

Fowler Square Public Workshop

NYC DOT, FAB Alliance, CB2, CM James, Assemblyman Jeffries, Sen. Montgomery
February 16, 2012





Fowler Square



Fowler Square

Fulton Street, Lafayette Ave, & South Elliott Place



Fulton Street Buses



Fulton Street Retail



Fulton Street Retail





Existing Conditions: No seating opportunities



Existing Conditions: Uneven surfaces



BROOKLYN PLAZA MEDICAL CENTER, INC.

Major entities contacted
City of New York
NYC Department of Transportation
NYC Department of Planning
NYC Department of Parks and Recreation
NYC Department of Public Works
NYC Department of Social Services
NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
NYC Department of Education
NYC Department of Correction
NYC Department of Finance

Mr. Vaishya Kulkarni
NYC Department of Transportation
33 Water Street,
New York, NY 10038

NYC Department of Transportation
Dear Mr. Kulkarni:

Brooklyn Plaza is a public square located at the intersection of Fulton Street and Leflore Street.

The proposed public square would enhance the quality of life for the surrounding community.

We look forward to your response.

Thank you,
John Doe
Director of Transportation

NYC Public Works



CITY OF NEW YORK
Community Board No. 2
300 JAY STREET - 4TH FL.
BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11201

BARBARA BARRON
 borough President

June 30, 2010

Madhu Kulkarni
Office of Planning
Department of Transportation
33 Water Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Kulkarni:

Community Board

At the June 8, 2010

Community Board

(Present)

John Doe

2100

Mr. Vaishya Kulkarni
NYC Department of Transportation
33 Water Street
New York, NY

Dear Mr. Kulkarni:

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Brooklyn
Borough of
Manhattan

June 24, 2010

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THE COMMISSIONER
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

June 21, 2010

Mr. Vaishya Kulkarni
NYC Department of Transportation
33 Water Street
New York, NY 10038

Dear Mr. Kulkarni:

I am writing regarding

to the City of New York

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FORT GREENE ASSOCIATION
HISTORIC FORT GREENE BROOKLYN

June 30, 2010
Mr. Philip Kalkog
FAB Address
300-001 Fulton Street, 2nd Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11238

Re: Enhancing Fowler Square - The Gateway to Fort Greene

Dear Mr. Kalkog:

For some time now the Fort Greene Association (FGA) has been fostering the concept that Fowler Square is the Gateway to Fort Greene indeed it was the effort of the Fort Greene Association which rehabilitated the square and placed it in its current setting.

The patch of green which is Fowler Square needs to be expanded. Fowler Square forms and adds between the busy intersections of Lafayette Avenue and Fulton Street but because of its distinctive site is often overwhelmed by the surrounding traffic and fails to create a green buffer to the surrounding neighborhood of homes and shops. Expansion of the park will allow for proper landscaping to ease the effect of traffic upon the neighborhood, an effect which will certainly improve an already lovely urban space.

As part of its ongoing effort to secure Fowler Square as the Gateway to Fort Greene, the FGA has been pursuing multiple efforts one of which is the plaza's expansion and the other NYC Landmarks protection. Fowler Square and the streetscape immediately surrounding the current plaza are not currently protected by NYC Landmarks regulations however currently the FGA is undergoing a review by NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission to review the surroundings which the FGA and historian Andrew S. Dolkart deem significant to the overall historic fabric of Fort Greene. In its overarching goal the FGA hopes to expand the Fort Greene Historic District, connecting it with that of the DUMI Historic District to form a cohesive Historic District, the Gateway and centerpiece of which is Fowler Square.

The shop houses lining the square will become the backdrop to the proposal for the Enhancement of Fowler Square and will truly announce the "Gateway to Fort Greene." For a comparable site, see the superb restoration of the shop houses in Manhattan at the northwest corner of 4th Street and South Avenue, across from the Jefferson Market Courthouse/Berry.

Many of the details of the plaza expansion need to be ironed out but the FGA is in full support of the concept to expand Fowler Square. The FGA looks forward to ongoing discussion as we work together to design the Gateway to Fort Greene, Fowler Square.

Sincerely,
Philip Kalkog
Chairman - The Fort Greene Association
47 John Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10013

tel: 212-224-2222
fax: 212-224-2222
web: www.fortgreene.org



NYC Plaza Program
FAB applied to Round III in 6/2010. Fowler Square was selected in 2/2011



Community Workshops held June 28 & 29, 2011

Hosted by FAB & Pratt Center for Community Development

Status quo



Community Workshops held June 28 & 29, 2011
Three configurations presented

Partial expansion to Lafayette and S. Elliott



Community Workshops held June 28 & 29, 2011

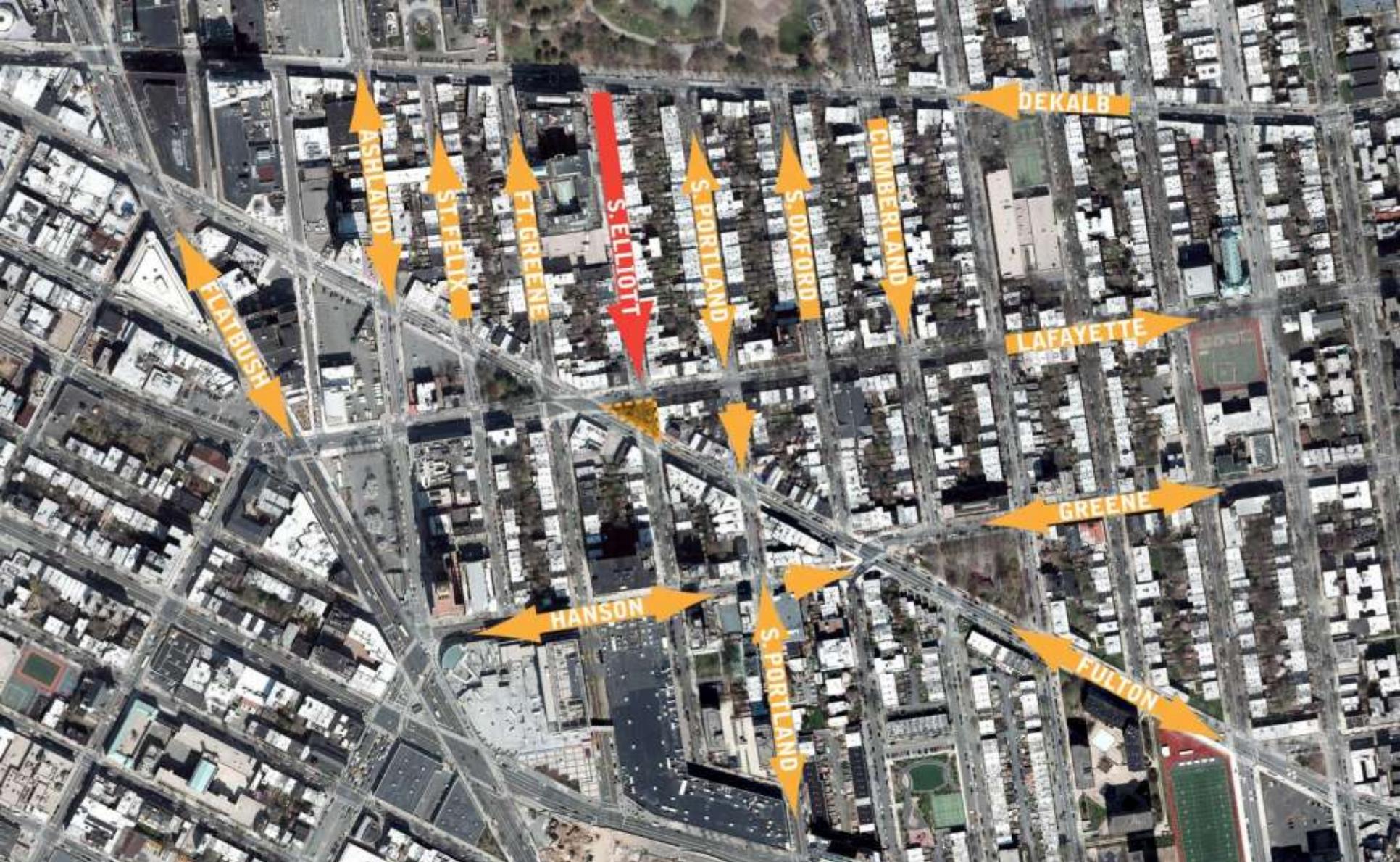
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Full expansion to S. Elliott

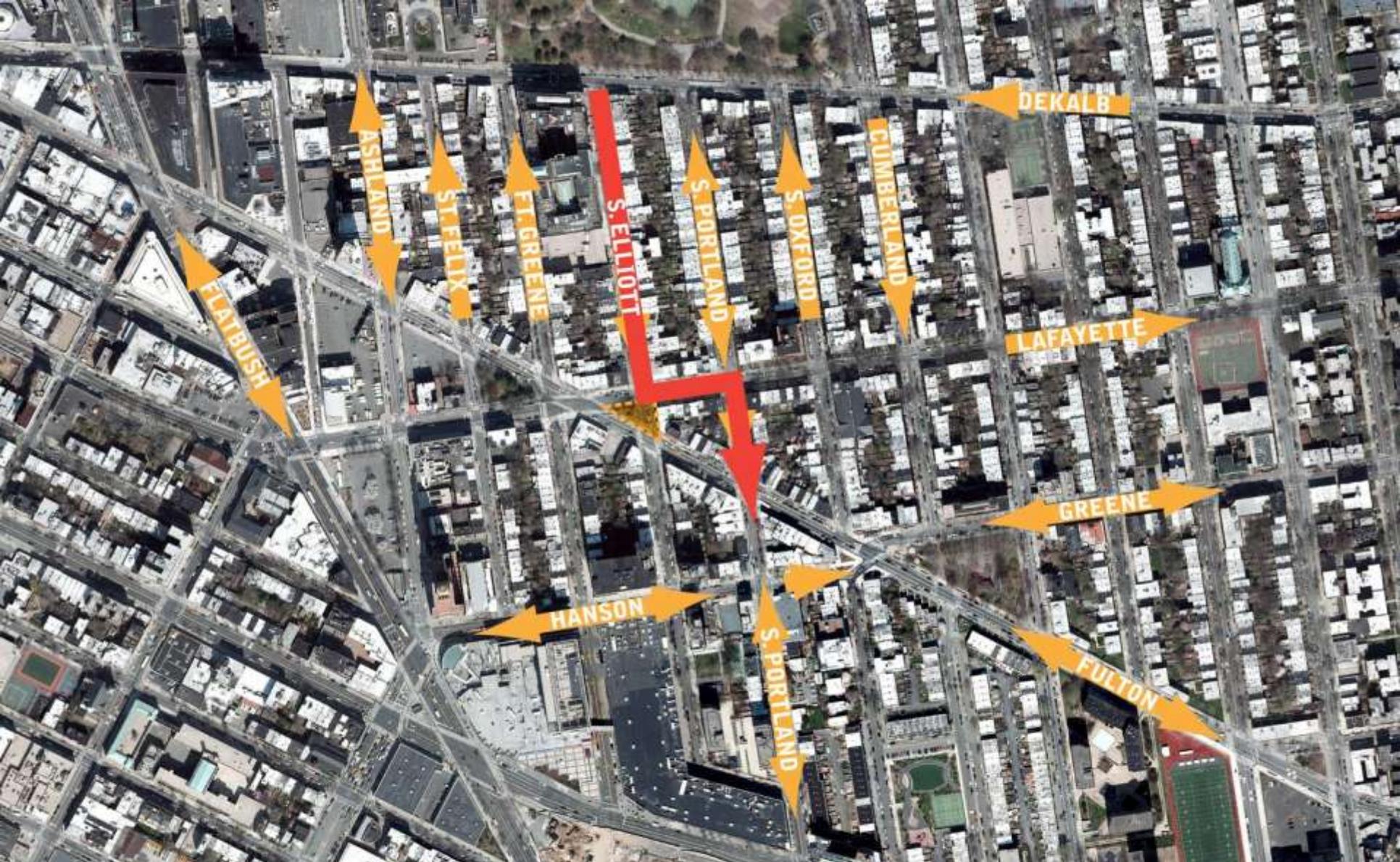


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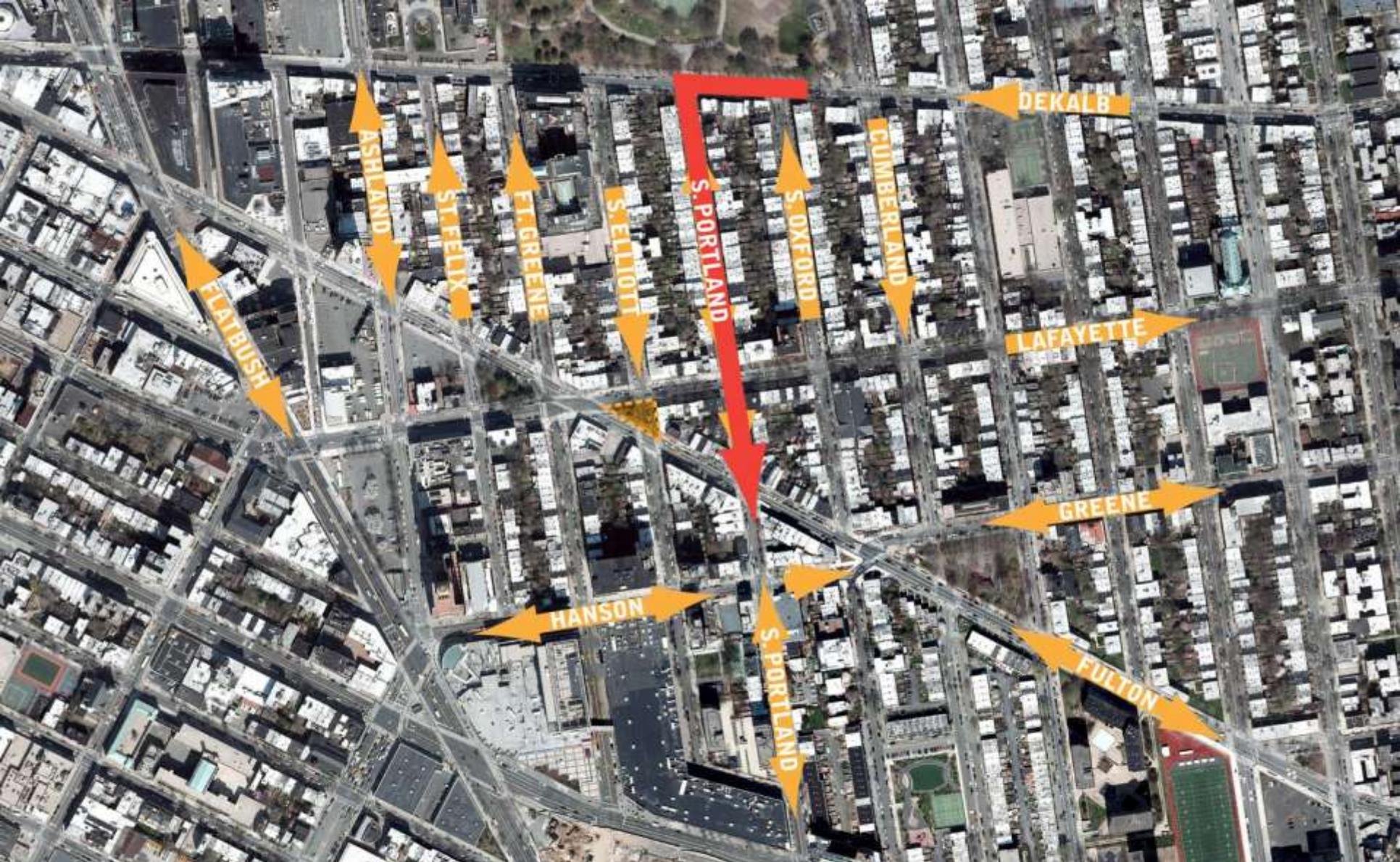


Issue: Traffic Network Impacts
Diversions caused by S. Elliott Place closure



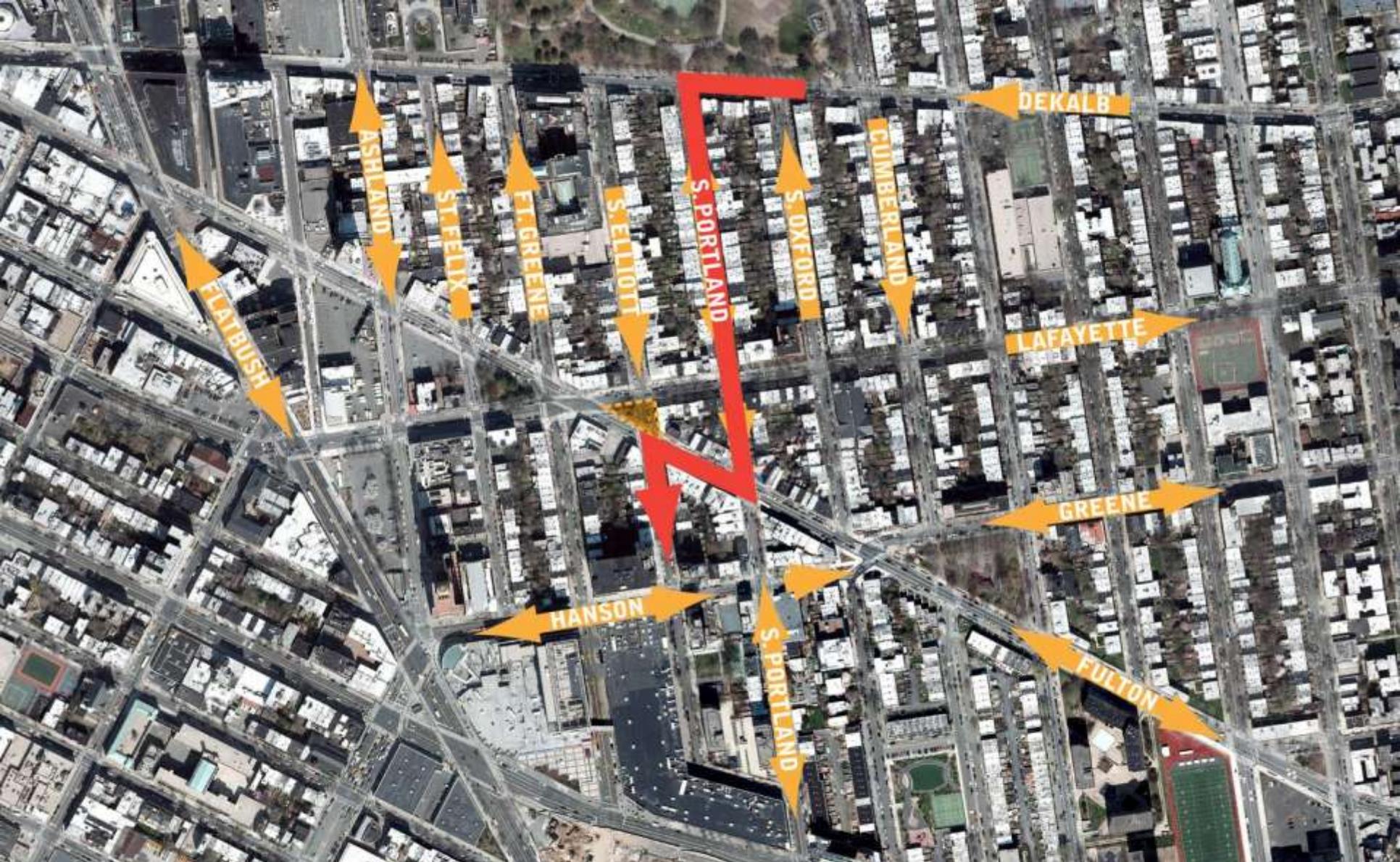
Issue: Traffic Network Impacts

One block diversion for SB vehicles headed to Fulton Street



Issue: Traffic Network Impacts

SB vehicles headed to Fulton Street will take more direct route



Issue: Traffic Network Impacts

SB vehicles headed to S. Elliott Street, south of Fulton



Issue: Traffic Network Impacts

Peak vehicle count observed

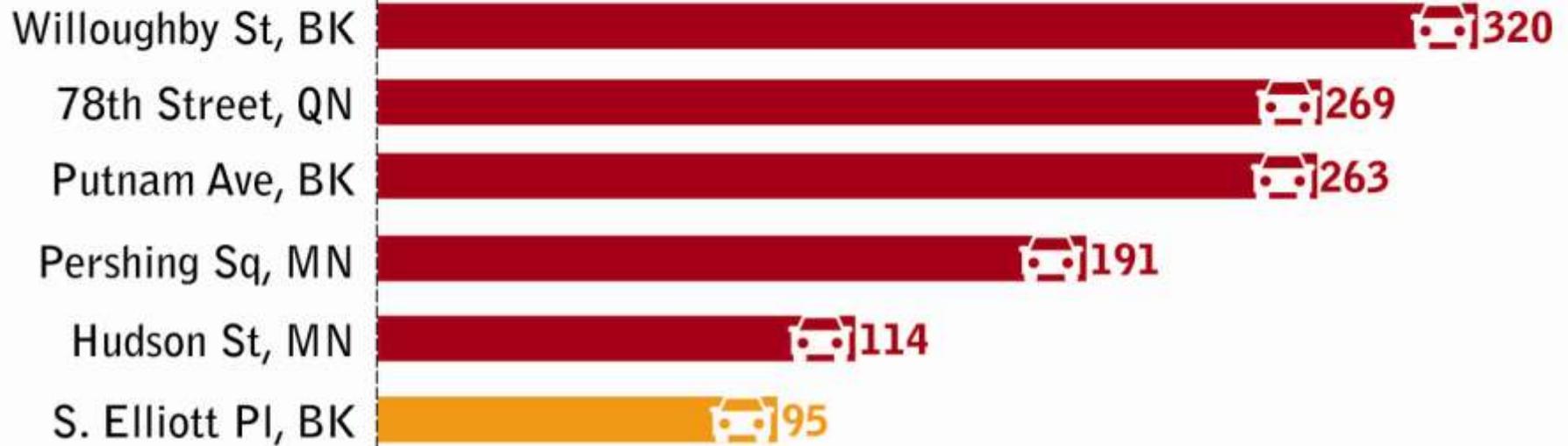


Issue: Traffic Network Impacts

Peak vehicle use per hour VS. Peak pedestrian use per hour

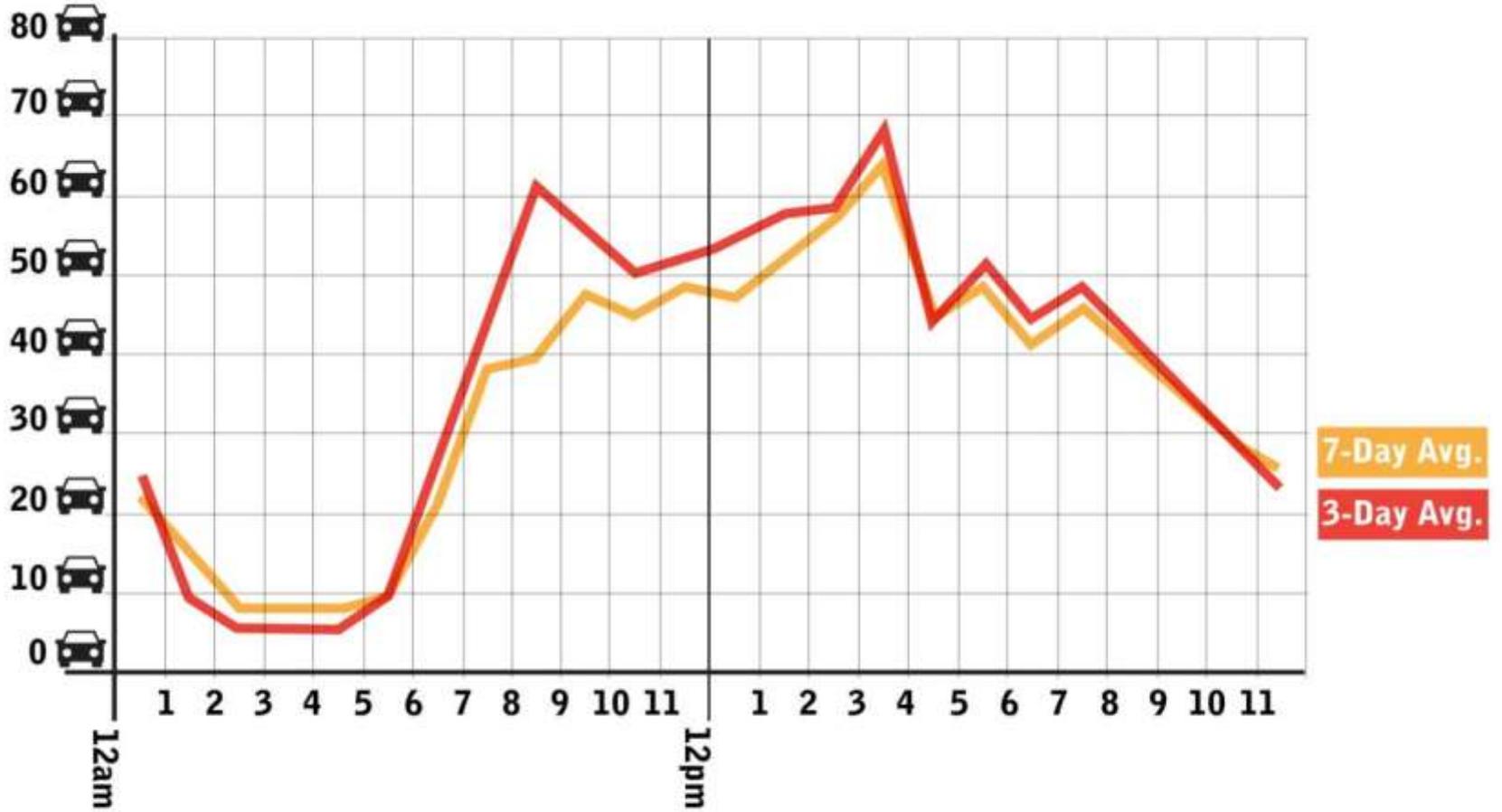
STREET CLOSURE

PEAK # OF VEHICLES / HOUR



Issue: Traffic Network Impacts

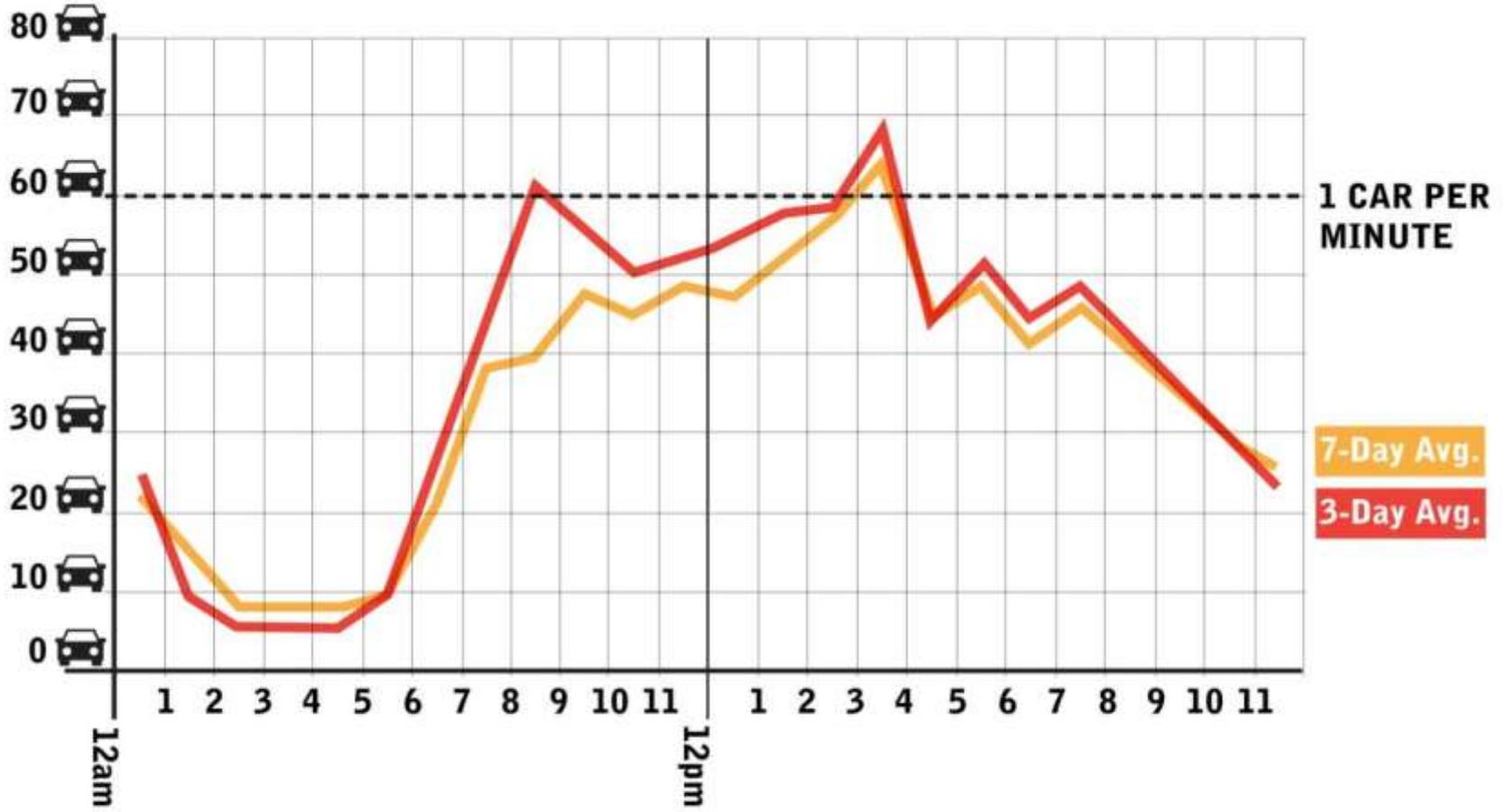
Low volumes compared to other plaza project street closures



Issue: Traffic Network Impacts

Average vehicles per hour on S. Elliott between Lafayette & Fulton

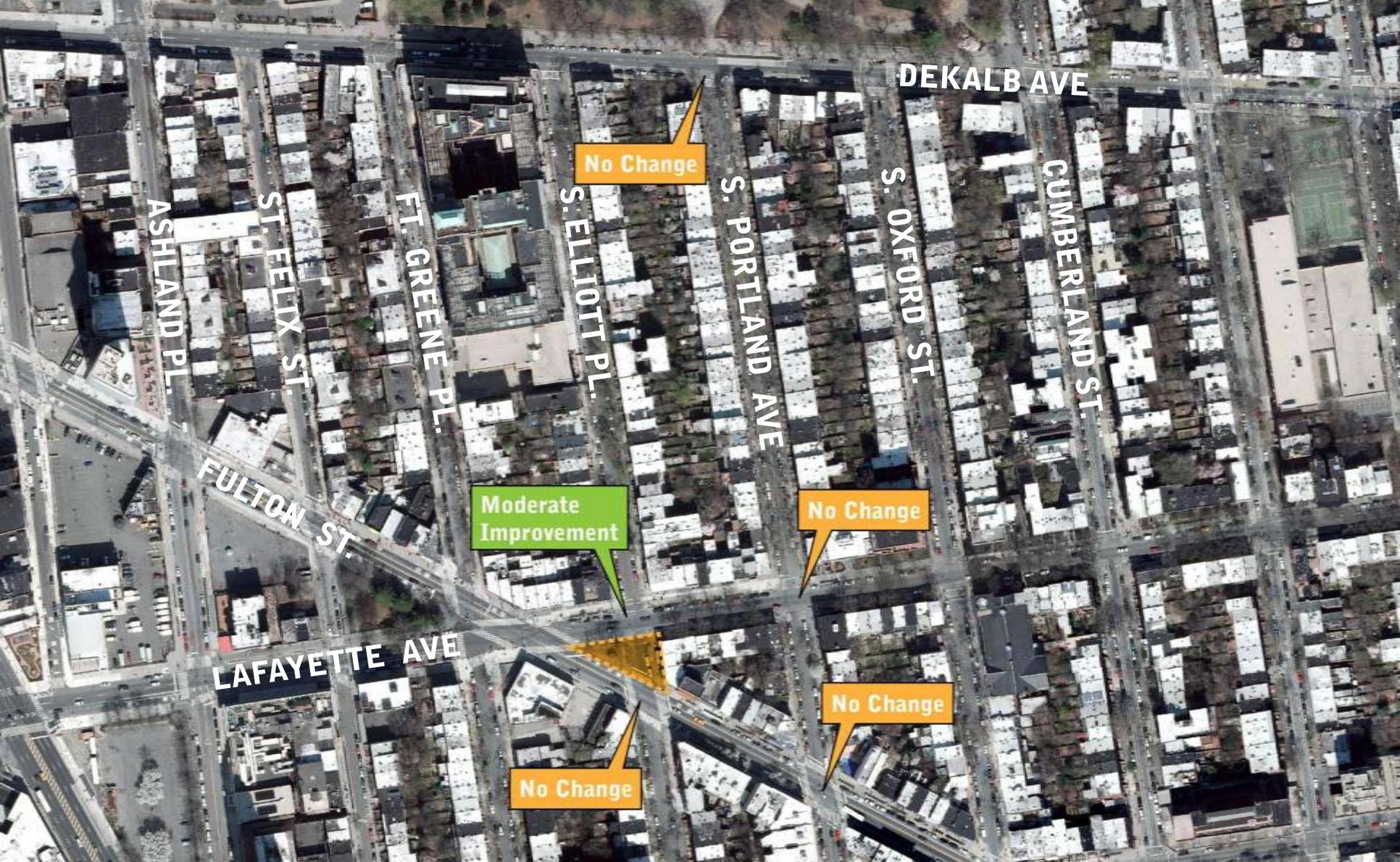
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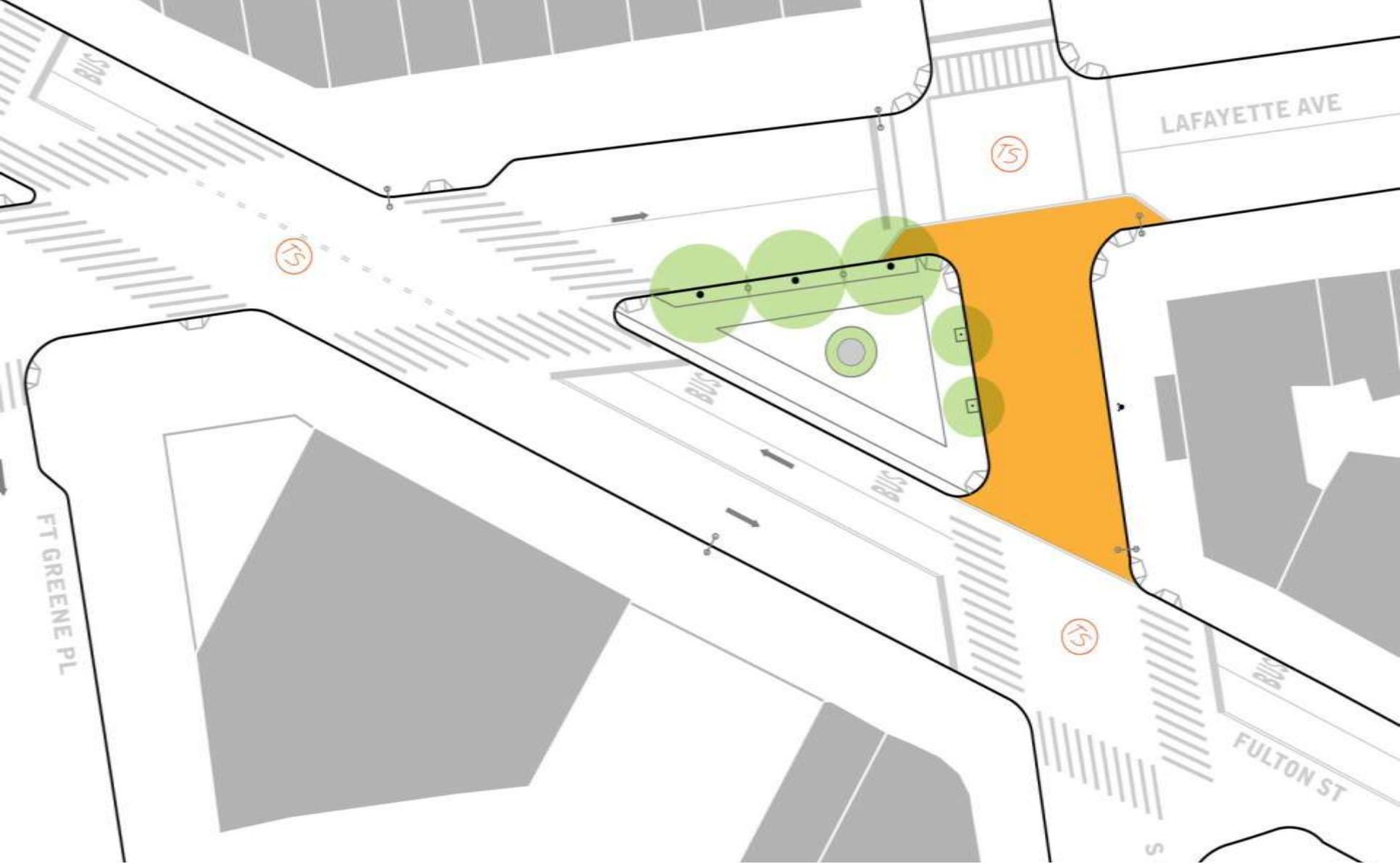
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No change at critical intersections, moderate improvement at S. Elliott & Fulton



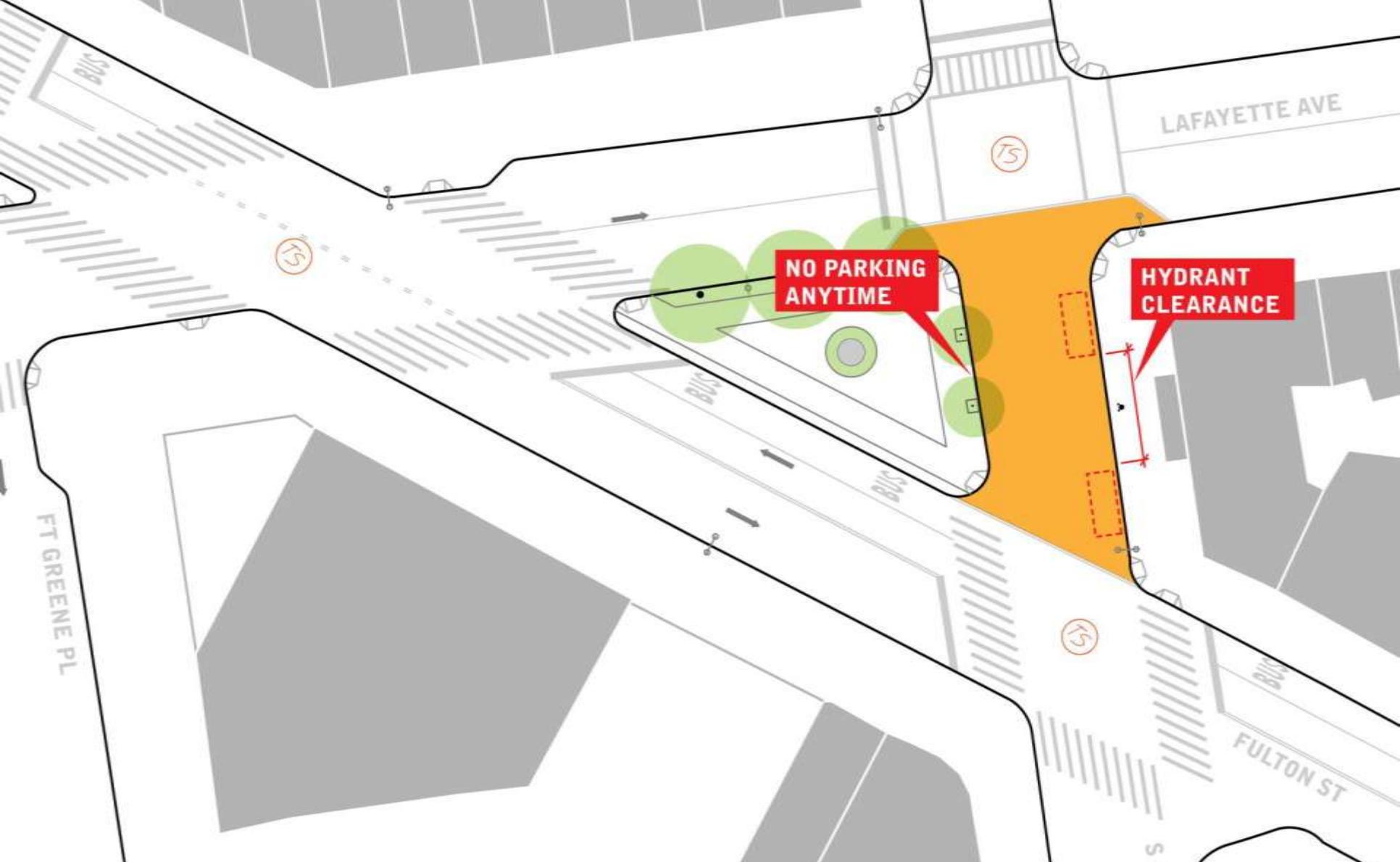
Temporary Plaza Plan

DOT developed temporary plan in response to 6/11 public workshop input



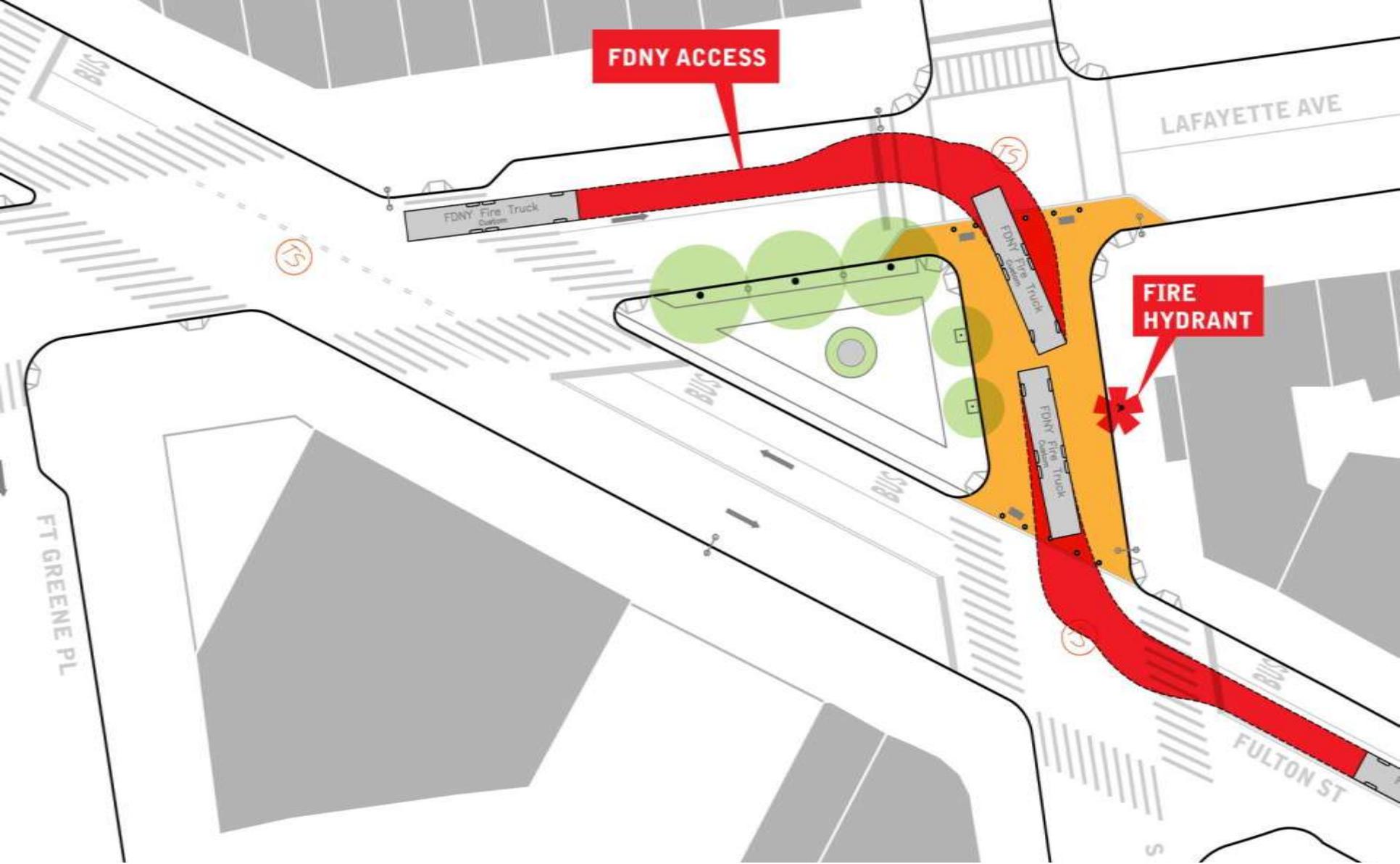
Issue: Truck Loading & Vehicle Drop-offs

DOT to designate commercial loading zone and work with businesses/residents to monitor effectiveness



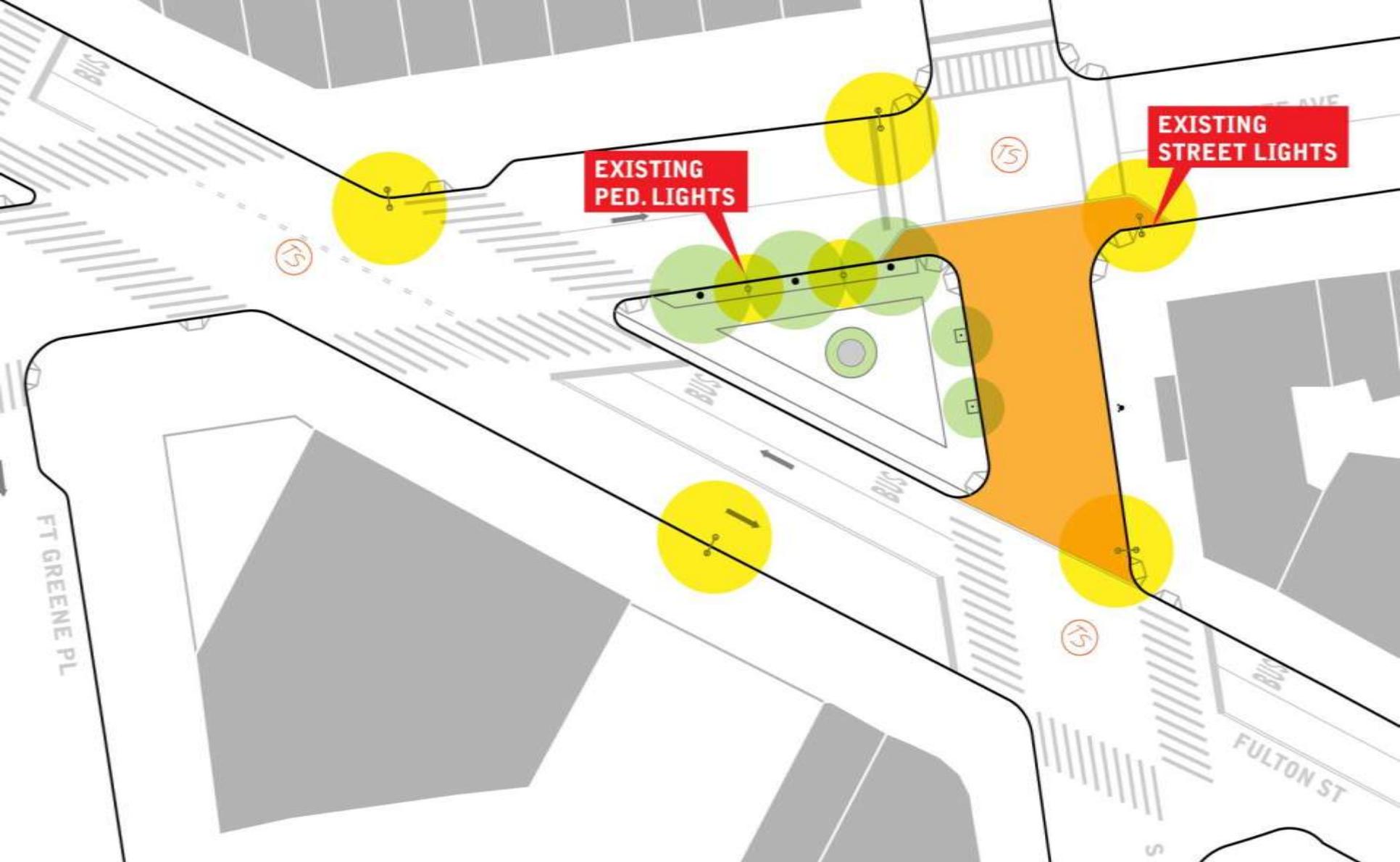
Issue: Parking

Loss of only 2 parking spaces



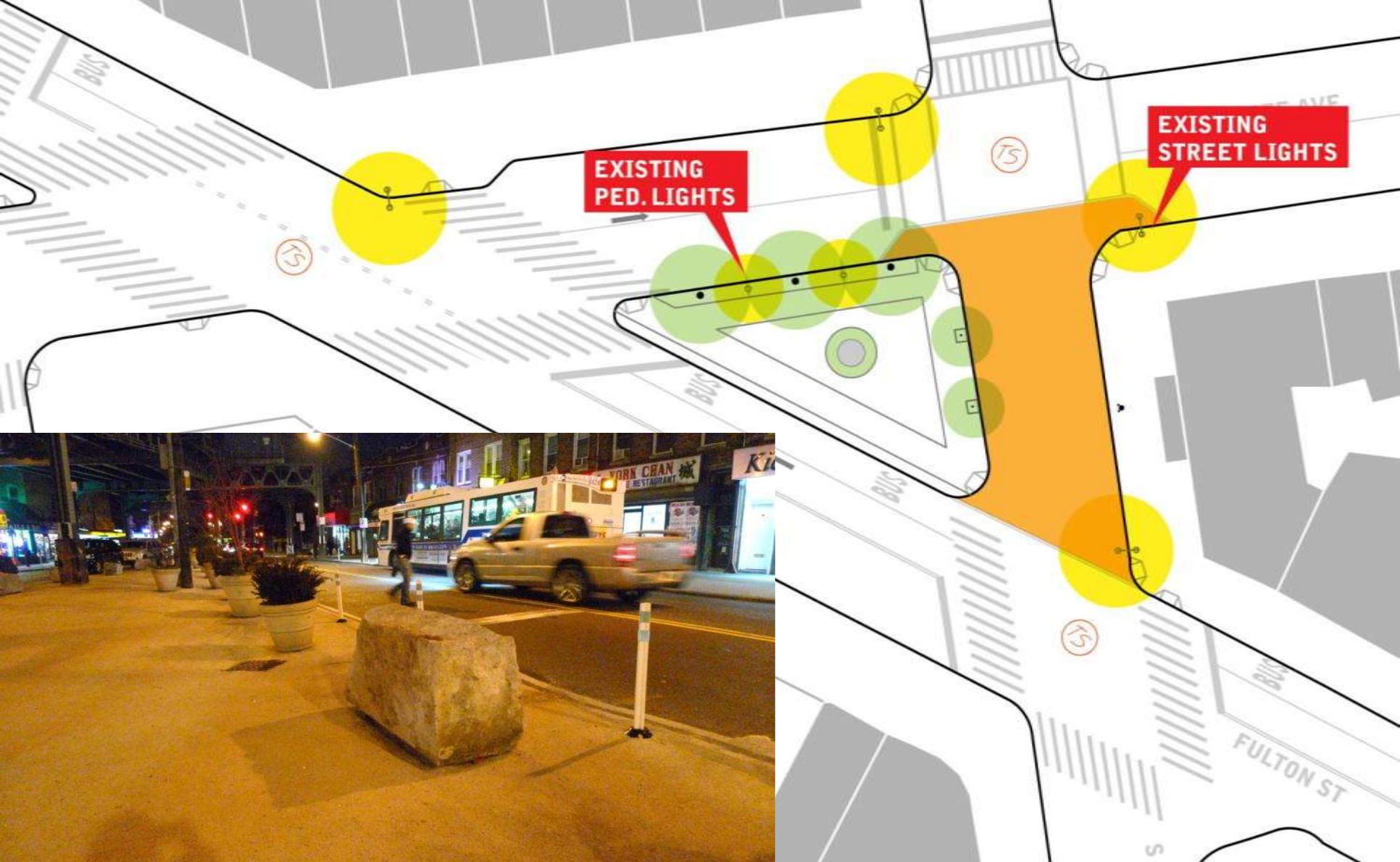
Issue: Emergency Access

FDNY Approves of the closure w/ access points



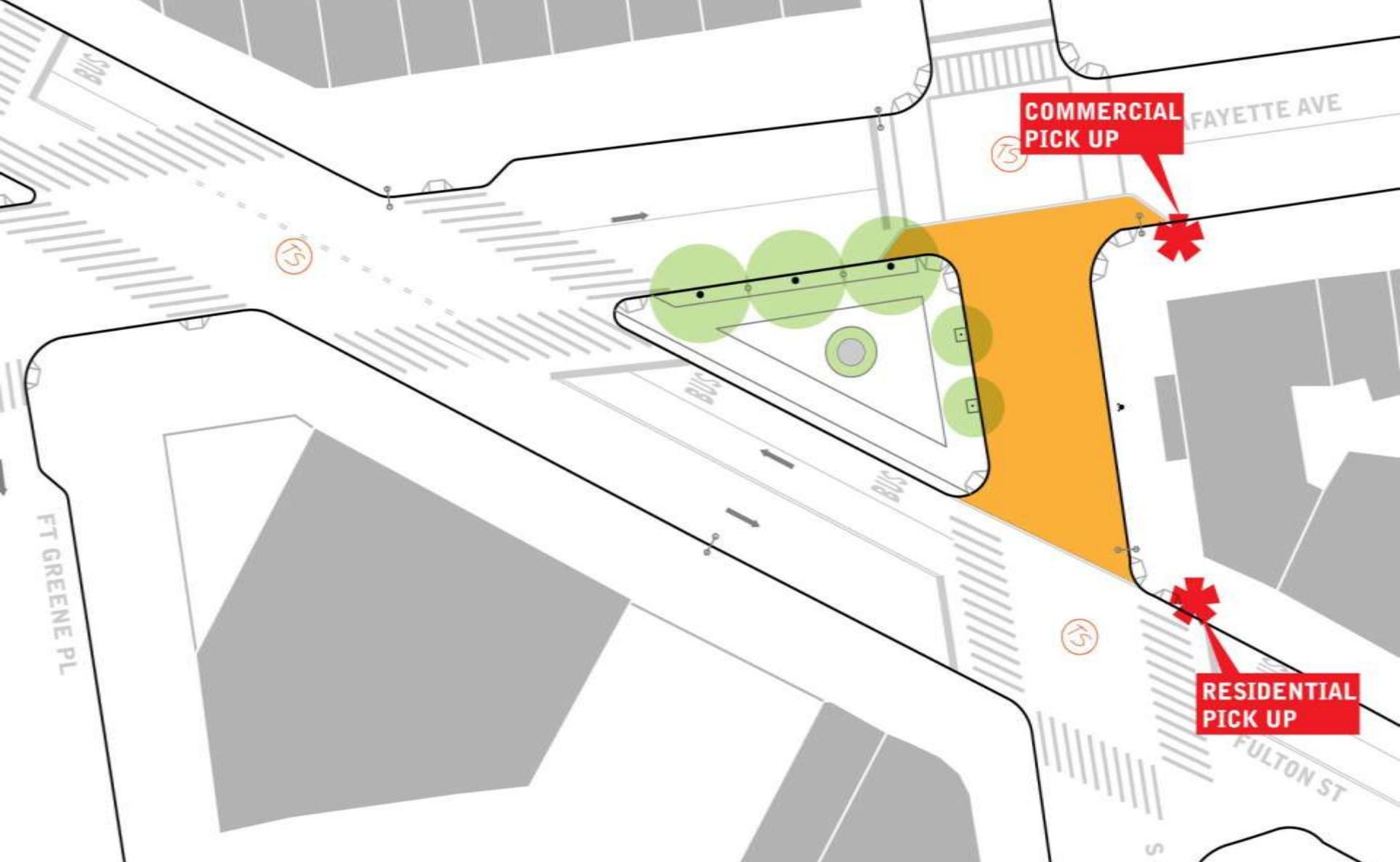
Issue: Comfort & Safety at Night

New reflective surface & DOT to conduct lighting survey



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Issue: Trash Pick-up

DSNY approves coordinated commercial & residential pick-up locations.



Issue: Maintenance

FAB Alliance will be responsible for plaza maintenance.



Issue: Full access to the public

Plaza is public, DOT property & amenities are non-exclusive. Anyone can apply to hold an event in the plaza, www.nyc.gov/sapo



Issue: Statue

The statue of General Fowler will remain in the plaza, explore upgrades in lighting, signage, location, and plantings.

2011
Belmont Plaza
Belmont, Bronx



2011
New Lots Triangle
New Lots, Brooklyn



Plaza Toolkit

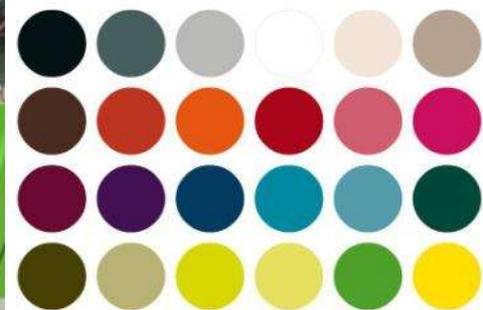
- Paint
- Gravel
- Moveable tables/chairs
- Umbrellas
- Permanent benches
- Bike parking
- Planters
- Granite blocks – informal seating
- Street lighting
- Signage – parking regulations
- Concrete
- Pavement markings

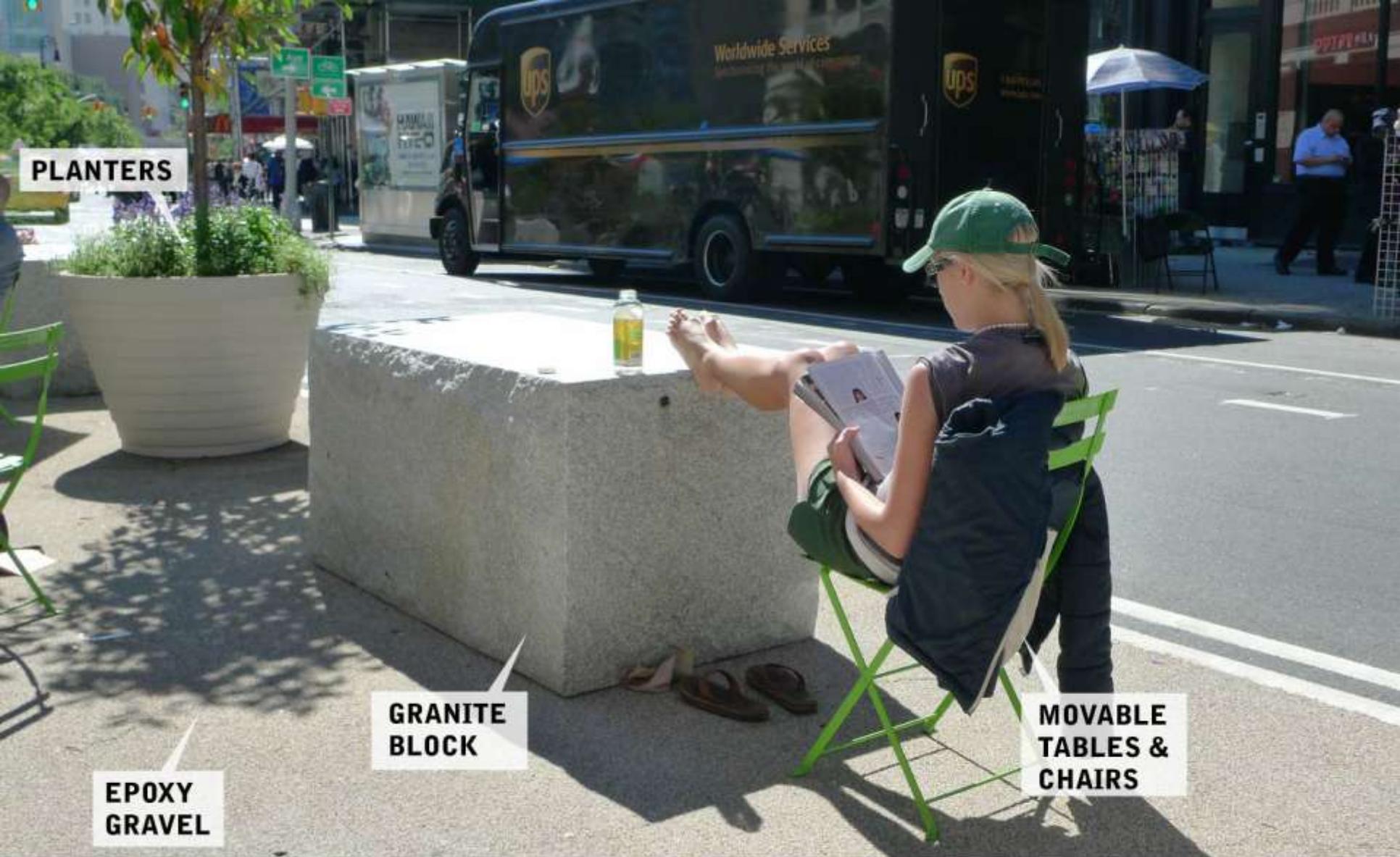




Tool Kit

Bogardus Plaza at Hudson Street





PLANTERS

**EPOXY
GRAVEL**

**GRANITE
BLOCK**

**MOVABLE
TABLES &
CHAIRS**

Tool Kit

Union Square North at Broadway & 17th Street

Permanent seating: NYC
DOT CityBench



Bike parking: NYC Bike Rack





Tool Kit

Umbrellas at Chelsea & Flatiron Plazas

MONITORING PLAN

After temporary installation DOT will:

- Take additional traffic & ped. counts
- Time-lapse analysis
- Community feedback

DOT will present findings to CB in the fall



A new plaza is planned here.



To find out more and to get involved:
718-439-2722 **facebook.com/fowlersquare**
for an audio message from FAB to connect with DOT's plaza project at Fowler Square



Advanced Notification
3 signs installed on 1/28/2012

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Fowler Square

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Wall



Fowler Square

8-min video of Fowler Square at S. Elliot Pl taken on Monday evening, Feb 13, 2012 at 5:20PM, during the evening rush hour.



Video taken from the NE corner of Fowler Square, looking south

Length: 8:07

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Fowler Square added 4 new photos to the album Other NYC DOT plazas.



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About

We're planning to enhance Fowler Square

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talking about this

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FAB Fulton

Community Engagement: facebook.com/fowersquare

DOT Facebook page launched 1/27/2012

Distributed to:

- FGKids list serve
- TeamTish Blog
- Community Board 2 Newsletter
- Fort Greene Association List
- Transportation Alternatives
- "Make Lafayette Safer"
- Local Businesses
- Attendees of the June Workshops (from sign-in sheets)



PUBLIC WORKSHOP: FOWLER SQUARE

We want your input to help design the future plaza at Fowler Square.

Sponsors: Presented by the NYCDOT, the Fulton Area Business Alliance, Council Member Letitia James & Brooklyn Community Board 2

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2012

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: Lafayette Ave Presbyterian Church, Jarvey Room
85 South Oxford Street Between Fulton & Lafayette
Brooklyn, NY 11217

Contact: Emily Weidenhof at NYCDOT, 212-839-4325 or EWeidenhof@dot.nyc.gov

Workshop Goals:

Enhance public space

Create safer streets

Gather design input

Discuss traffic



Community Engagement: Flyer

Distribution by FAB & DOT

QUESTIONS?

