New Bicycle Routes to the Williamsburg Bridge

The Williamsburg Bridge is the most heavily traveled East River bridge for bicycles, carrying 4,000 cyclists per day. This project is part of the Williamsburg Bridge Bicycle Connections initiative and is included in the NYC Bicycle Master Plan. Recent DOT projects on Grand and Clinton Streets have improved bicycle access to the Williamsburg Bridge from the south, but it remains difficult to access the bridge from the north because of the absence of an east-west cycling route north of the Williamsburg Bridge entrance on Delancey Street. In our continued effort to improve access, circulation, and safety to and from the bridge entrances, a buffered bicycle path was installed in the fall of 2009 for one block in the median of Delancey Street between Suffolk Street and the bridge entrance. The proposed bicycle lane on Suffolk Street will now complete that important connection to the bridge, with improved circulation and connections to existing bicycle facilities created by the proposed east-west bicycle lanes on Rivington and Stanton Streets.

The project proposal updates parking regulations and installs a 6-foot wide green-painted curbside bicycle lane providing a parallel cycling route to the heavily-trafficked Delancey Street. This project adds 1.4 lane miles to the bicycle network and completes a safe, convenient cycling route connecting the Williamsburg Bridge and the Hudson River Greenway.
Existing and Proposed Design

**EXISTING**

- Combined Parking/Moving Lane
- 24'

**PROPOSED**

- 8' Parking Lane
- 10' Moving Lane
- 6' Sidewalk

Increase in Bicycle Volume on the Williamsburg Bridge

Project implementation planned for May 2010