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**NEW YORK CITY EXPANDS NATION-LEADING OPEN STREETS PROGRAM  
WITH 23 MORE MILES IN AREAS HIT HARD BY COVID-19 CRISIS**

*New streets bring total to 67 miles, across all five boroughs, in under two months; Additions include nine new miles of protected bike lanes*

**NEW YORK**—Mayor Bill de Blasio today added another 23 miles to New York City’s nation-leading Open Streets program, bringing the citywide total to 67 miles – two-thirds of the way to the 100-mile goal laid out in late April. The new Open Streets, which are located primarily in neighborhoods hit hard by the COVID-19 crisis, include nine miles of temporary protected bike lanes.

The Administration is also prioritizing the most heat burdened communities with plans to designate certain Open Streets as “Cool Streets.” The City will open up blocks with tree-based shade and hydrants as part of DEP’s Cool Hydrant and spray cap program. The first set of “Cool Streets will be announced in the coming days.

“As the school year ends and a hot, challenging summer begins, New Yorkers will need more options to play outside,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “New York City now offers more car-free street space than any other city in the country, and we’re proud to build on that progress in all five boroughs.”

Google has added the previous 40-plus miles of Open Streets into Google Maps, allowing drivers using online navigation to steer clear of these streets; today’s new Open Streets will also be added to Google Maps in the coming days.

The nine new miles of bike corridors, like the first nine miles of temporary lanes announced in May, will be phased in throughout the summer using markings, barrels, signage, and other barriers, to implement both permanent and temporary projects along with critical connectors from already-established protected lanes. During the rollout of these bike lanes, DOT will also be implementing new Green Wave signal timing changes on DeKalb and Lafayette Avenues in Brooklyn, in addition to existing Green Wave corridors to help speed bike commutes.

“With summer now in full swing, and the City slowly reopening, we’re excited to bring new Open Streets to more communities, from the North Shore of Staten Island to Far Rockaway in Queens, along with new protected bike connections to Central Park and the Queensboro Bridge,” said **NYC DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg**. “Thanks to the hard work of Mayor de Blasio, our sister agencies, BIDs and other community groups, Open Streets continues to grow,

helping more New Yorkers who've been cooped up for so long get out and keep moving while maintaining social distancing.”

<b>Protected Bike Lanes</b>					
Neighborhood	Boro	Street	From	To	Mileage
Central Queens/Central Park	QN	Broadway/Northern Blvd	34th Ave	Queensboro Plaza	3.60
	MN	61/62 Sts	Queensboro Br	5th Ave	1.30
Lower MN/SOHO	MN	Center/Lafayette	Brooklyn Br	Spring St	1.41
Midtown Core	MN	6th/7th Ave	59th St	34th St/47th St	1.78
Central Park/Midtown	MN	5th Ave	120th St	110th St	1.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>9.09</b>

<b>Local Partner Management</b>						
Partner	Boro	Street	From	To	Mileage	Notes
JCCRP	QN	Reads Ln	Empire Ave	Jarvis Ave	0.52	8a-8p Sat Only
JCCRP	QN	Beach 12th St	Central Ave	Dinsmore Ave	0.25	8a-8p Sat Only
Times Square Alliance	MN	46th Street	8th Ave	9th Ave	0.16	4p-8p all days
Brooklyn Greenway Initiative	BK	West St	Quay St	Greenpoint Ave	0.24	8a-8p weekend only
Downtown Bk Partnership	BK	Willoughby St	Lawrence St	Flatbush Ext	0.18	10a-6p all days, extension of existing open street
Uptown Grand Central	MN	101st St	Park Ave	3rd Ave	0.17	12p-8p all days
Hudson Sq BID	MN	King St	Hudson St	Greenwich St	0.08	11a-3p all days
Hudson Sq BID	MN	Little 6th Ave	Spring St	Broome St	0.08	11a-3p all days
Hudson Sq BID	MN	Dominick St	Varick St	Little 6th Ave	0.05	11a-3p all days
Central Astoria LDC	QN	Newtown Ave	30th Ave	31st St	0.15	10a-8p Fri, Sat, Sun Only
		32nd St	30th Ave	Newtown Ave		
Red Hook Business Alliance	BK	Reed St	Conover St	Van Brunt St	0.08	12p-8p Fri, Sat, Sun Only

Connectemos	MN	Audubon Ave	183rd St	193rd St	0.59	
Flatiron Partnership	MN	29th St	Broadway	Madison Ave	0.19	
Thai Community USA	QN	37th Ave	75th St	80th St	0.24	10a-4p Sunday Only
LES Enfants de Boheme	MN	Jefferson St	E Broadway	Madison St	0.09	10a-9p Th,F,S,Sun
Marcus Meets Malcolm	MN	120th St	Lenox Ave	Mt Morris Park W	0.08	
<b>Total</b>					<b>3.15</b>	

<b>Local Precinct</b>					
Neighborhood	Boro	Street	From	To	Mileage
Brownsville	BK	Blake Ave	Rockaway Ave	Powell St	0.34
Brownsville	BK	Livonia Ave	Mother Gaston Blvd	Powell St	0.15
Bushwick	BK	Humboldt St	Moore St	Flushing Ave	0.19
	BK	Moore St	Humboldt St	Bushwick Ave	0.11
Harlem	MN	129th St	Adam Clayton Powell Blvd	Frederick Douglass Blvd	0.15
Claremont	BX	Washington Ave	171st St	169th St	0.34
Castle Hill	BX	Randall Ave	Olmstead Ave	Havemeyer Ave	0.62
Morris Heights	BX	Nelson Ave	Featherbed Ln	Macombs Rd	0.25
East Bronx	BX	Holland Ave	Boston Rd	S Oak Dr	0.61
Longwood	BX	Louis Nine Blvd	Intervale Ave	Southern Blvd	0.13
Kingsbridge	BX	Tibbett Ave	238th St	232nd St	0.37
Morrisiana	BX	Trinity Ave	E 166 St	E 161 St	0.37
Crotona	BX	Crotona Pkwy	Bronx Park S	180th St	0.14
Laconia	BX	Yates Ave	Burke Ave	Adee Ave	0.11
Concourse	BX	McClellan St	River Ave	Cromwell Ave	0.16
		Cromwell Ave	McClellan St	Jerome Ave	
Sheepshead Bay	BK	Bragg St	Ave V	Ave Y	0.46
Midwood	BK	Ave K	15th	17th	0.10
Crown Heights	BK	Schenectady Ave	Eastern Pkwy	Empire Blvd	0.33
East New York	BK	Stanley Ave	Vermont Ave	Van Siclen Ave	0.40
		Stanley Ave	Scheneck Ave	Ashford St	
New Lots	BK	Blake Ave	Miller St	Hindsdale St	0.50
Prospect Heights	BK	Carlton Ave	Dean St	Bergen St	0.05

Woodside	QN	60th St	Queens Blvd	43rd Ave	0.07
Chelsea	MN	25th St	8th Ave	9th Ave	0.17
Hell's Kitchen	MN	44th St	9th Ave	10th Ave	0.16
Ozone Park	QN	77th Street	Atlantic Ave	101st St	0.29
Far Rockaway	QN	Rockaway Fwy	Ocean Crest Blvd	Regina Ave	0.27
Boerum Hill	BK	Pacific St	Smith St	Nevins St	0.38
Boerum Hill	BK	Wyckoff St	Nevins St	3rd Ave	0.11
Brooklyn Heights	BK	Montague St	Hicks St	Pierrepont Pl	0.08
Ridgewood	QN	Onderdonk Ave	Starr St	DeKalb Ave	0.20
Stapleton	SI	Water St	Bay St	Front St	0.08
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Jamaica Hills	QN	165th St	Chapin Pkwy	85th Ave	0.09
Sunset Park	BK	21st St	3rd Ave	7th Ave	0.56
Bushwick	BK	Troutman St	Irving Ave	St. Nicholas Ave	0.24
Greenpoint	BK	Driggs Ave	Monitor St	Meeker Ave	0.16
Bed Stuy	BK	Fulton St	Marcy Ave	Brooklyn Ave	0.11
Bushwick	BK	Ellery St	Broadway	Beaver St	0.10
<b>Total</b>					<b>9.02</b>

<b>Adjacent Park Roads</b>					
Park	Boro	Street	From	To	Mileage
Red Hook Recreation Center	BK	Henry St	Lorraine St	Bay St	0.09
Commodore Barry Park	BK	N Elliott Pl	Park Ave	Flushing Ave	0.11
Crocheron Park	QN	35th Ave	Corbett Rd	Dead End	0.28
Captain Rivera Playground	BX	Forest Ave	156th St	Westchester Ave	0.05
Riverdale Playground	BX	236th St	Hudson Manor Terr	Independence Ave	0.12
Ralph DeMarco Park	QN	Shore Blvd	Ditmars Blvd	20th Ave	0.33
		Ditmars Blvd	19th St	Shore Blvd	0.12
<b>Total</b>					<b>1.10</b>

“The Open Streets Program has been a huge success for our residents in Jackson Heights, allowing neighbors of all ages to walk, bike, play or just sit outside for some fresh air with plenty of room to social distance and without worries of car traffic. We’re grateful to have this program expand so that more New Yorkers can enjoy being outside as our city re-opens,” said **State Senator Jessica Ramos**.

"Families for Safe Streets is grateful to the Department of Transportation for expanding the open streets program. Creating more space for people means increased safety and a less stressful environment. We look forward to working with DOT in implementing and further expanding this program, making us the city with the most open streets per square mile in the world," said **Rhondelle Booker, member of Families for Safe Streets** and sister of Hermanda Booker, beloved special education teacher killed at age 29, on her way to school.

"BGI is thrilled to be working with local community members to provide more space along the Greenway and better access to the waterfront," said **Terri Carta Executive Director, Brooklyn Greenway Initiative**.

"We're pleased to see that the City continues to move forward with more miles of open streets in all five boroughs, and especially into neighborhoods that have been especially hard-hit by the pandemic," said **Danny Harris, Executive Director of Transportation Alternatives**. "We applaud the Department of Transportation for adding more temporary protected bike lanes, and we're eager to work together to turn these temporary lanes into permanent infrastructure for New Yorkers who bike."

"We're excited to partner with the city on expanding the Open Streets program in Downtown Brooklyn," said **Regina Myer, president of Downtown Brooklyn Partnership**. "As New Yorkers return to our commercial corridors, the additional space is vital to public safety and the successful reopening of our city. This plan paves the way for more people to bike, walk and safely spend time outdoors at a vital moment for our small businesses and local economy."

"Today's announcement represents one more step toward an equitable recovery from COVID and the fairer city we need more than ever. Rededicating our streets for people complements our transit system, easing crowding, and making travel safer for subway, bus, and paratransit riders. More open streets, bike lanes, and bus lanes together help clear the air and put New Yorkers first in our shared public space. The Riders Alliance thanks the hardworking people at DOT for moving these important projects forward in difficult circumstances," said **Betsy Plum, Executive Director of the Riders Alliance**.

"As the impact of coronavirus reverberates well past our city's peak, it's important to continue physical distancing and mask compliance. To help make distancing easier, we're glad to see DOT and City Hall continue to roll out Open Streets that allow New Yorkers to safely enjoy the outdoors protected from cars. Open Streets, new bus and bike lanes, and outdoor dining are critical tools to keep New Yorkers safe and moving as we reopen our city," said **Nick Sifuentes, Executive Director, Tri-State Transportation Campaign**.

"We applaud the NYC Department of Transportation for moving forward on this plan and focusing more attention to neighborhoods most affected by COVID. More open streets and protected bicycle lanes will provide needed public space and safer, healthy transportation options and help New Yorkers get outside safely during the summer months. We hope the city will use our vision for a connected, arterial Five Borough Bikeway to continue to expand protected cycling, during COVID recovery and in the longer term," said **Tom Wright, CEO and President of Regional Plan Association**.

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. The City exceeded its 40-mile target last month.

Under Open Streets, pedestrians and cyclists are free to 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.

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](http://nyc.gov/openstreets).

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