8th Ave, 42nd St to 43rd St
Sidewalk Widening and Bicycle Lane Enhancement

Background
• Requests to reduce overcrowding on sidewalks in major midtown corridors
• NYT article about crowding near Penn Station and Port Authority Bus Terminal
• CB4 requested pedestrian improvements on 8 Av corridor
• Existing pedestrian fence between 42 St and 43 St on west side of 8 Av constrains sidewalk space and prevents use of painted sidewalk

Location
• Major thoroughfare for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists
• Adjacent to major transportation hubs
• 1/2/3/A/C/E/N/Q/R/S trains. M34A, M20, M104 buses

Improvements
• Remove pedestrian fence on west side of 8 Av
• Replace sidewalk extension with gravel
• Add granite blocks and planters
• Install flexible delineators or Qwik Kurb on bicycle lane buffer
• Paint bike lane green

Benefits
• Increases sidewalk width
• Calms traffic
• Eliminates illegal parking in pedestrian space
• Delineates pedestrian area from bicycle lane
• Protects bicycle lane