Midwood School Safety Proposal

Community Board 14 Transportation Committee Meeting
June 8, 2022
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Vision Zero

- Multi-agency effort to reduce traffic fatalities in NYC
- Borough Action Plans released in 2019
- Priority Intersections, Corridors, and Areas identified for each borough
- Avenue M is a Vision Zero Priority Corridor
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Why Are We Here

- Pedestrian fatality on Avenue M at East 12 St in November 2020
- High concentration of schools and student pedestrians in the area
- Avenue M is a Vision Zero Corridor
- DOT Meetings with Bais Yaakov Academy, Edward R. Murrow High School, PS 199, Yeshivat Shaare Torah, Yeshivat Darchei Eres
- DOT Meetings with Council Member Kalman Yeger and former Council Member Chaim Deutsch -- Spring 2021
- DOT Walkthrough with Community Board 14, Council Member Inna Vernikov and NYPD – Winter 2022
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Scope of Work

1) Intersection safety proposal at:
   - Ave M and E 12th St
   - Bay Ave and E 17th St

2) Additional targeted proposals as requested by Bais Yaakov Academy, Murrow High School, PS 199 and Yeshivat Shaare Torah
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Ave M and E 12 St: Location

Complex wide intersection with multiple traffic movements and low traffic volumes on Chestnut Ave

Rambam Family Health Center

Coney Island Ave

Chesnut Ave

Ave M

Glatt Mart

E 12 St
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Ave M and E 12 St: Safety Concerns

Wide channelized spaces allow for unpredictable turning movements and encourage bad driver behavior.
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Ave M and E 12 St: Safety Concerns

Bad Driver Behavior - Examples

- Truck unloading in the channelization
- Vehicle crossing the double yellow to make a u-turn
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Ave M and E 12 St: Safety Concerns

No direct pedestrian path along south side of Ave M
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Ave M and E 12 St

Safety Concerns: Long Crossing Distances on Ave M
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Ave M and E 12 St
Proposal: Organize Vehicle Movements and Shorten Pedestrian Crossings

Add quick curb on centerline to prevent vehicles from making left turns across moving traffic

Convert Chestnut Ave to westbound operation

Add concrete curb extensions and close slip lanes between Ave M and Chestnut Ave to accommodate pedestrians and prevent dangerous vehicle movements
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Ave M and E 12 St: Proposal: Pedestrian Benefits

New concrete sidewalks - continuous safe pedestrian connection along south side of Ave M
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Ave M and E 12 St
Parking Impacts & Vehicle Movements

- Add parking, approximately 4-6 spots
- Add 3 spots
- Remove 3-4 spots to create pedestrian space
- Remove 2 spots to allow for FDNY turns
- Ban trucks from making EB right turn from Ave M
- Shift spots from Chestnut Ave to Ave M

Existing
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Ave M and E 12 St
Approximate Construction Timeline

- A part of a capital multi-site DOT/DDC street construction project
- Construction is scheduled for 2023 - 2025
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E Murrow High School Requests: Bay Ave and E 17 St

Install an All-Way-Stop

Add a painted curb extension and crosswalks
Thank You!

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