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MAYOR DE BLASIO SURPASSES OPEN STREETS TARGET, ANNOUNCES 13 MORE MILES OF STREETS TO BE OPENED BY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

New York City offers most open streets of any American city; exceeds 40-mile target by end of May

Open Streets will be visible on Google Maps

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio announced today that New York City will open 13 more miles of streets to pedestrians and cyclists for the Memorial Day weekend starting tomorrow, May 23rd. The new locations bring New York City's total to 43 miles of open streets since the program was first announced in April, surpassing its original target of 40 miles by the end of May.

Google has added the previous 30 miles of Open Streets into Google Maps, allowing drivers using online navigation to steer clear of these streets; today's new Open Streets will be added to Google Maps in the coming days.

New York City now has more miles of open streets than any other city in America.

“New Yorkers deserve space to safely enjoy the outdoors in their own neighborhoods,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “Thanks to hard work from a host of City agencies, we’ve beaten our Open Streets goal for this month – and made our city a national leader in expanding public space as we fight COVID-19.”

“As we reach a pivotal milestone in our Open Streets program, it has been heartening to see the positive responses from communities and New Yorkers across the City as they enjoy these open spaces safely,” said **Deputy Mayor Laura Anglin**. “We will continue to work with our local partners, elected officials, BIDS, and countless City agencies, to further identify streets and neighborhoods to help New Yorkers get outside while maintaining social distancing.”

Nearly nine miles of the new Open Streets will be placed in neighborhoods across the city and managed by local precincts; 1.8 miles will be managed by local partners; and another 2.7 miles will be adjacent to parks.

Local Partner Management

Partner	Boro	Street	From	To	Mileage	Notes
Red Hook Initiative	BK	9th St	Henry St	Hicks St	0.08	9a-6p Sat
Village Alliance	MN	University Place	13th St	4th St	0.41	8:30a-1:30p Sun
Village Alliance	MN	MacDougal	4th St	8th St	0.15	8:30a-1:30p Sun
Hudson Sq BID	MN	Greenwich St	Canal St	Spring St	0.08	10a-4p all days
Alliance for Downtown NY	MN	Pearl St	State St	Cedar St	0.46	11a-3p all days
Chinatown District	MN	Doyers St	Pell St	Bowery	0.05	10a-7p all days
Alliance for Kips Bay	MN	2nd Ave Service Rd	33rd St	30th St	0.13	8a-8p all days
Bedford Stuyvesant Gateway BID	BK	Arlington Pl	Macon St	Fulton St	0.07	Thurs 10-2p
Times Square Alliance	MN	Broadway	47th St	53rd St	0.30	8a-8p all days
Times Square Alliance	MN	Broadway	42nd St	41st St	0.05	8a-8p all days

Total mileage

1.78

Local Precinct Management

Neighborhood	Boro	Street	From	To	Mileage
Bed-Stuy	BK	Somers St	Rockaway Ave	Fulton St	0.11
Williamsburg	BK	S 9th St	Berry St	Driggs Ave	0.17
Williamsburg	BK	Grand St	Roebbling St	Marcy Ave	0.16
Prospect Heights	BK	Underhill Ave	St. Johns Pl	Bergen St	0.32
Prospect Heights	BK	Carlton Ave	Park Pl	Bergen St	0.18

South Richmond Hill	QN	120th St	94th Ave	Liberty Ave	0.53
Greenwich Village	MN	Jones St	Bleecker St	W 4th St	0.09
East Village	MN	Ave B	6th St	14th St	0.39
Manhattan Valley	MN	103rd St	Broadway	Riverside Dr	0.16
Chelsea	MN	22nd St	8th Ave	7th Ave	0.16
Gramercy	MN	Irving Place	16th St	20th St	0.18
Kensington	BK	Chester Ave	Ft. Hamilton Parkway	Church Ave	0.32
Fort Greene	BK	Willoughby Ave	Washington Park St	Hall St	0.41
Crown Heights	BK	Park Pl	New York Ave	Kingston Ave	0.29
Crown Heights	BK	Troy Ave	St. Johns Pl	Eastern Parkway	0.10
Rego Park	QN	99th St	Horace Harding	66th Ave	0.52
Sunnyside	QN	50th Ave	48th St	44th St	0.19
Forest Hills	QN	66th Rd	110th St	Grand Central Pkwy	0.15
Prospect Heights	BK	Lincoln Pl	Washington St	Bedford Ave	0.41
Bed-Stuy	BK	Macon St	Arlington Pl	Tompkins Ave	0.40
Boerum Hill	BK	State St	3rd Ave	Smith St	0.50
Homecrest	BK	16th St	Ave R	Moore Pl	0.11
		Moore Pl	16th St	17th St	
Brooklyn Heights	BK	Willow St	Middagh St	Pierrepoint St	0.33
Seaport	MN	Front St	Beekman St	Peck Slip	0.08
Harlem	MN	117th	Morningside Ave	5th Ave	0.70
Chelsea	MN	21st St	9th Ave	10th Ave	0.16

Hells Kitchen	MN	51st St	9th Ave	10th Ave	0.16
Harlem	MN	138th	Lenox Ave	Adam Clayton Powell Blvd	0.15
Williamsburg	BK	N. 3rd St	Kent Ave	Metropolitan Ave	0.32
Brownsville	BK	Williams Ave	Liberty Ave	Atlantic Ave	0.11
Castle Hill	BX	Pugsley	Bruckner Blvd	Turnbull Ave	0.20
Maspeth	QN	60th Street	Laurel Hill Blvd	47th Ave	0.12
Forest Hills	QN	Ascan Ave	Queens Blvd	Austin St	0.07
Park Slope	BK	Butler St	Gregory Pl	4th Ave	0.14
		Gregory Pl	Baltic St	Butler St	
Bay Ridge	BK	Colonial Rd	86th St	83rd St	0.16
Jamaica	QN	107th Ave	159th St	160th St	0.03
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Total mileage

8.76

Adjacent Park Roads

Park	Boro	Street	From	To	Mileage
Hunters Pt	QN	Center Blvd	57th Ave	Borden Ave	0.23
Green Central Knoll Park	BK	Noll St	Evergreen Ave	Central Ave	0.09
Plaut Triangle	QN	169th St	Northern Blvd	43rd Ave	0.03
Gorman Playground	QN	85th Street	25th Ave	30th Ave	0.13

Nicholas Naquan Heyward Park	BK	Wyckoff St	Bond St	Hoyt St	0.12
Charles Young Playground	MN	143rd St	Malcolm X Blvd	5th Ave	0.16
Stuyvesant Sq Park	MN	Rutherford Pl	15th St	17th St	0.09
		16th Street	3rd Ave	Rutherford Pl	0.08
Morningside Park	MN	Morningside Ave	Manhattan Ave	116th	0.16
Yellowstone Park	QN	68th Rd	108th St	Yellowstone Blvd	0.10
Painter's Playground	QN	Dieterle Crescent	Alderton St	65th Dr	0.13
Carroll Park	BK	Carroll St	Court St	Smith St	0.10
McGolrick Park	BK	Russell St	Nassau Ave	Driggs Ave	0.17
Betsy Head Park	BK	Dumont Ave	Thomas Boyland St	Strauss St	0.14
Baisley Pond Park	QN	Barron St	116th Ave	Foch Blvd	0.13
		Lakeview Blvd E	118th Ave	122nd Ave	0.34
		155th St	119th Ave	125th Ave	0.32
		Lakeview lane	122nd Ave	Baisley Blvd	0.12
		122nd Ave	Lakeview Blvd E	Lakeview Ln	0.08
Total mileage					2.72

In April, the Mayor and Council Speaker Corey Johnson announced that 40 miles of streets citywide would be opened by the end of May to allow greater social distancing, with a plan to expand to a total of 100 miles in the weeks and months ahead.

Under Open Streets, pedestrians and cyclists can use the roadbed of each street. No through traffic is permitted, with remaining vehicle traffic limited to local deliveries, pick-ups/drop-offs, necessary city service, utility, and emergency vehicles only. Such drivers are alerted to be hyper-vigilant and to drive at 5 MPH along these routes. Open streets hours will be from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM but may vary slightly depending on staff availability.

The City has also begun installing 9 miles of additional temporary dedicated cycling space, building on this March's addition of lanes on a section of Manhattan's 2nd Avenue and on Smith Street in Brooklyn. This week, crews began work on lower Broadway in Manhattan, 38th and 39th Streets in Manhattan, Crescent Street in Queens and Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn. These temporary projects, which use barrels, signage, and other barriers, may be phased into permanent bike lanes as city resources come back online and as DOT gathers additional feedback from affected community boards and elected officials.

“As the beautiful spring weather arrives, we invite New Yorkers to now safely enjoy over 40 miles of Open Streets and new bike lanes in neighborhoods across the city, including Brownsville, Brooklyn, Jamaica, Queens, and Castle Hill in the Bronx,” said **NYC DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg**. “We thank the NYPD and our sister agencies, BIDs and community groups as well as elected officials who have together helped us reach this point. We have more miles to come and continue to call on other neighborhoods that want an Open Street to let us know, even if you don’t have a formal community partner.”

“Opening up streets to people instead of cars is something that makes sense during the crisis,” said **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**. “I’m glad that the administration has worked to quickly to add miles to the program.”

"Our neighbors in Castle Hill have taken a hard hit during this pandemic – residents need and deserve the additional space to safely enjoy the summer weather, while continuing to follow social distancing protocols. I am grateful to the Mayor's Office and the New York City Council for bringing the Open Streets initiative to Castle Hill, and look forward to its further expansion across District 34," said **State Senator Alessandra Biaggi**.

"New Yorkers are looking forward to Memorial Day weekend and more open streets will provide for more outdoor activity. While we must continue to maintain social distancing and wear masks in public, there will be more places for people to get out and enjoy the weather," said **Assistant Speaker Assemblyman Felix W. Ortiz**.

"As we enter the summer months and the weather turns warmer, New Yorkers are going to be outside more and need creative ways to ensure social distancing. Opening our streets to pedestrians will help facilitate that and make coping with this crisis a little easier. I thank Mayor de Blasio for opening the streets and hope to see the continued success of this program," said **Assemblyman Walter Mosley**.

"Open streets are making a real difference in the lives of New Yorkers right now, and we need to keep giving more neighborhoods more space to socially distance outside. It's clear we need to continue expanding this program and that we should consider this initiative a key part of reimagining how we use our public streets during and after the crisis. The Council will continue working with the administration to open more streets, particularly in neighborhoods without enough open space and in places that make it easier for people to get around our city," said **City Council Speaker Corey Johnson**.

“I am happy that the areas opening to pedestrian and cyclists are in the communities that were severely impacted by COVID-19. We must continue expanding this initiative to reach all underserved communities who have historically suffered at disproportionate rates from heart disease, asthma, and obesity. These communities are among the most vulnerable to the virus,” said **Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, Chairman of the Transportation Committee**. “I ask my colleagues at the Council whose communities were not hit as hard to work with us to continue opening streets in low-income communities. I will continue working alongside Mayor de Blasio, Commissioner Polly Trottenberg, and advocates to continue opening streets for pedestrians and cyclists throughout the five boroughs.”

"I want to thank Mayor de Blasio and Commissioner Trottenberg for working with the Council to reach this 40-mile milestone for open streets in May. Now, we must turn our vision to expanding our open streets operations for the next 60 miles and more so that we can lift up community groups and bring needed infrastructure improvements such as bike lanes, sidewalk extensions and more to make New York a more open city," said **Council Member Carlina Rivera**.

“Neighborhood partners serve as the core of Open Streets. With the great partners we have in Bed-Stuy and Crown Heights, we can provide more open space to community residents and safely adhere to necessary social distancing practices. I welcome Open Streets, and I welcome a process that is inclusive and reaches out for community input. Thanks to all those neighborhood residents who engaged with us to advance Open Streets in Bed-Stuy and Crown Heights,” said **Council Member Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.**

"Kids in our neighborhoods have been thrilled to have a little extra space to play, and commuters and recreational cyclists are glad for additional routes with protection from nearby traffic. These additional blocks will help New Yorkers celebrate the warmer weather in safer, physically distant ways. I'm grateful to the Administration and the DOT for working to get these programs running across our city, and hope to continue working with you to ensure equitable citywide implementation that creates more open space and safer transit options in all neighborhoods, especially those that have been hardest hit by the health and economic impacts of the pandemic," said **Council Member Brad Lander**.

"After spending weeks indoors, open and clean streets is what New Yorkers deserve. This new mile of open streets in Red Hook will allow my neighbors to have the space to walk, watch their kids play, and adhere to social distancing. I look forward to working with the Mayor and community partners to reclaim our streets for pedestrians and cyclist," said **Council Member Menchaca, Chair of the Committee on Immigration**.

"As we keep opening streets, more New Yorkers can safely get outside. I look forward to the continued use of street space for pedestrians and cyclists as we work in new ways to get around our city. Thanks to the Times Square Alliance and the Alliance for Kips Bay for their partnership in this effort," said **Council Member Keith Powers**.

"Sunnier days have arrived and more of our New Yorkers will be out seeking recreation in our parks and green spaces in the coming weeks," said **Council Member Paul Vallone**. "Creating a

temporary Open Street on the road adjacent to Flushing's Plaut Triangle will provide residents more space to safely enjoy warmer weather and facilitate important social distancing."

Organizations wishing to have other New York City streets considered for the Open Streets program should reach out to [fill out an online survey](#). More information is available at nyc.gov/openstreets.

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