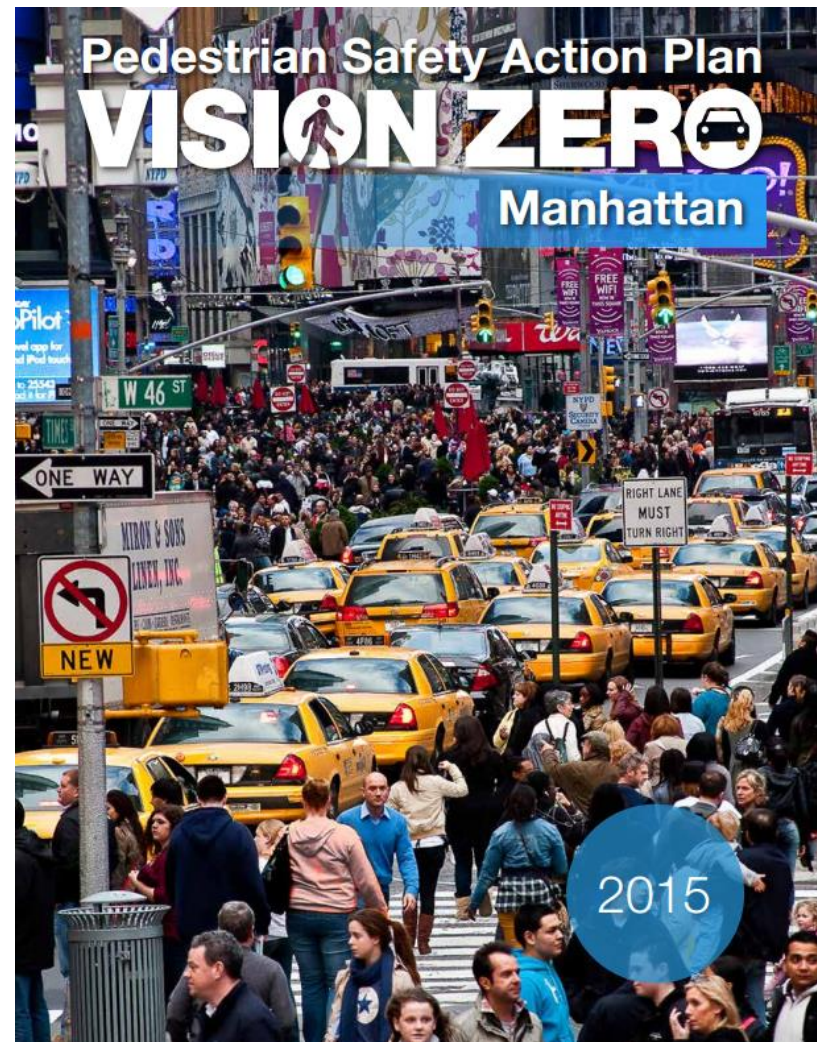
- 2 Pedestrian Injuries
- 2 Bicyclist Injuries; 1 severe

### 1st Ave (E 55th St to E 59th St), MN

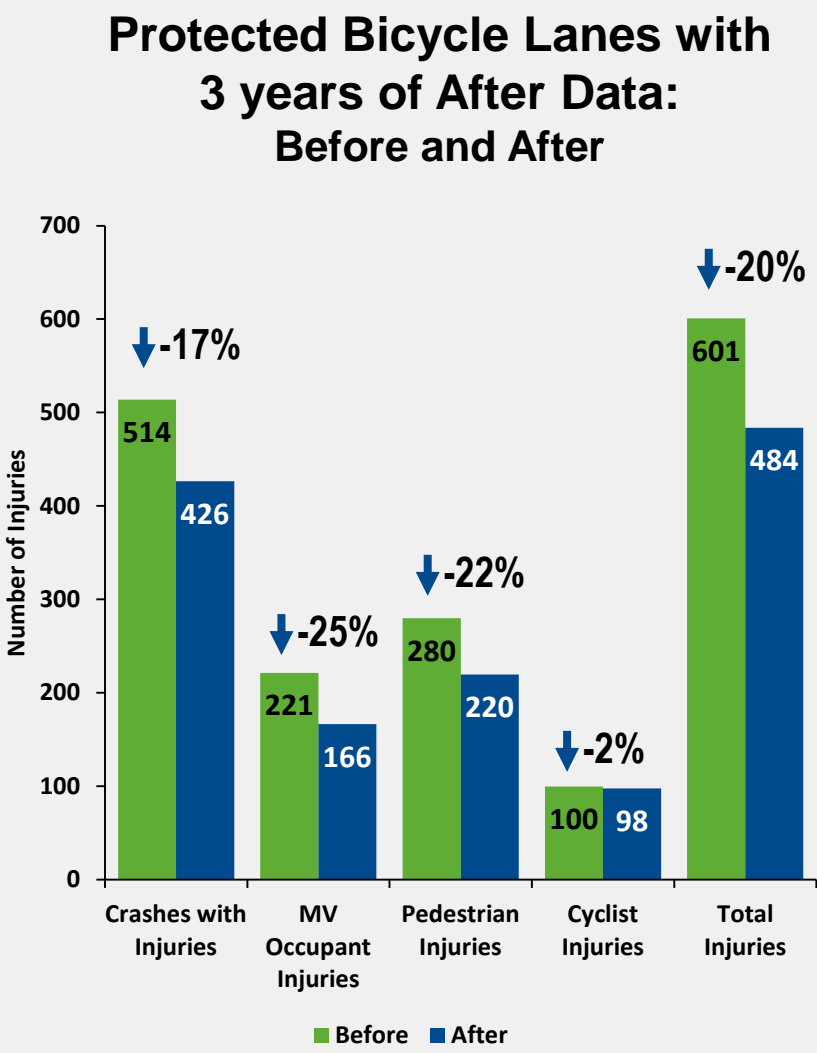
Injury Summary, 2010-2014 (5 years)

	Total Injuries	Severe Injuries	Fatalities
Pedestrian	83	3	3
Bicyclist	19	1	0
Motor Vehicle Occupant	92	5	0
Total	0	9	3

Source: Fatalities: NYCDOT, Injuries: NYSDOT. KSI: Persons Killed or Severely Injured



# SAFETY – Protected Bike Facilities



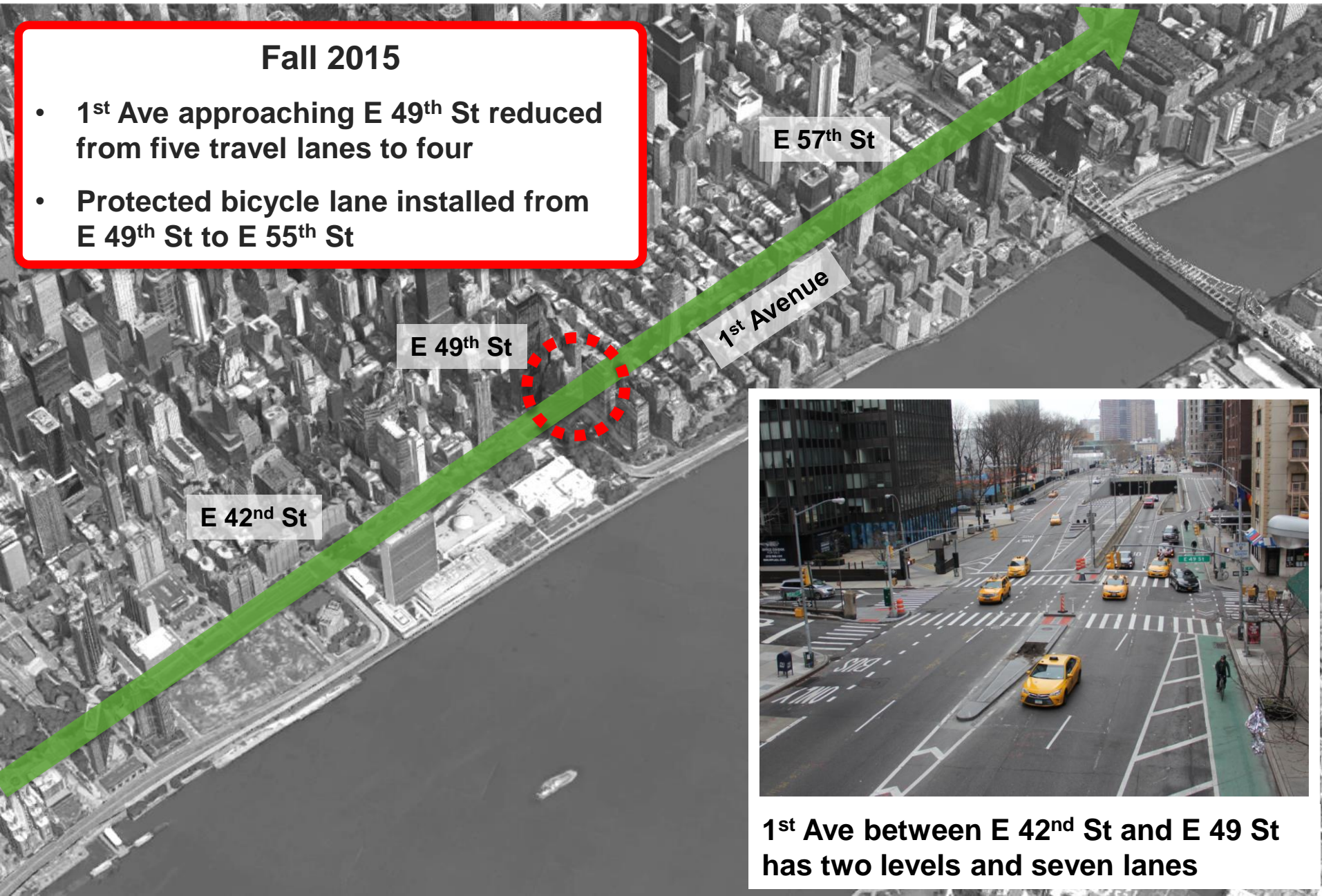
Protected bicycle lane projects with 3 years of after data include the following: 9<sup>th</sup> Ave (16<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>), 8<sup>th</sup> Ave (Bank-23<sup>rd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>-34<sup>th</sup>), Broadway (59<sup>th</sup>-47<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>), 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue (Houston to 34<sup>th</sup>), 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave (Houston-34<sup>th</sup>), Columbus Ave (96<sup>th</sup>-77<sup>th</sup>) Note: Only sections of projects that included protected bicycle lanes were analyzed  
Source: NYPD AIS/TAMS Crash Database



# NETWORK

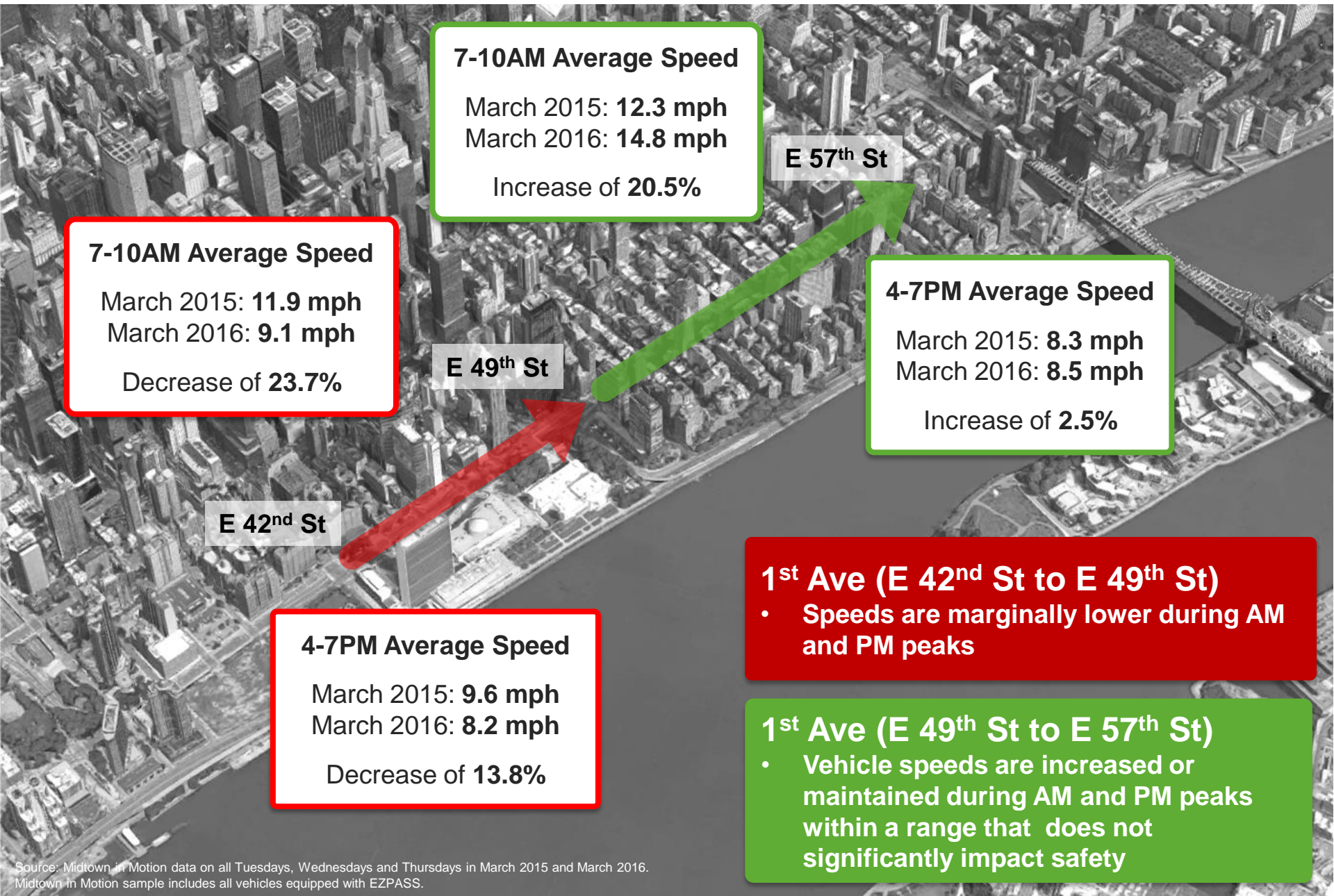
**Fall 2015**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ave approaching E 49<sup>th</sup> St reduced from five travel lanes to four
- Protected bicycle lane installed from E 49<sup>th</sup> St to E 55<sup>th</sup> St



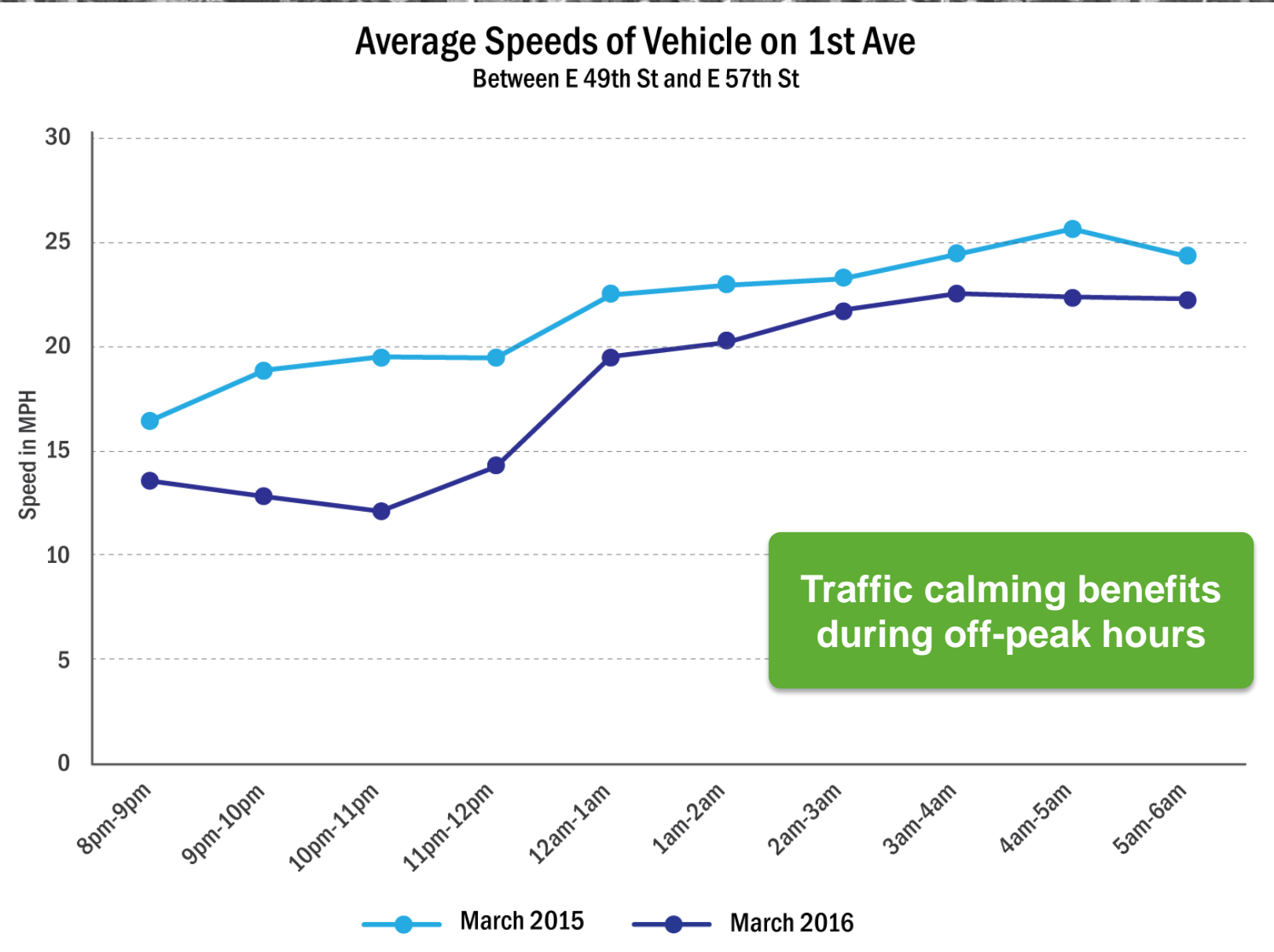
**1<sup>st</sup> Ave between E 42<sup>nd</sup> St and E 49 St has two levels and seven lanes**

# IMPACT OF LANE REMOVAL



Source: Midtown in Motion data on all Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in March 2015 and March 2016. Midtown in Motion sample includes all vehicles equipped with EZPASS.

# OVERNIGHT VEHICLE SPEEDS



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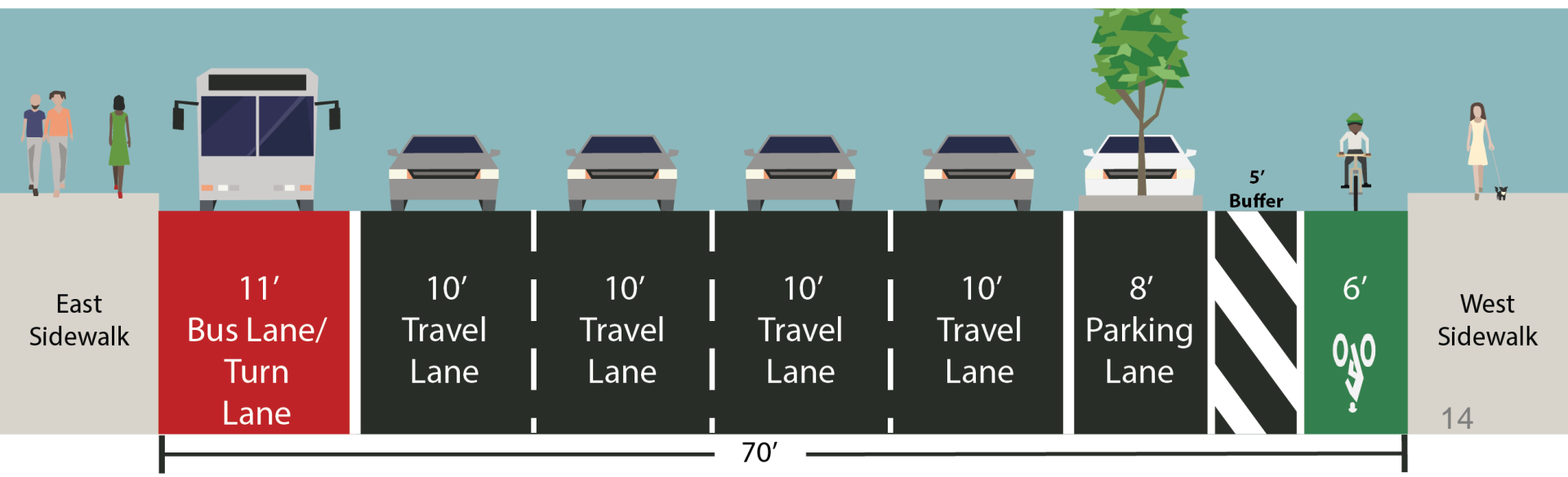
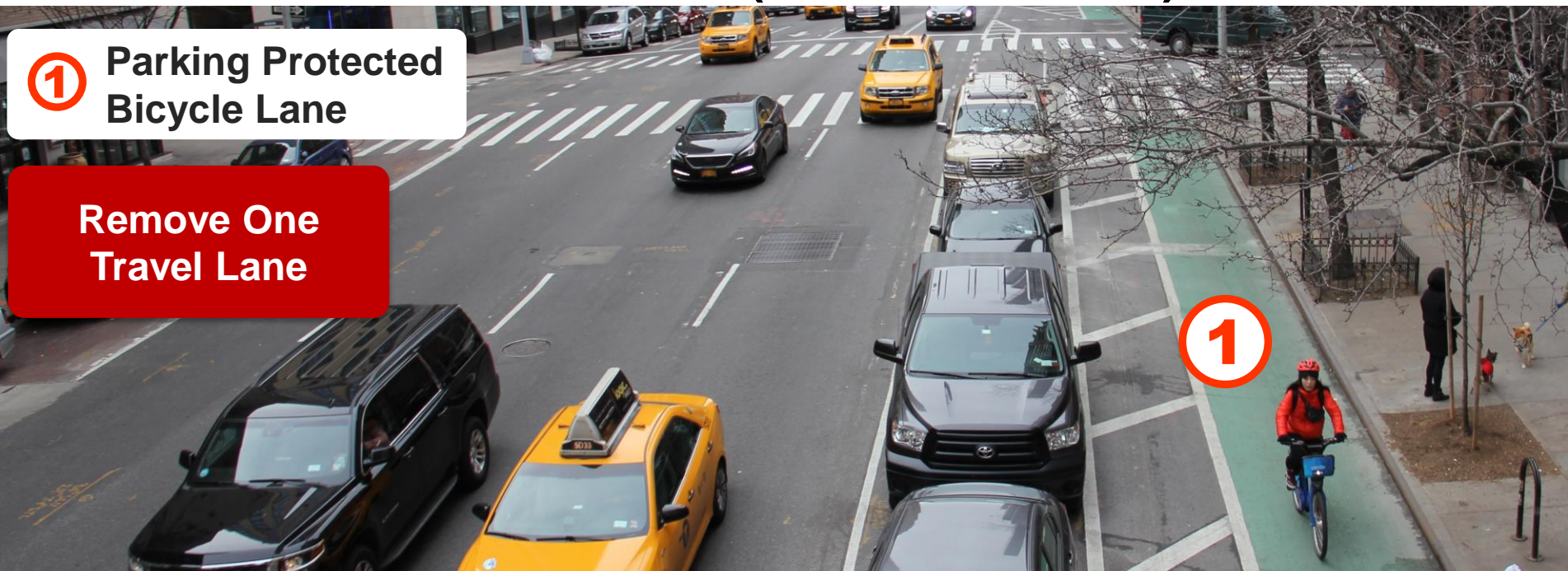
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**PROJECT  
PROPOSAL**

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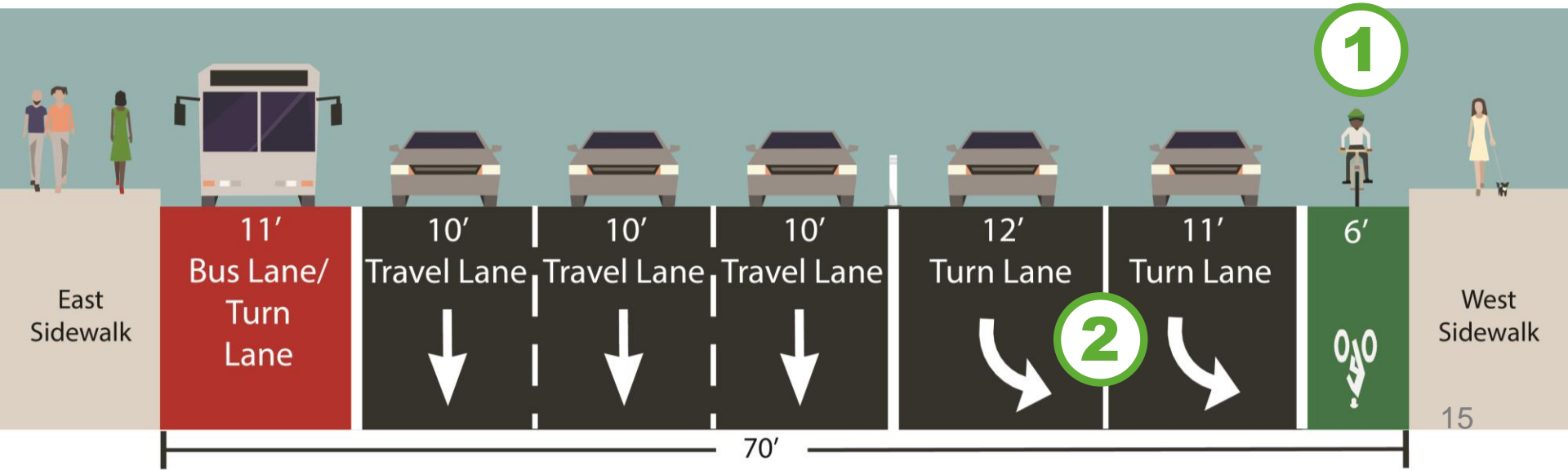


PROPOSED DESIGN - 1<sup>st</sup> Ave (55<sup>th</sup> St to 59<sup>th</sup> St)

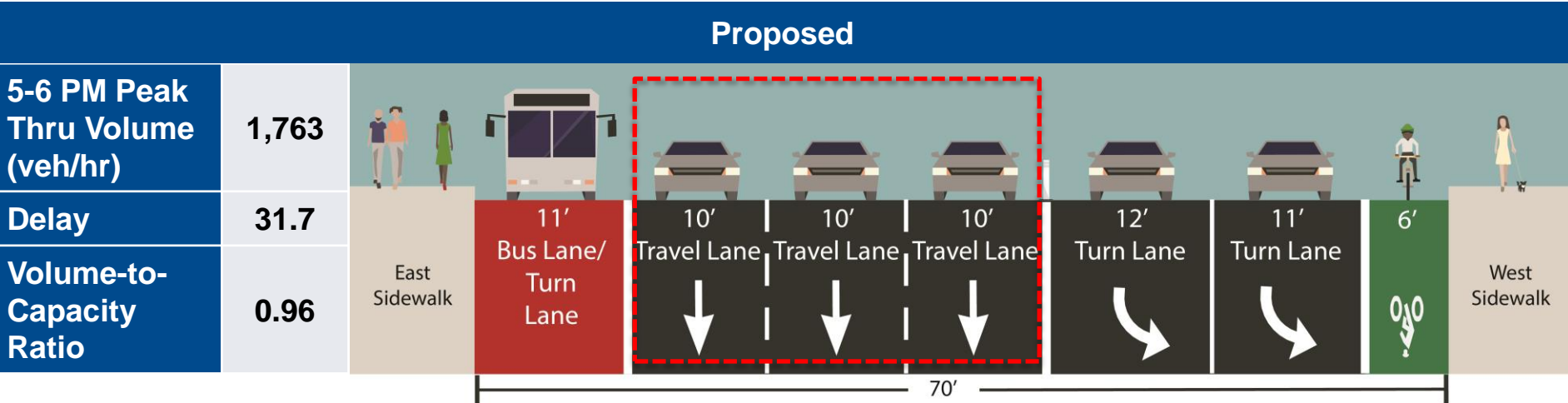
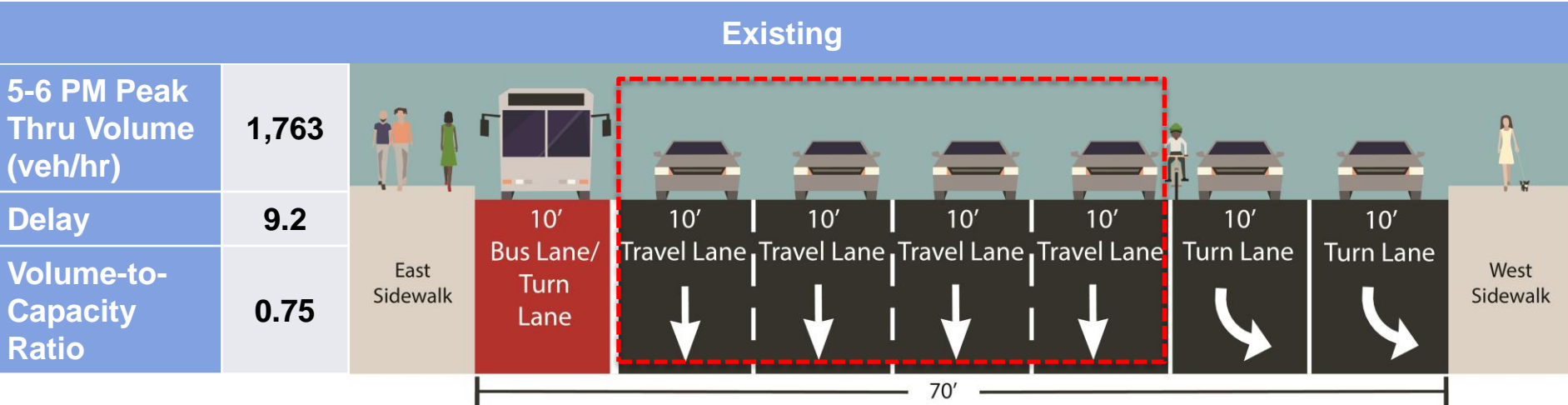


PROPOSED DESIGN – Left Turns at E 57<sup>th</sup> St and E 59<sup>th</sup> St

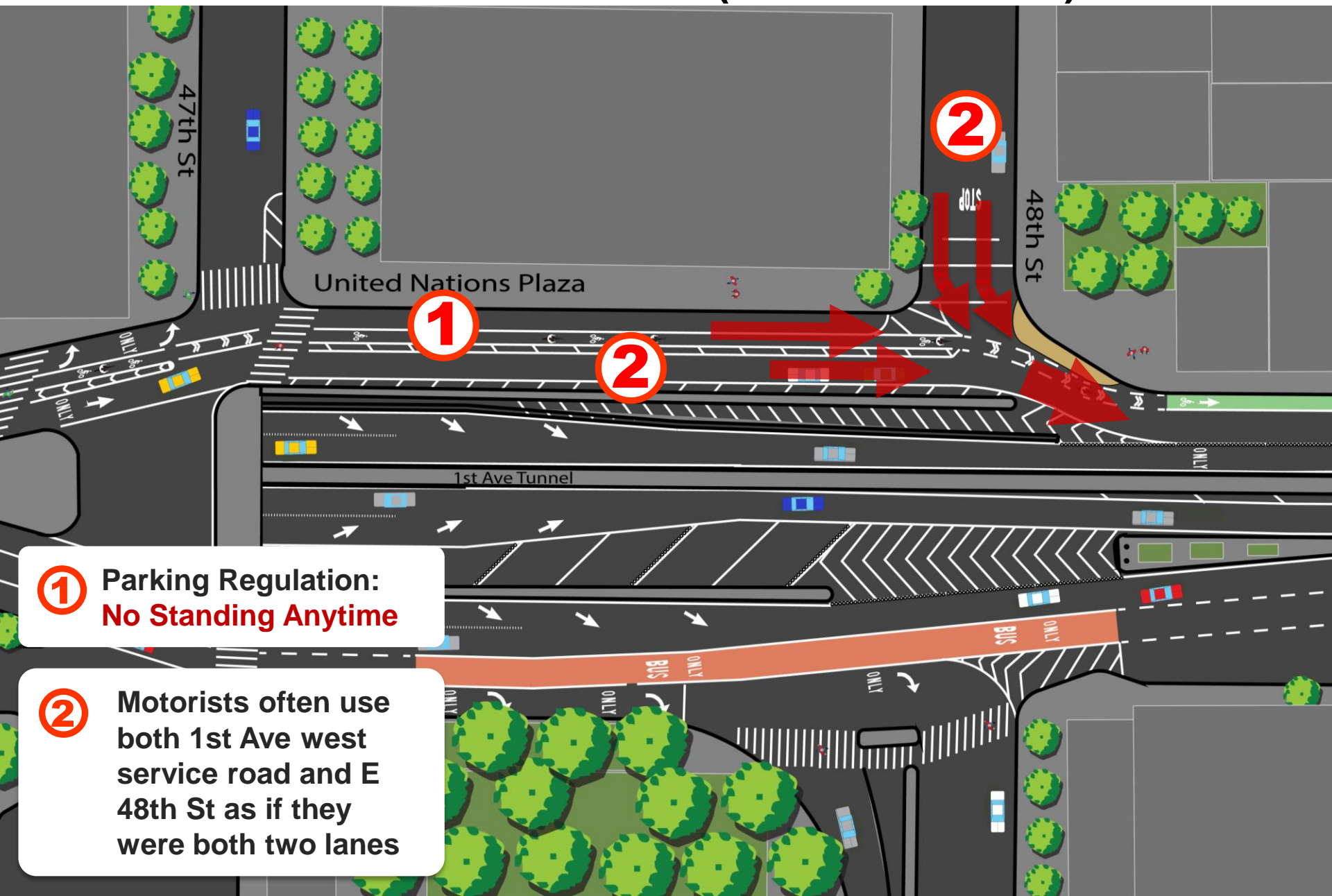
- ① Separate Cyclists from Left Turns, Cyclists Proceed with Through Traffic
- ② Maintain Two Left Turn Lanes with Dedicated Left Turn Signal Phase



# PROPOSED DESIGN – 1<sup>st</sup> Ave at E 57<sup>th</sup> St



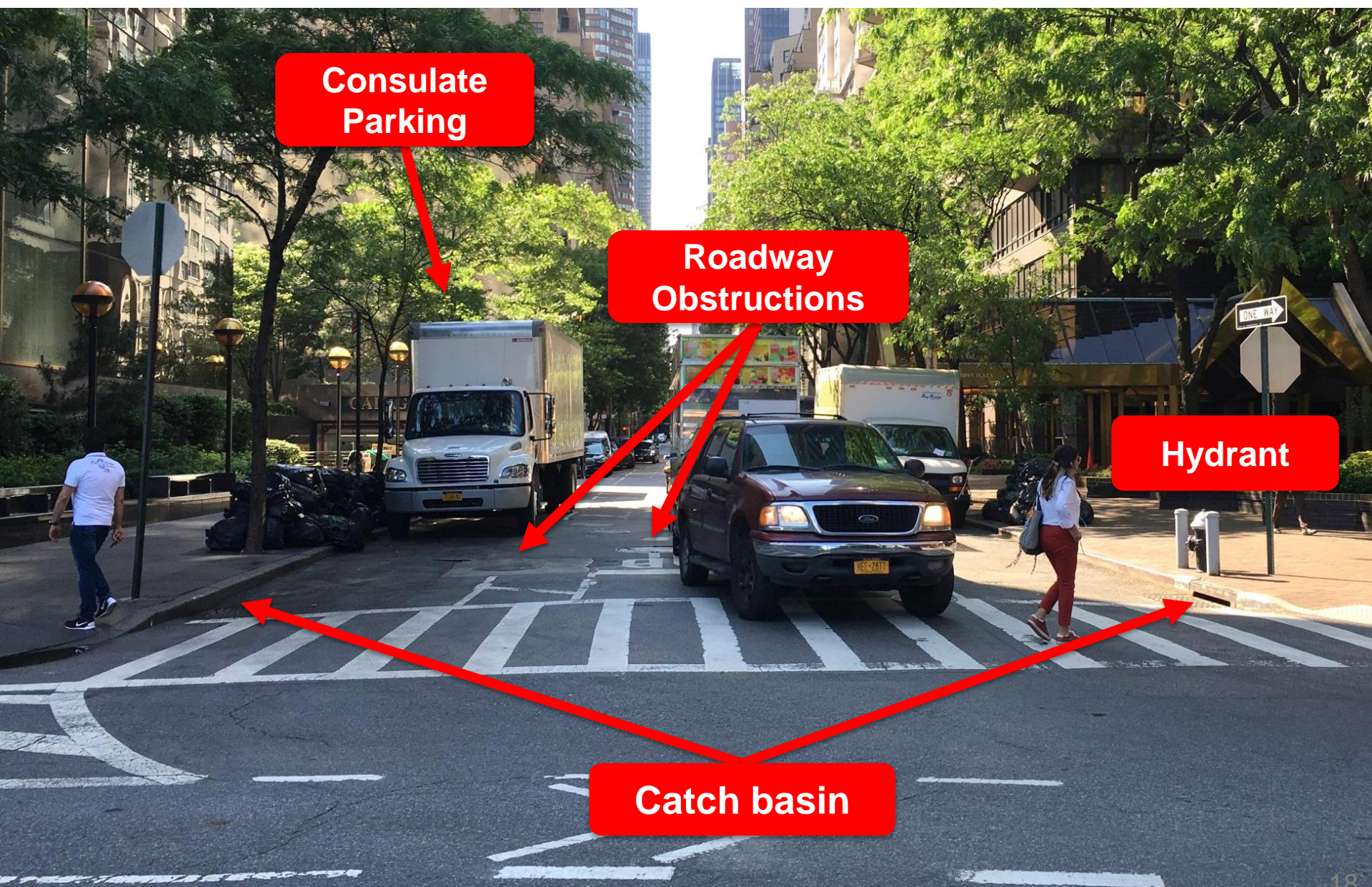
# EXISTING CONDITIONS – 1<sup>st</sup> Ave (47<sup>th</sup> St to 48<sup>th</sup> St)



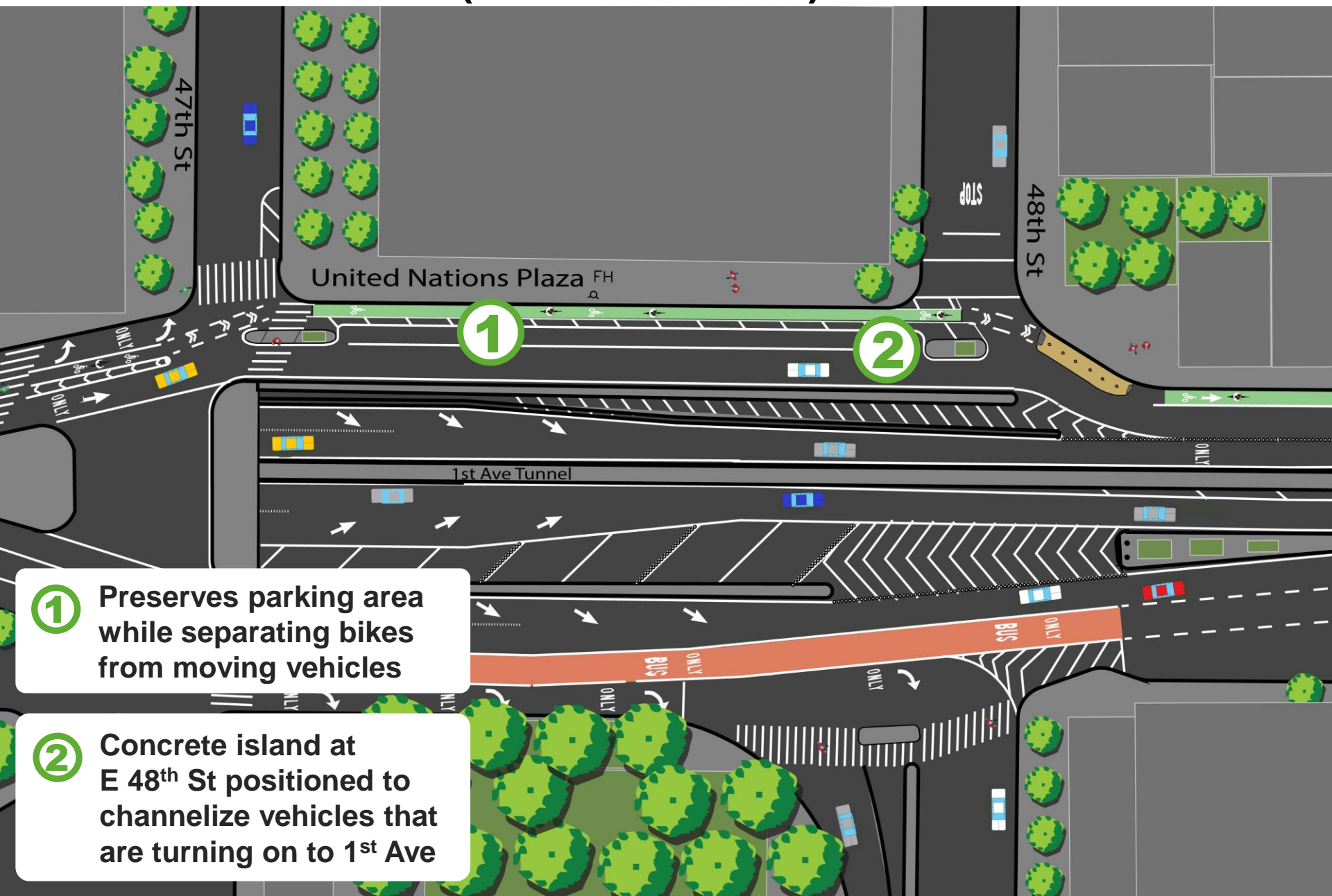
① **Parking Regulation:**  
**No Standing Anytime**

② **Motorists often use**  
**both 1st Ave west**  
**service road and E**  
**48th St as if they**  
**were both two lanes**

# EXISTING CONDITIONS – E 48<sup>th</sup> St at 1<sup>st</sup> Ave



# PROPOSED - 1<sup>st</sup> Ave (47<sup>th</sup> St to 48<sup>th</sup> St)



**①** Preserves parking area while separating bikes from moving vehicles

**②** Concrete island at E 48<sup>th</sup> St positioned to channelize vehicles that are turning on to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave

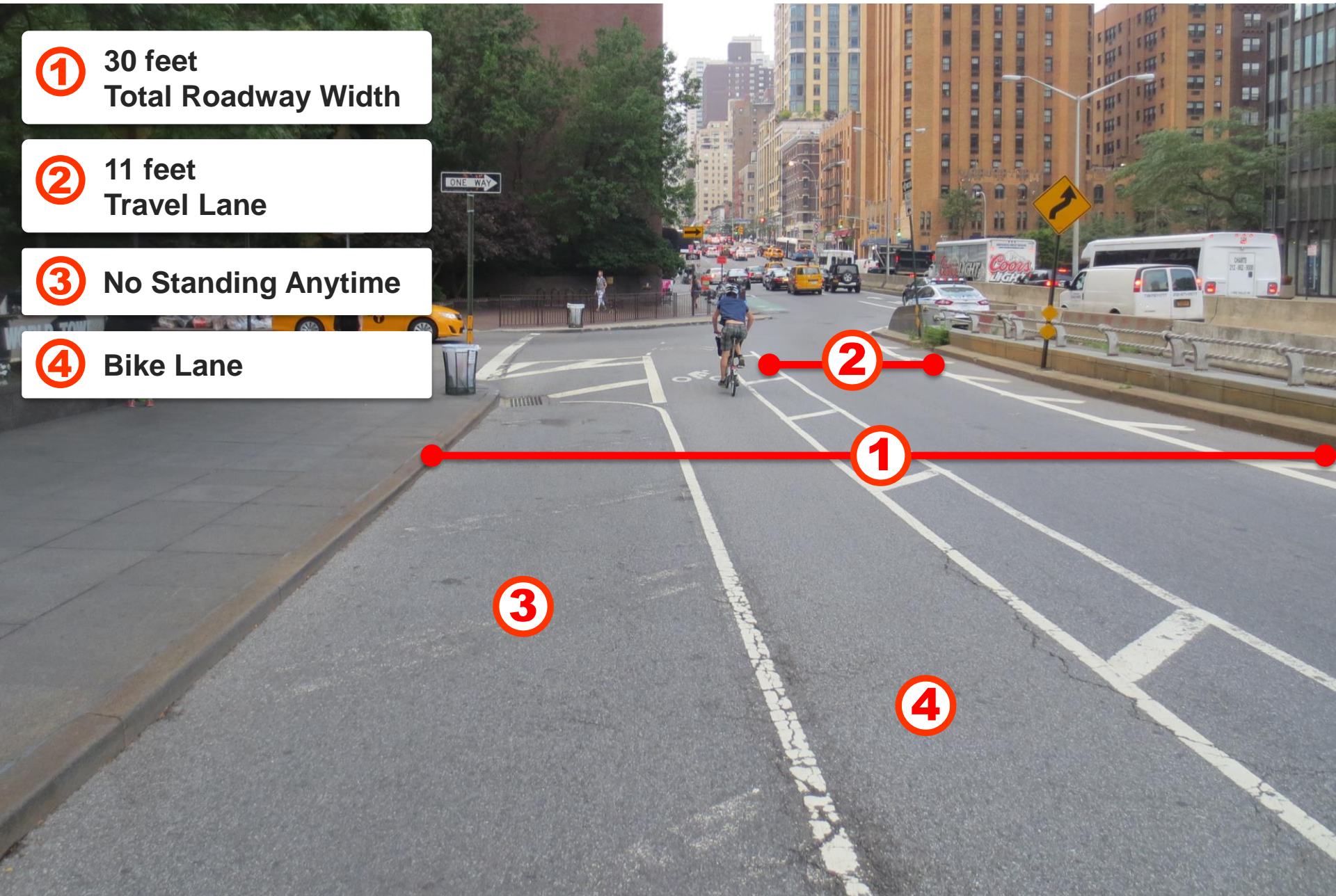
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Total Roadway Width

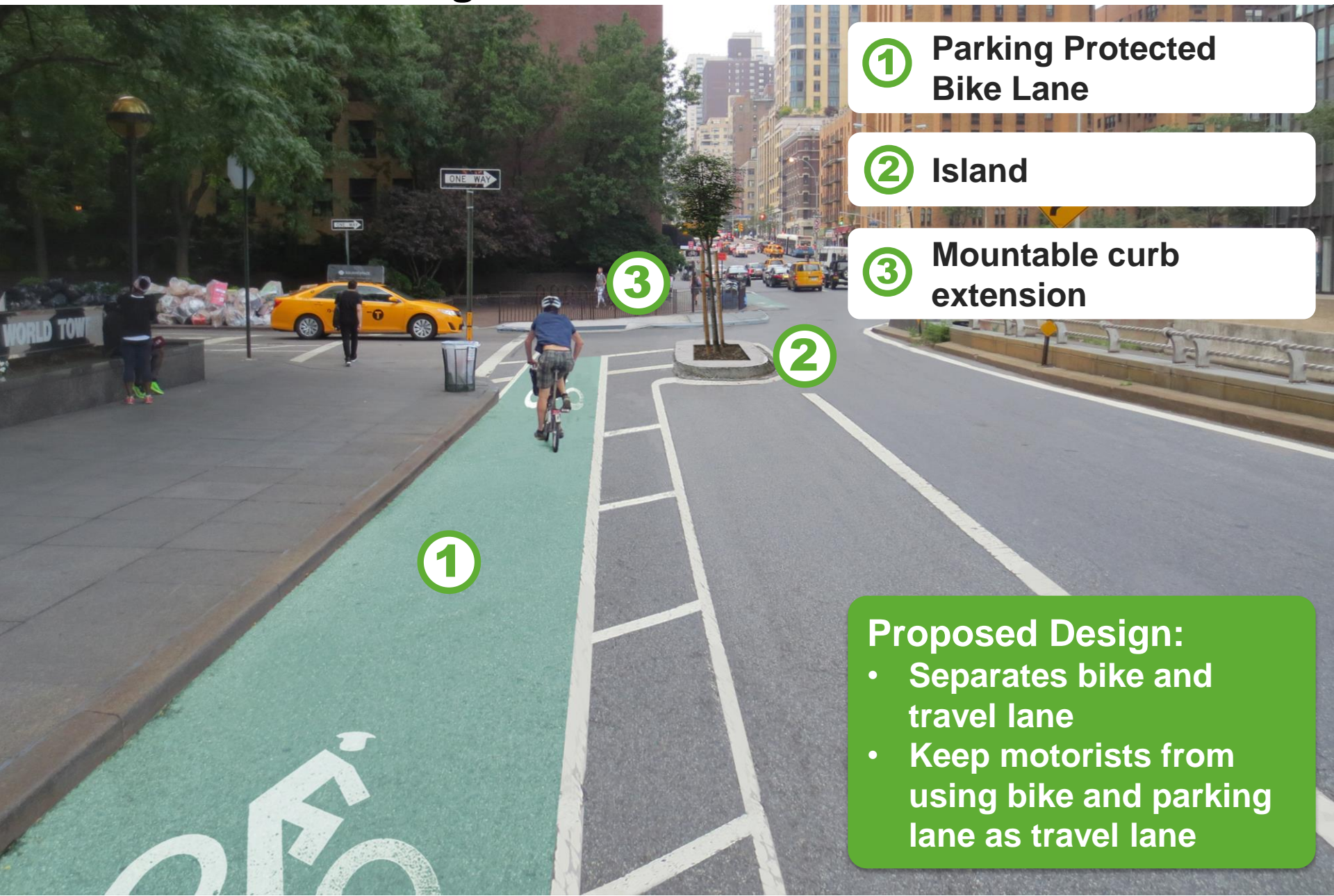
② 11 feet  
Travel Lane

③ No Standing Anytime

④ Bike Lane



# PROPOSED – Parking Protected Bike Lane



① Parking Protected Bike Lane

② Island

③ Mountable curb extension

## Proposed Design:

- Separates bike and travel lane
- Keep motorists from using bike and parking lane as travel lane

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## SUMMARY

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# PROPOSED DESIGN

## 1<sup>st</sup> Ave at E 47<sup>th</sup> and E 48<sup>th</sup> Streets

### Islands

- Separates bikes from vehicles
- Discourage motorists from encroaching on the bike lane
- Channelizes vehicles that are turning from E 48<sup>th</sup> St to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave
- Shortens crossing

## 1<sup>st</sup> Ave between E 55<sup>th</sup> and E 59<sup>th</sup> Streets

### Curbside bike lane

- Fill the gap in the protected network
- Off-peak traffic calming
- Maintain existing vehicle mobility



# THANK YOU!

## Questions?



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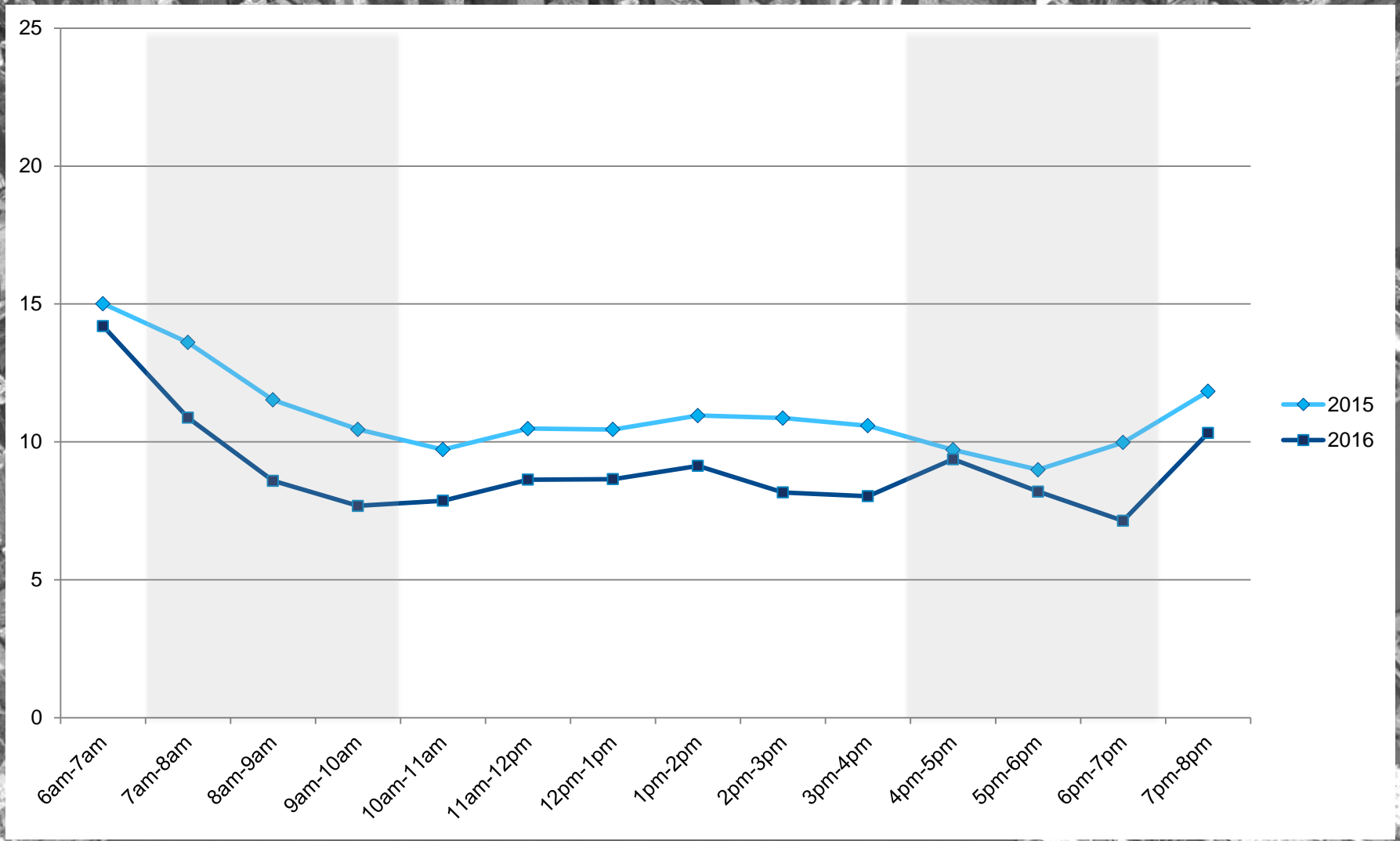


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