BK CB1 OPEN STREETS – 3.03 MILES

- West Street
- Berry Street
- Nassau Avenue
- North 3rd Street
- South 9th Street
- Leonard Street
- Grand Street
- Humboldt Street
- Grattan Street
- Moore Street
- Russell Street
- Driggs Avenue
- Sharon Street
- Graham Avenue
- Grattan Street

Other Open Streets

BK CB 1 Open Streets
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

• DOT partners responsible for the day to day execution of some Open Streets across North Brooklyn
• Consists of neighbors, community based organizations, businesses, and other members of the North Brooklyn community working together collaboratively to create public space
• Stepped in to manage Open Streets when City resources were limited at the height of the pandemic
How Open Streets Work

Temporary Limited Local Access

Temporary Full Closure
NORTH BROOKLYN OPEN STREETS
Community Outreach Overview
DOT OUTREACH EFFORTS TO DATE

BK CB 1 Transportation Committee
• 6/17 and every meeting since December 2020

Stakeholder Meetings
• Various meetings since spring ‘20 with community members

Community Feedback Survey
• Open from December ’20 to February ’21 – 2,000+ responses

Public Workshops via Zoom
• 2/10 evening + 2/11 day – 200+ participants

Inter Agency Coordination
• Regularly checking in with the NYPD, FDNY, and DSNY

Inspections by DOT Team
• Ensuring barrier placement, schedule, usage, etc.

Street Ambassador Deployments
• On street, in person engagement opportunities in April ‘21

Restaurants and Bars Check In
• Scheduled for 5/5 – planning for NYC reopening
COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

2,183
Community Survey Responses

85%
Respondents indicate they used Open Streets while walking

77%
Respondents visit Open Streets daily or several times a week

28%
Respondents indicate they used Open Streets while driving

- 93% of respondents lived within Community Board # 1
- 38% lived on Berry St, Driggs Av, Nassau Av, or Sharon St
How do you want to use these Open Streets corridors in the future?

- **76%** Strolling (walking leisurely, enjoying outdoor space)
- **59%** As part of my daily commute
- **58%** Exercise
- **56%** Biking
- **55%** Socially distanced outdoor group activities, community programming, and other types of events
- **19%** Driving
- **10%** Other (please specify)
SUCCESSES

• Open Streets have become neighborhood hubs and a tool for recovery from the pandemic
• They provide more open space for community use and enjoyment
• Lack of thru-traffic has made the street quieter and feel safer for pedestrians and cyclists
• For businesses, benefit of a street closure is the increase in foot traffic to their establishment
CHALLENGES

• Community partners need operational support for long term success – relying on volunteer labor is not sustainable in the long term
• Issues, such as amplified sound, can affect neighbor’s quality of life
• Light touch elements (i.e. barriers with temporary signs) can be ineffective and hard to manage
• Traffic safety issues persist and repeated instances of dangerous driving
• Access needs along any corridor are complex and variable - must consider all road users
SOLUTIONS & NEXT STEPS

• Mayor recently announced a $4 million investment in Open Streets
• DOT will provide resources and support to community partners to execute Open Streets
• Coordinate around and with other planning efforts in North Brooklyn
• Continue reviewing and getting community feedback that can inform a future project
• Circle back later in 2021 with design proposals
THANK YOU!

Email openstreets@dot.nyc.gov with any questions or to provide further feedback