

## **About The NYC Streets Plan**

### **What is the NYC Streets Plan?**

The NYC Streets Plan will set comprehensive goals for New York City streets and recommend strategies, programs, projects, and areas of focus to meet those goals.

### **Why is NYC DOT doing a Streets Plan?**

The Streets Plan provides an opportunity for NYC DOT to engage with the public and provide a clear vision for improving city streets over the next five years. The plan is also responsive to Local Law 195 which calls for a Street Master Plan to be completed by the end of 2021.

### **Is the NYC Streets Plan the same as the Street Master Plan?**

Yes – Local Law legislation uses the term Streets Master Plan. NYC DOT is branding this effort as NYC Streets Plan.

### **What does Local Law 195 Require?**

Local Law 195 as developed by the City Council includes a series of “benchmarks” or annual and/or one-time targets for the City to achieve. These benchmarks refer to transportation initiatives such as bus lanes, bike lanes, safety improvements, etc. NYC Streets Plan will determine how the City can achieve these benchmarks, and may set additional targets.

### **What do we mean by streets?**

By streets we mean infrastructure within the public right of way and used by pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and others to get around the city. This includes travel lanes, bus lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks, public plazas, etc.

### **Will there be a report released once this plan is complete?**

Yes – NYC DOT plans to release a public report at the end of his year.

## **About the NYC Department of Transportation (NYC DOT)**

### **Who is the NYC Department of Transportation?**

The NYC Department of Transportation is a City agency of over 5,000 staff members that plan, build, manage, maintain, and oversee our transportation network and infrastructure. Its mission is to provide for the safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible movement of people and goods in the City of New York and to maintain and enhance the transportation infrastructure crucial to the economic vitality and quality of life of our primary customers, City residents.

### **Does NYC DOT operate the subways and buses?**

No – the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) operates buses and subways, as well as commuter rail. NYC DOT works closely with MTA on bus travel in the City. This includes designating bus stops and providing amenities such as shelters and bus time poles and implementing measures on our streets to improve bus speed and reliability, such as bus only lanes.

### **Can NYC DOT enforce illegal behavior on our streets?**

Manual traffic enforcement is done by the New York Police Department. NYC DOT has been given increasing legal authority to use cameras to issue violations for certain infractions, such as red light running, speeding, and driving in bus lanes.

**What does “NYC DOT” stand for?**

The New York City Department of Transportation.

**Timeline****When did this planning process begin?**

NYC DOT began prep work on the NYC Streets Plan toward the end of 2020, including forming internal working groups and bringing a transportation consultant on board. Public engagement began in May of this year with presentations to Borough Cabinet Boards, followed up by a website and survey launch on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Why wasn’t the planning process started earlier?**

NYC DOT had originally intended to initiate the planning process in 2020. However, staff resources were required for more immediate needs responding to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**When will this plan be complete?**

Our goal is to issue a report by the end of this year in accordance with local law requirements.

**What happens after the plan report is released?**

NYC DOT will work to implement the recommendations of the plan over the next five years. We will share our results by releasing progress reports on an annual basis. The Local Law requires the development of a second plan by the end of 2026.

**Plan Purpose****How does the NYC Streets Plan differ from NYC DOT’s other plans?**

NYC DOT has in recent years released several plans targeted at specific aspects of our transportation network, such as the Green Wave bicycle plan, the Better Buses Actions Plan, and the Smart Truck Management Plan. The NYC Streets Plan will be more comprehensive and look at how we can improve our streets and public spaces more generally. These recent plans will help to inform the NYC Streets Plan, though it may be appropriate to update their recommendations.

NYC DOT released an agency Strategic Plan in 2016 and updated it in 2017. While the Strategic Plan did include recommendations for streets and public spaces, the NYC Streets Plan has an explicit focus on streets and comes almost five years later after much has changed.

**What are the goals of the NYC Streets Plan?**

The Streets Plan will finalize goals after hearing from New Yorkers through online surveys, polls, and workshops. Generally, though the objective of the Street Plan is to develop a road map for implementing street improvements over the next five years.

**What will the recommendations coming out of this plan be?**

Draft recommendations will be presented in the fall after NYC DOT has received and reviewed input and conducted analysis. Generally, recommendations will take the form of prioritizing the places with the greatest need for various transportation improvements. While some specific projects may be highlighted, the Plan will also create a framework for prioritizing and implementing projects. Planning, design and engagement on individual projects will continue throughout the five-year lifetime of the plan.

### **How can this plan help me or my community?**

The plan will evaluate which parts of the City have the greatest need for additional street and public space investment. That evaluation will be made based on equity concerns, a review of existing infrastructure, and input from the public. Focusing projects where need is greatest will help ensure that all New Yorkers have access to reliable and environmentally friendly transportation options, as well as to safe and welcoming streets and public spaces.

### **Why is this plan being released in 2021 before a new Mayoral Administration come in?**

The Street Master Plan local law requires a 2021 report release. The plan is intended to serve as a road map for improvements to our streets during the next administration.

## **How To Get Involved**

### **Who can participate in the NYC Streets Plan engagement process?**

We welcome all New Yorkers to participate in the NYC Streets Plan public engagement process.

### **Can I attend more than one workshop?**

In phase I of the NYC Streets Plan, all workshops will present the same information. However, we do encourage you to join phase two of the NYC Streets Plan public engagement workshops which will take place between the months of September and October of 2021. Those dates will be released in August of 2021.

### **When is the next workshop?**

For upcoming workshops please visit, [www.nyc.gov/nycstreetsplan](http://www.nyc.gov/nycstreetsplan).

### **How can I share feedback on issues and my priorities and suggestions for how to improve NYC streets?**

We would love to hear from you, please complete a brief set of activities to provide feedback on our online engagement platform, <http://metroquestsurvey.com/th1v11>.

## **Translations & Interpretation**

### **Will there be interpreters present during NYC Streets Plan workshops?**

Yes, if you or someone you know is attending a workshop and would like interpretation services, a request can be made on the workshop registration form.

### **Will interpretation be simultaneous or consecutive?**

Simultaneous translation will be providing during workshops.

### **How far in advance do I need to place a request for interpretation services?**

A request for interpretation must be placed 48 hours prior to the workshop. Do not worry, if your request is not submitted in time, we will accommodate you at a future workshop. Please be aware that workshops are offered on different dates and times between now and the end of July.

### **Will American Sign Language (ASL) be provided at the public workshops?**

Requests for ASL can be made on the workshop registration form.

**Is the interactive survey available in different languages?**

Yes, the interactive survey is available in nine (9) languages other than English. Those include [Arabic](#), [Bangla](#), [Chinese](#), [French](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Korean](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#), and [Urdu](#)

**Contact Us****Who can I contact for more information?**

If you have a specific question or comment and would like to reach someone on the NYC Streets Plan team, please send an email to [nycstreetsplan@publicworkspartners.com](mailto:nycstreetsplan@publicworkspartners.com).

**What is the website link for the project page?**

[www.nyc.gov/nycstreetsplan](http://www.nyc.gov/nycstreetsplan)

**How can I stay up to date with this project and future workshops?**

To stay up to date on the NYC Streets Plan and future workshops, please send an email to [nycstreetsplan@publicworkspartners.com](mailto:nycstreetsplan@publicworkspartners.com) and you will be added to our email list. You can also stay up to date by following the NYC DOT's twitter account, [@nyc\\_dot](https://twitter.com/nyc_dot).

**Other****How do I find out which community board I live in?**

To look up which community board you live in, please visit, <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cau/community-boards/community-boards.page>

**Who can I contact if I have an issue or complaint regarding infrastructure or a specific use on my street?**

- To report a non-emergency issue please contact [NYC 311](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/311/).

**Will the workshop presentation be made available to the public?**

- Yes, it will be available on the project website, [www.nyc.gov/nycstreetsplan](http://www.nyc.gov/nycstreetsplan)

**How long will the survey be open?**

- Until October