

DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN
 REHABILITATION PHASE I



WINTER 2008 - SUMMER 2010
 A TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT

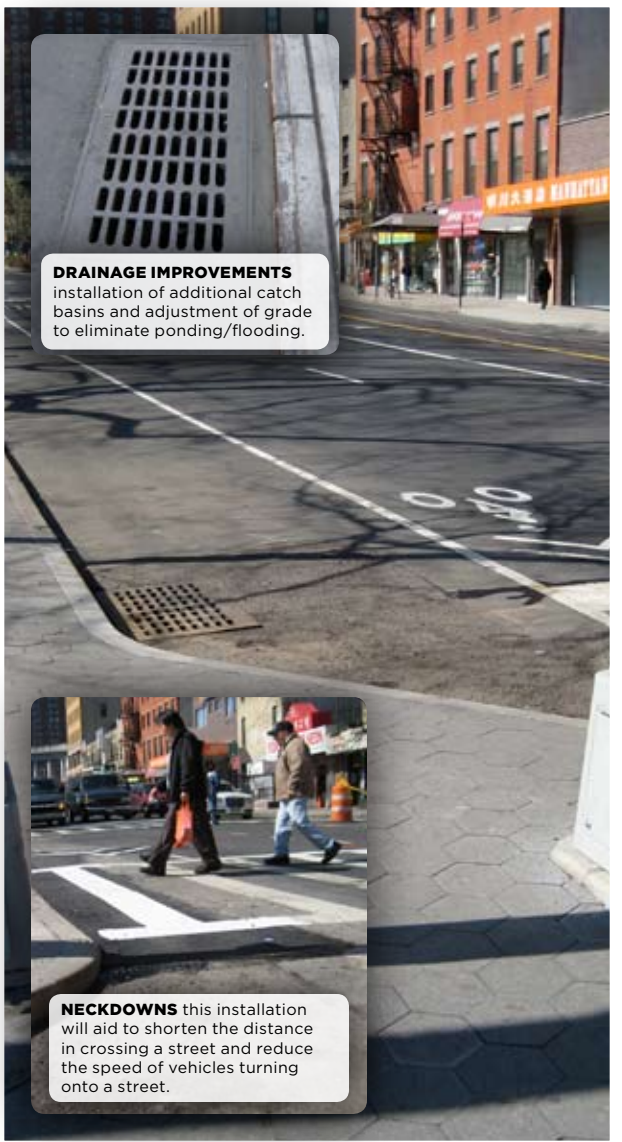
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WHAT IS THE DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT?

Over the past twenty plus years, Downtown Brooklyn has experienced a revitalization that has brought strong economic growth to this collection of dense and diverse urban neighborhoods. However, with this growth came the anticipated impact of increased traffic congestion. In response to this impact, the Downtown Brooklyn Traffic Calming Study was initiated in an effort to mitigate those traffic impacts and ensure the area's ongoing vitality, safety, accessibility, and mobility. The project's goal is to make all types of streets function better for all users of the public space.

The study was completed in 2004. Since that time, the City of New York has completed the design and is now ready to implement the recommended traffic calming measures. For more information about the study or to view the final report, please visit the NYC Department of Transportation's (DOT) website at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/dntnbklyntraf.shtml>.



DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
 installation of additional catch basins and adjustment of grade to eliminate ponding/flooding.

NECKDOWNS this installation will aid to shorten the distance in crossing a street and reduce the speed of vehicles turning onto a street.

PROJECT AREAS

This project's traffic calming measures will be implemented in the neighborhoods of Boerum Hill, Brooklyn Heights, Cobble Hill, Carroll Gardens, Fort Greene, the Gowanus & Downtown Brooklyn.



HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALKS
 installation of pavement markings to alert motorists/bicyclists of pedestrian cross walk

STREET LIGHTING
 this installation will enhance safety for all roadway users.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is managing this construction project within Community Board districts 2 and 6. The project began in Winter 2008 and has an anticipated completion date of Summer 2010.

While the end result of this project is predominately street level improvements, some sub-surface work such as relocation of existing infrastructure (water mains, catch basins, street and traffic signals) will be necessary. As a result, there will be community impacts as construction progresses (please see the Community Impacts section for more on this). Although most construction work will be performed during daytime hours, there will be times when, due to the nature of some work operations, nighttime and weekend work will be necessary.

WORK TO BE PERFORMED

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES
(SEE BELOW FOR A DESCRIPTION)

INSTALLATION OF **SEWERS**

INSTALLATION OF **WATER MAINS**

INSTALLATION OF
STREET LIGHTING/TRAFFIC LIGHTING

RECONSTRUCTION OF **BUS STOPS**

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES BEING IMPLEMENTED

The project will add curb extensions at corners to shorten crosswalks, increase visibility of crosswalks and reconstruct bus stops among other measures. This project will also install sewers, water mains, street lighting, and traffic signs/signals.

NECKDOWNS (CURB EXTENSIONS)

THIS INSTALLATION WILL AID TO SHORTEN THE DISTANCE IN CROSSING A STREET AND REDUCE THE SPEED OF VEHICLES TURNING ONTO A STREET.

HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALKS INSTALLATION OF PAVEMENT MARKINGS TO ALERT MOTORISTS/ BICYCLISTS OF PEDESTRIAN CROSS WALK.

BUS PADS/STOP INSTALLATION OF DESIGNATED AREA FOR THE PICK UP/DROP OFF OF BUS TRANSIT USERS.

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL CATCH BASINS AND ADJUSTMENT OF GRADE TO ELIMINATE PONDING/FLOODING.

STREET LIGHTING THIS INSTALLATION WILL ENHANCE SAFETY FOR ALL ROADWAY USERS.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

STUDENT PICK-UP / DROP-OFF

Where construction impacts school pick-up and drop-off areas, the DDC will coordinate with the DOE and school officials to ensure these locations are safe and clearly marked and maintained.

PEDESTRIAN / TRAFFIC

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO BUILDINGS
will be maintained at all times.

STREET CLOSURES/TRAFFIC DETOUR
partial closures and/or limited access of intersections and streets. Half-block closures may be necessary. In the event of half-block closures, the street will be closed to through-traffic, but emergency vehicle access will be allowed. Signs will be posted.

PARKING
will be temporarily restricted so construction may proceed. Signs will be posted where necessary.

DRIVEWAY/LOADING DOCK ACCESS
may be temporarily restricted.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

BUS RELOCATION
where necessary, will be detoured in/around the work zones.

SUBWAY ENTRANCES/EXITS
where necessary, only one exit/entrance will be closed at a time.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Individuals with special needs who may be uniquely impacted by this project should contact the project's Community Construction Liaison, as soon as possible, to make them aware of your situation. The DDC will work with you to attempt to minimize the inconvenience as much as possible.

WORK HOURS: Typical construction work hours will be from Monday-Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. However, due to the nature of some work operations, night time and weekend work are anticipated as part of this project.

MAINTAINING A SAFE AND CLEAN WORK ZONE

The DDC is committed to maintaining a work site that is safe and clean. However, dust, noise and heavy equipment are intrusive, but common elements of construction. We ask for your patience during the project. In addition, the DDC will be baiting within the construction zone as required by the contract for rodent control. **You will receive notification of any project related impacts from the project staff.**

WATER SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

During the course of this project, you may experience water service disruptions. Water may be discolored by sediment that has built up in the older pipes, including the service connection to the internal pipes in your building. Even if no construction is performed in front of your building the process of shutting down the old pipes can result in discoloration. If this occurs, run only cold water until it appears clear. If it is necessary for us to turn off your water service, you will receive written notice informing you the day before service interruption. We suggest you store drinking water to have available in your home or business for the period that water service is suspended. Water service is always restored at the end of the workday. Be sure to turn off any open valves or faucets to prevent flooding when water service is restored

NOTE: If your water service is not restored within three (3) hours of the time indicated on the Shut-Off Notice, please contact the Field Office during construction working hours, or 311 after construction working hours.

SIDEWALK VIOLATION NOTICES

Prior to sidewalk installation, the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) will inspect all sidewalks within the project limits. If a violation exists, a sidewalk violation will be issued to the property owner with a copy filed with the County Clerk. The property owner may make any repairs to address the violation within 45 days of the receipt date of the Notice of Violation. Prior to proceeding with the repair work, the property owner must request a Sidewalk Construction Permit from the DOT and upon completion of the work request a Sidewalk Violation Dismissal from DOT/HIQA Unit. If the sidewalk is installed by the City contractor, the DOT will notify the County Clerk. The NYC Department of Finance will then assess the property owner for the work completed by the contractor and in accordance with the Preliminary Inspection Report (PIR).

NOTE: If property owners elect to wait and let the sidewalk be replaced by the DDC, they will continue to bear full responsibility for the condition of the sidewalk until it is replaced. For more information, please contact the Community Construction Liaison or visit the NYCDOT website at www.nyc.gov/dot

PROPERTY DAMAGE CONCERNS

The Contractor is responsible for the repair of any proven property damage and restoration of the construction area, including sidewalks and curbs, to at least the condition that existed prior to the start of construction. As a protection for the City of New York and the property owners along the route of the construction, preconstruction pictures are taken. The contract requires the Contractor to maintain property damage and liability insurance coverage until the completion of all work. You are advised to inform the CCL or the Resident Engineer and the Contractor in the first instance of any property damage you may have, and if the Contractor fails to respond within 10 days, you should inform the DDC Borough Director in writing. For more details, please contact the Community Construction Liaison.

IMPORTANT: If you believe the city is responsible, or if you wish to file a property damage claim with the New York City Comptroller's Office, you must do so within 90 days of the occurrence. For information please contact the Community Construction Liaison.

PROJECT BROWSER FOR COMMUNITY BROCHURE UPDATES:
www.nyc.gov/buildnyc

COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION LIAISON

In an effort to keep the community informed and identify and resolve any issues that may arise during construction, the DDC has assigned Tom McCarley of HAKS as the Community Construction Liaison (CCL). Please contact Mr. McCarley for all project related inquiries/concerns or to be added to the e-mail distribution list.

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If there is a concern during non-construction hours, please call the New York City Government Services and Information Hotline at 311.