KINGS HIGHWAY (E 98 ST TO AVE J)

Brooklyn Community Board 17 Transportation Committee

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LOCATION

- Project limits: E 98th St to Ave J; 2.7 mile corridor
- Primarily a residential corridor with limited commercial areas
- Within Brownsville Senior Pedestrian Focus Area
- B7 bus runs on Kings Hwy south of E 95th St and B8 bus runs on Kings Hwy between Beverley Rd and Ave D
- Divided between Community Board 17 and 18 at the Bay Ridge Branch train tracks
SAFETY DATA (2014 – 2018)

- Kings Hwy is in a Vision Zero Priority Area with 7 pedestrian severe injuries and 12.9 KSI per mile

- Kings Hwy has 1,238 total injuries and 31 severe injuries in the most recent 5 year period and 9 fatalities in the last 10 years

- Disproportionate number of drivers injured in left turn crashes

Injury Summary, 2014-2018 (5 Years)

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EXISTING CONDITIONS - PEDESTRIANS

- Long crossing distances make it more difficult for pedestrians to cross Kings Hwy safely, especially pedestrians with limited mobility.

- Lack of mid-crossing refuges mean pedestrians do not have safe, ADA-compliant space to wait while crossing.

- Recessed medians allow for faster, dangerous turns.
EXISTING CONDITIONS - VEHICLES

- The disorganized service road leads to unclear merges, undefined spaces, and additional vehicle conflicts.

- Unclear slip lanes result in dangerous transitions between the main road and the service road.
EXISTING CONDITIONS – LEFT TURNS

- Motorists must yield to multiple streams of traffic and pedestrians when attempting to make left turns.

- Motorists have to deal simultaneously with multiple potential conflicts, lack of visibility, and long turning distances.

- Left turns cause a disproportionate amount of the crashes on Kings Hwy – 90% more injuries to drivers compared to Brooklyn averages due to left turns.

Vehicles making lefts from Kings Hwy face multiple conflicts with other vehicles and pedestrians in addition to visibility challenges and long turn distances (Ave D).
EXISTING CONDITIONS – BUS STOPS

• Most bus stops along Kings Hwy are along a narrow, concrete median between the main road and the service road.

• Many bus stops are not ADA-compliant with no ramp access, signal pole obstructions, and without sufficient space for wheelchair users to maneuver onto bus ramps.

• The narrow medians between two moving lanes creates an unsafe waiting experience for riders.

Above: Two riders wait after getting off the B7 bus at Ave H
Below: The NB bus stop at Church Ave is inaccessible and narrow.
PROPOSAL - CORRIDOR MARKINGS

• Add painted median tips to shorten crossing distances and provide refuges at all feasible locations

• Mark parking lane on the service road to improve roadway organization and predictability

• Add painted curb extensions at Clarendon Rd, E 59th St, and Foster Ave to slow turning vehicles, reduce crossing distances, and provide additional pedestrian space

• Upgrade all slip lane markings for safer transitions between the main road and the service road

Painted median tip extension at Kings Hwy and Avenue K
PROPOSAL – PROTECTED LEFT TURNS

- Add dedicated, fully protected left turn phases at every intersection along Kings Highway with a left turn in CB 17
- Creates safer left turns for vehicles and pedestrians along Kings Hwy by removing conflicts, eliminating visibility challenges, and relieving back pressure

Existing left turn signal at Church Ave creates a protected left turn.
PROPOSAL– BUS STOPS

- NYC DOT to improve bus stop medians in 2021 at Church Ave

- Expanded medians will be ADA-compliant, provide sufficient space for riders, and a comfortable waiting area

- NYC DOT working in coordination with MTA to identify corridor bus stop upgrade priorities

Proposed Bus Stop Conditions: Existing SB bus stop at Kings Hwy and Nostrand Ave
PROPOSED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
KINGS HWY AND BEVERLY RD

Parking lane stripe and markings added to organize and encourage safer speeds

Median tip extensions shorten crossing distances and provide safe pedestrian refuges

Left turn lanes with dedicated, protected left turn phases remove left-turn conflicts

Slip lane markings upgraded to slow merging vehicles
PROPOSED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
KINGS HWY AND CHURCH AVE

- Bus boarding island widened and made ADA-compliant
- Southbound bus stop remains on the service road
- Parking lane stripe added to organize roadway and encourage safer speeds
- Median tip extended to shorten crossing distances and provide safe pedestrian refuge
- Slip lane markings upgraded to slow merging vehicles
- 4 parking spots removed to accommodate wider bus boarding island
PROJECT BENEFITS

- Dedicated left turn signals eliminate turn conflicts and make left turns safer for drivers and pedestrians

- Bus stop improvements provide important accessibility and safety upgrades for riders

- Median tips and curb extensions create shorter and safer pedestrian crossings

- Parking lane stripe and slip lane markings organize the roadway, improve vehicle predictability, and encourage slower, safer speeds

Pedestrians cross Kings Hwy at Church Ave
THANK YOU!

Questions?