97th St, Horace Harding Exwy to 62nd Dr
Pedestrian Access Improvements

Background

- Request from Council Member Karen Koslowitz for midblock crossing to Rego Park Center shopping mall
- 97th St between Horace Harding Expy and 62nd Dr denied traffic controls in September 2016
- 97th St between Horace Harding Expy and 92nd 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 63rd Dr, and many buses stop along Horace Harding Expy and 62nd Dr
- Horace Harding Expy is a local truck route

Before Conditions: Midblock on 97th St at mall entrance

Improvements

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