Parking Protected Bicycle Path Extension



Executive Summary

Building upon previously completed improvements to other sections of First and Second Avenues, DOT implemented enhancements on First Avenue between E 61 St and E 72 St in summer 2012. The project included a new bicycle path with landscaped pedestrian safety islands and mixing zones for turning vehicles. Post implementation analysis indicates an increase in bicycle ridership with a reduction in crashes while maintaining motor vehicle throughput. In addition, crossings are shorter and new street trees have enhanced the neighborhood.



Results Summary:

Safety

- Total crashes fell by 9%
- Injuries for all users fell by 36%
- 70% decrease in cyclists riding on the sidewalk on First Ave

Mobility

- Vehicle volumes along the avenue have declined modestly
- First Ave travel times improved by 8% during the afternoon peak period (4-7pm)
- Bicycle volumes on First Ave increase by 45% on weekdays
- An acceptable Vehicle Level of Service was maintained after implementation

Economic Vitality/Quality of Life

- The project has had no adverse effects on FDNY and NYPD operations
- Created 70 parking spaces during afternoon peak period
- 14 trees planted within concrete safety islands

Project Summary





Completed June 2012:

- Installed 0.6 miles of separated bicycle path with mixing zones
- Installed dedicated bicycle signal at E 72nd St
- Constructed 14 landscaped pedestrian safety islands
- Removed afternoon peak period parking restrictions

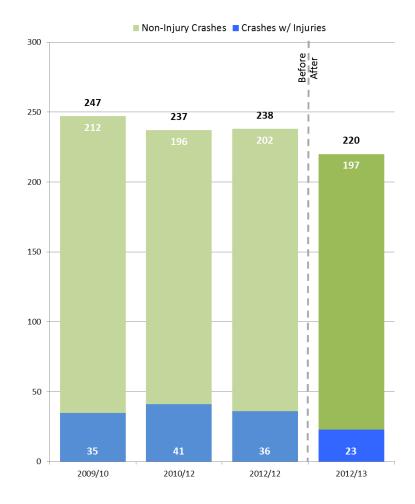
Safety – Crashes and Injuries

Injuries for all users fell by 36%



Crashes, One-Year After Analysis

First Avenue (E. 61st to E. 72nd)



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Source: NYPD AIS/TAMS Crash Database

Safety – Crashes and Injuries

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Crashes and Injuries

One-Year After Analysis, First Avenue (E 61 St to E 72 St)

		Before				
	'09/	'10/	'12/		'12/	
	'10	'12	'12		'13	
Total Crashes	247	237	238		220	
Crashes w/ Injuries	35	41	36		23	
Motor Vehicle Occupant	18	21	17		15	
Pedestrian	18	16	16		12	
Cyclist	7	9	4		0	
Total Injuries	43	46	37		27	



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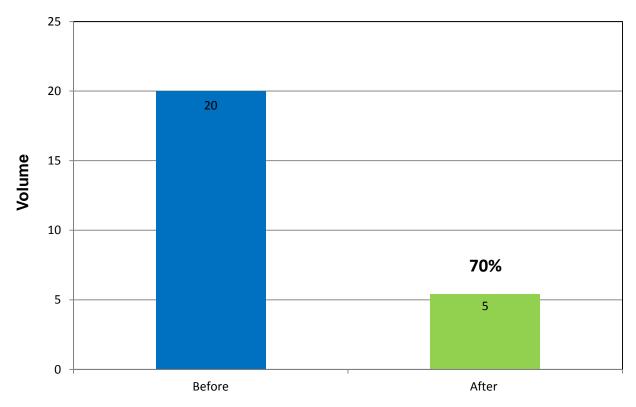
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Safety – Sidewalk Riding

• 70% decrease in cyclists riding on the sidewalk on First Ave

12-Hour Weekday Sidewalk Riding Volumes

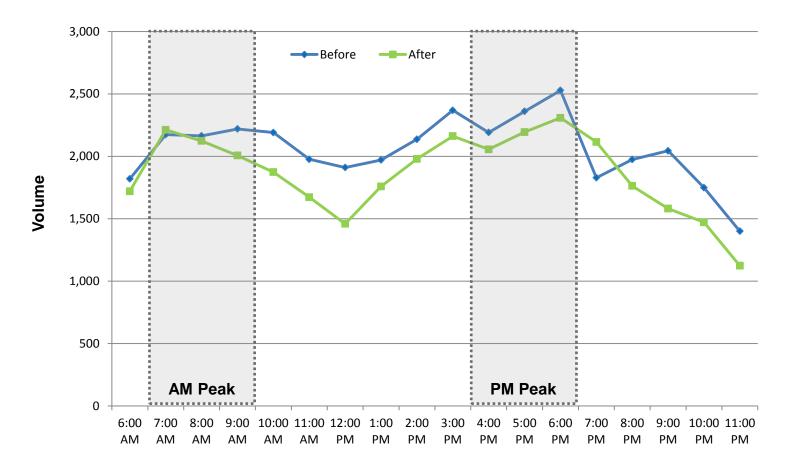
(First Ave between E 67 St and E 68 St, 7:00a – 7:00p)



Note: Before data; average of single weekday counts between 7a & 7p on 3/20/12, 3/21/12 and 3/22/12; After data is the average of single weekday counts on 4/24/13, 6/25/13, 7/17/13, 9/17/13, 10/19/13

Mobility – Vehicle Volumes

Vehicle volumes along the avenue have declined modestly



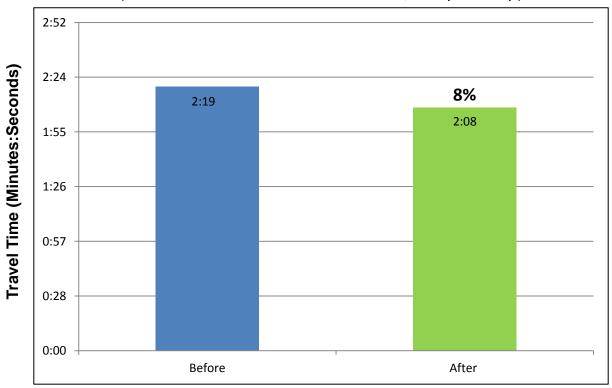
Before: Average midweek peak volume week of May 16, 2010 After: Average midweek peak volume week of January 7, 2013

Mobility – Travel Times

• First Ave travel times improved by 8% during the afternoon peak period (4-7pm)

Weekday Peak Period Travel Times

(First Ave between E 61 St and E 72 St, 4:00p - 7:00p)



Before: weekday average travel time derived from (2) runs every hour over 3 days conducted May 11-13, 2010 After: weekday average travel time derived from (4) runs every hour over 2 days conducted November 20-21, 2013

Mobility – Level of Service

• An acceptable Vehicle Level of Service was maintained after implementation

Level of Service of First Ave at E. 72nd Street
(PM Peak 6p-7p)

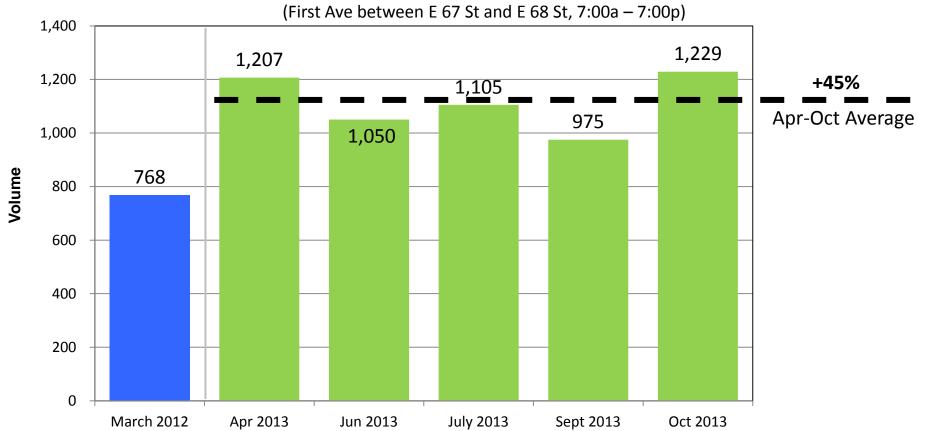
	Before					After						
	Vahialas	Lane Group			Approach		Vahialaa	Lane Group			Approach	
Approach	Vehicles (v/hr)	V/C Ratio	Delay (s)	SOI	Approach Delay (s)	Approach LOS	Vehicles (v/hr)	V/C Ratio	Delay (s)	SOT	Approach Delay (s)	Approach LOS
	L = 145	0.38	17.1	В			L = 158	0.67	48.4	D	20.2	С
NB 1st Ave	T = 2253	0.73	19.4	В	19.0	В	T = 1996	0.67	18.2	В		
	R = 130	0.29	15.2	В			R = 155	0.35	16.2	В		
	L = 0						L = 0					
WB E. 72nd St	T = 162	0.20	18.8	В	18.8	В	T = 215	0.27	19.5	В	19.5	В
	R = 54						R = 54					
	L = 118						L = 124					
EB E. 72nd St	T = 247	0.44	22.1	С	22.1	С	T = 290	0.50	23.1	С	23.1	С
	R = 0						R = 0					
Overall Intersection	Delay: 19.4(s) LOS: C					Delay: 20.5(s) LOS: C						

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Mobility – Bicycle Volumes

Bicycle volumes on First Ave increased by 45% on weekdays

12-Hour Weekday Bicycle Volumes



Note: Before data; average of single weekday counts between 7a & 7p on 3/20/12, 3/21/12 and 3/22/12. After data; single weekday counts between 7a-7p on 4/24/13, 6/25/13, 7/17/13, 9/17/13, 10/19/13

Warm weather months (April-October) are averaged to provide a seasonal factor in comparison to other months

Quality of Life – Emergency Response

The project has had no adverse effects on FDNY and NYPD operations



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- FDNY confirmation date November 14, 2013

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