RIVERSIDE DRIVE
155TH ST TO 161ST ST
Community Board 12 Transportation Committee
September 14, 2020
Background
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 11/15/18 Walkthrough with Riverside Oval Association
- 5/31/19 Walkthrough with representatives of elected officials and community members
- 7/31/19 and 8/3/19 NYC DOT Street Ambassador outreach
- 1/17/20 Follow-up walkthrough with representatives of elected officials and community members
- 5/4/20 NYC DOT presented to CB12 Transportation Committee
  - Transportation Committee supported changes on Riverside Drive from 155th St to 158th Street
  - Asked DOT to look at more design options for street conversion, including loading zones on west curb
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Community engagement has shown that people are concerned about safety at the intersection of Riverside Drive, Edward Morgan Place and W 158th Street.
- During the May Transportation Committee Meeting it was discussed that in order to make meaningful change there will need to be an operational change – CB supported this idea.

- Community has asked for more parking due to the impacts of the viaduct.

![Street Ambassador outreach at Riverside Drive and 158th Street](attachment:image.png)
EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Large, six legged intersection
- Creates long crossing distances for pedestrians
- Unclear traffic movements
- Existing southbound bus route on Riverside Drive
- Low vehicle volumes for northbound vehicles on Riverside Drive
SAFETY DATA

- Four pedestrian injuries at Riverside Drive and 158th Street
- Three severe injuries to motor vehicle occupants

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Riverside Drive and 158 Street, MN
Injury Summary, 2014-2018 (5 years)
Proposal
DOT proposal included
• Parking along west and east curbs, adding about 50 new parking spaces
• Large concrete curb extension at Riverside Drive and West 158th Street

Community Board concerns
• Space for loading/unloading along west curb
• Narrow travel lane for Bx6 bus
NEW PROPOSAL

Wide parking lane on west curb with parking on east curb
- Two (60 foot) no standing anytime areas along west curb for loading/unloading
- Spot parking along retaining wall, adds about 26 new parking spaces
- Large concrete curb extension at Riverside Drive and West 158th Street

**Existing**

**Proposed**

Key
- No Standing Anytime
- Spot Parking
BENEFITS OF STREET CONVERSION

- Reduces number of vehicle movements within the intersection, which is safer for all users
- Reduces confusion for vehicles and increases predictability
- Builds a large concrete curb extension
- Reduces crossing distances for pedestrians
- Adds time for pedestrians to cross the northern crosswalk
- Allows for added parking spaces in community (net ~26)
There are a number of alternative routes depending on your start and end point.

Example: Yellow route on image to the right
- Route is 2400 feet
- Vehicle traveling at 25 mph will take about 3-5 minutes to travel that distance
THANK YOU!

Questions?
Riverside Drive and 158th Street Volumes from 11/2019