

# 97<sup>th</sup> St, Horace Harding Expy to 62<sup>nd</sup> Dr

## Pedestrian Access Improvements



### Background

- Request from Council Member Karen Koslowitz for midblock crossing to Rego Park Center shopping mall
- 97<sup>th</sup> St between Horace Harding Expy and 62<sup>nd</sup> Dr denied traffic controls in September 2016
- 97<sup>th</sup> St between Horace Harding Expy and 92<sup>nd</sup> Dr is in a Vision Zero Priority Area

### Location

- Residential area that includes the LeFrak City apartment complex
- Adjacent to Rego Park Center Shopping Mall
- Nearby is PS 206 The Horace Harding School, Horace Harding Playground and Lost Battalion Playground
- E, M and R Subway stop at Queens Blvd and 63<sup>rd</sup> Dr, and many buses stop along Horace Harding Expy and 62<sup>nd</sup> Dr
- Horace Harding Expy is a local truck route



**Before Conditions: Midblock on 97<sup>th</sup> St at mall entrance**

### Improvements

- Install enhanced crossing with high-visibility crosswalk markings, ADA pedestrian ramps and pedestrian warning signage midblock on 97<sup>th</sup> St between Horace Harding Expy and 62<sup>nd</sup> Dr
- Construct midblock concrete neckdowns with enhanced crossing
- Mark 13 ft. parking lane stripes on 97<sup>th</sup> St between Horace Harding Expy and 62<sup>nd</sup> Dr

### Benefits

- Delineates pedestrian paths and improves visibility of pedestrian to approaching vehicles
- Improves accessibility and expands the pedestrian network
- Calms traffic by visually narrowing the width of the travel lanes