

# 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



Before Conditions: Looking south on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave



### 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