Grand Army Plaza

Southeastern Improvements

March 2007
GAP – DOT History of Improvement

- ’99/’00 – Major Changes in Signs, Markings, Signals
- ’02-’04 -- Island at Library enlarged, protected, other signal changes
- ’04 – Plaza Street Bicycle Lanes
- ’03-06 – Park Auto Hrs Significantly Reduced
- ’05 – Approval of Eastern Parkway redesign
- ’06 – Vanderbilt Avenue traffic calming
- ’06 – Doubled Crossing Time of Prospect Park West
- ’07 – …
The Oval/Plaza

Bailey Fountain
- Built 1932
- Restored for $1.5 million in 2004

Memorial Arch
- Built 1892
- Restored in 2000

Greenmarket
- Thousands of users each weekend
- At Capacity – Seeking Growth
Southwestern Area
Existing Conditions

Large Areas of Roadbed and Marked Islands

Traffic Entering Plaza at High Speeds

No bicycle connection from Park to Plaza Street Bike Lane

Lack of Pedestrian Connections
Existing Conditions
Reclaimed Road Space

Three Concrete Raised Pedestrian Islands (5,900 sq. ft.)

New Planting Beds (2,300 sq. ft.)
Complete Pedestrian Circulation Network

5 New Crosswalks
Bicycle Connection

Bike Path Between Park and Plaza Street Bike Lane
Existing Conditions
Traffic Calming

North from Prospect Park reduced from 3 to 2 lanes

Reduced Roadbed

Exiting park: Right-turn only lane for Eastern Parkway and Flatbush Avenue

Westbound Eastern Parkway reduced from 3 to 2 lanes
Weekend Pedestrian Space

Close Unused Road During Weekend Hours

Essentially Unused Roadspace During Auto-Free PP Hours

New Reclaimed Ped Space During Weekend Hours

Combined Area Sufficient for Significant Programing

Reclaimed as Ped Space During Auto Free Hrs

Existing Roadspace During Auto PP Hours
End Presentation