Project Context
• Provides passive public space for the neighborhood, deli and grocery, and recent residential growth.
• Additional safety improvements would support the nearby school and senior populations,
• Establishes a safer travel corridor for pedestrians and cyclists along Gates Avenue and Vanderbilt Avenue.
• Minimal impact to the traffic network
PLAZA TOOLKIT

- Design will be based on stakeholder input and partner capacity
PHASE 2

Potential Project Implementation: Fall '22 to Spring '23

A Bike Corrals
B Pedestrian Neckdowns
C Neighborhood Loading Zones
Plaza Partnership & Management
86 Plazas currently in development, construction, or complete, of those
66 Plazas open to the public
MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

The maintenance partner would be responsible for basic maintenance tasks including litter removal, snow clearance, furniture maintenance, and horticultural care.
Programming supports positive plaza use.

Partners are encouraged to program their plazas regularly in collaboration with local civic and cultural organizations.

Any organization can apply for a SAPO permit to program the new plaza.
Gateway Triangle is maintained by NYC Parks Dept.

Roadway would be designated as a Pedestrian Plaza

Pedestrian Plazas have specific, code of conduct rules, enforced by NYPD

Pedestrian Plaza Rules Prohibit:
- Obstruction of pedestrian traffic
- Destruction, removal or tampering of any property or equipment
- Camping
- Unattended property
- A person or their belongings taking up more than one seat
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages, except as otherwise permitted
- Skateboarding
- Feeding of undomesticated animals
- Spitting, urination, defecation
- Unreasonable noise
- Dogs off-leash

Permits are required for all events

Bicycle riding is only permitted on designated routes or where indicated by signage or markings

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
To learn more visit nyc.gov/plazas or call 311
Public Outreach
Community Board 2 Meeting
• Proposal presentation of the Gates Avenue Pedestrian Plaza (12/14/21)

Stakeholder Meetings
• Local preschool and elementary school community, (02/17/22)
• Vanderbilt Block Association (02/22/22)
• FAB Fulton Board (02/22/22)
• Fort Greene Partnership Condominium Board & Owners (04/28/22)

Community Workshop
• Saturday, April 2, 2022 outdoor community workshop included proposed design of plaza and street safety improvements presented, listening session, and survey distribution to the community.
• Survey open for approximately 6 weeks (04/02/22 - 05/15/22)

Outreach and Notifications
• Community Board 2 Transportation & Public Safety Committee
• Residential buildings at the Fulton/Vanderbilt/Gates triangle
• FAB newsletter and social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
• 88th Precinct meeting
• Community Board 2 newsletter
• CM Hudson newsletter

Local businesses
Schools and daycares
NYC DOT social media (Facebook, Twitter)
Fort Greene Park Conservancy
Greene Hill Co-op
Brown Memorial
Mt. Zion Tabernacle
SURVEY

- The survey was launched on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at the Gates Avenue Pedestrian Plaza Community Workshop.

- Flyers advertising the survey were posted along the Fulton corridor and at nearby buildings when access was granted.

- The survey was available in Spanish and English.

- The survey was open from April 2, 2022 – May 15, 2022.

- The survey was shared on NYC DOT social media, FAB Fulton social media, in neighborhood newsletters (CB2, CM Hudson, FAB Fulton), and with local schools, preschools, and CEC 13.

- 506 respondents participated in the survey
SURVEY

Where Did Participants Come From?
The majority of the 506 respondents (over 90%) were residents who live nearby Gates.

Relationship to Gates Avenue

- I live nearby
- I shop/run errands nearby
- I visit restaurants or bars nearby
- I visit friends and/or family here
- I work nearby
- Other (please specify)
- I visit nearby medical facilities
- I’m just passing through
- I go to school here
- I attend nearby religious services
- I have only visited once

Usage on Gates Avenue at Vanderbilt Avenue

- Daily
- Once a week
- Several times a month
- Never

Number of Participants

- 1 - 4
- 5 - 10
- 11 - 14
- 15 - 20
- 21 - 24
- 25 - 30
- 31 - 34
- 35 - 40
- 41 - 44
- 45 - 50
- 50 - 100
- 100 - 200
- 200 - 500
- 500 - 1000

**Desired Plaza Amenities**

- No programming, just a passive...
- Games and Workshops
- Visual Art
- Dance and Music
- Festivals
- Other
- Planting
- Lighting
- Seating

**Desired Plaza Event Times**

- Daytime
- Evening
- Daytime
- Evening

**Do you live or have family that attends school here?**

- Yes
- No

**Modes of transit to school**

- Not Applicable
- Bus
- Drive
- Scooter
- Bike
- Walk
How is the Fulton Street Corridor Being Used?

**Current Usage Trends**
- Daily
- Once a week
- Several times a month
- Never

**Current Modes of Transportation**
- Walk
- Bike
- Taxi/FHV
- Personal Car
- Dropped off
- Other

**Desired Public Realm Improvements?**
- Protected pedestrian
- Signal timing
- Bike corrals
- Curb management
- Street seats
- Programming

**Current Activities on Fulton Street**
- Shopping
- Restaurants
- Commuting via bus/train
- Classes/services
- Own/work at a business
- Other
Traffic Network
PROPOSED CHANGE

ONE-WAY EASTBOUND

PLAZA
AM VOLUMES IMPACTED

7:45 - 8:45AM Peak
PM VOLUMES IMPACTED

5:00 – 6:00PM Peak
AM REROUTES

7:45 - 8:45AM Peak
PM REROUTES

5:00 – 6:00PM Peak
Plaza Plan
PLAZA & SHARED STREET

- Planters & Granite Blocks
- Movable Tables & Chairs
- Pedestrian Plaza
- Expanded Pedestrian Space
- One-Way Shared Street
- Shorten Crossing Distances
- Bike Corrals
- Pedestrian Neckdown
PUBLIC SPACE

- 5000 ft²
- 1350 ft²
- 600 ft²
- 1000 ft²
NEXT STEPS

2021

DECEMBER
- BK CB2 Transportation Committee Meeting

JANUARY
- Site visit with FAB, Discovery Pitstop, Street Plans
- Conversations w/local school community and residents along Gates Avenue

FEBRUARY
- Conversations w/FAB
- Coordination w/DPR, FDNY, the Horticultural Society of New York
- Engagement w/Vanderbilt Block Association

MARCH
- Public Workshop w/community and local stakeholders, survey opens
- Engagement w/FGPH Board and members
- Traffic Analysis and Traffic Counts
- Incorporate community feedback & traffic analysis into design
- FAB formally applies to the plaza program
- Ongoing public engagement
  - CB2 Presentation

SUMMER/FALL
- Finalize signal timing
- Potential Plaza Implementation

2022

2023

SPRING
- Potential Phase 2 Implementation
Thank You!

Questions?