



Downtown Hicksville Complete Streets Project

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What is the purpose of the Downtown Hicksville Complete Streets Project?

The overall purpose of this project is to improve the accessibility and safety for all modes of transportation in Downtown Hicksville, including motorists, pedestrians, transit riders, and cyclists. We will accomplish this by identifying, planning, and, ultimately, implementing design improvements for streets, intersections, and pedestrian passageways that will improve the safety, circulation, and overall experience for those travelling through and within Downtown Hicksville. This is a multi-phased project that is currently in the Planning Phase. The Design & Engineering and Construction phases will follow the completion of the Planning Phase.

2. What part of Downtown Hicksville will be involved in this project?

The focus of the project will be on the area surrounding the LIRR's Hicksville Station, with particular attention given to Newbridge Road, Jerusalem Avenue and North and South Broadway. The map to the right highlights the project area.



Figure 1: A map highlighting the Project Area

3. What is a "Complete Street"?

"Complete Streets" is a transportation policy and design approach that makes streets more safe, convenient, comfortable, and accessible for users of all ages and abilities, regardless of their mode of transportation. This is accomplished through implementing design improvements along sidewalks, lane reconfigurations, additional and improved pedestrian road crossings, bus pull-outs and transit treatments, traffic calming measures, and a range of other pedestrian, non-motorized, and vehicular improvements. For more information about "complete streets" in New York State, visit the NYS Dept. of Transportation's website at www.dot.ny.gov/programs/completestreets.

4. What type of work will be involved in the planning phase of this project? There are two primary tasks during this Planning Phase:

- (a) Conduct a comprehensive existing conditions analysis which includes a traffic study of the area, on-the-ground observations of the built environment, and analysis of current government regulations.
- (b) Identify potential design, technological, operational, and/or physical techniques for improving the safety,

convenience, comfort of travel, and access in the project area. A final report will summarize the recommendations and organize them into an implementation strategy that will include a timeline based on priority, complexity, estimated cost, and potential funding sources.

5. How does this project relate with prior and ongoing studies involving Downtown Hicksville?

The work for this project is being performed in conjunction with New York State's on-going Downtown Hicksville Revitalization Initiative and the Town of Oyster Bay's Downtown rezoning initiative. This project will complement the recommendations of those related initiatives to create holistic improvements in Downtown Hicksville. Data collected for this project is being used to inform the Town's downtown rezoning initiative.

6. How can I stay informed about this process?

- (a) **Visit the project website** at www.downtownhicksvilleny.com. This website will be the central public portal of information for this initiative.
- (b) **Sign up to receive e-mail updates.** Go to the "Stay Informed" section of the website and follow the instructions. The website also has a contact form through which you can submit a question, comment, suggestion, or idea about this project.
- (c) **Use the Mapping Tool.** Look for the "Mapping Tool" button in the "Project Summary" section of the website. Or go directly to <https://wikimapping.com/downtownhicksvilleny.html>. Through this online tool you can mark up a map of the project area with comments and suggestions.
- (d) **Attend the next public workshop.** An additional public workshop will be held during the fall of 2019, where residents and other interested parties will be able to learn about and provide feedback on the proposed Complete Streets concepts for the project area.

7. What is the timeline for completing this process?

We anticipate that the Planning Phase will conclude during the fall of 2019.

8. Who is leading this initiative? What other agencies are involved?

This initiative is being led by the Nassau County Department of Public Works (NCDPW). Through a request for proposals and interview process the Melville, NY office of NV5 was selected as the consultant to undertake the work involved in this project. A technical advisory committee has been established to guide the consultant's work and review work products. This committee includes NCDPW and staff from the Town of Oyster Bay, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), Long Island Rail Road (LIRR), and NICE Bus, as well as Nassau County Legislators Rose Marie Walker, Laura Schaefer, and Arnold Drucker.

9. What is the next step after the Planning Phase work is completed? When can we expect to see improvements built?

The Nassau County Department of Public Works will work with its partners on the technical advisory committee (see Question #8) to identify and allocate and/or solicit funds for implementing the recommendations in the report. Some recommendations, especially those that involve, for example, improvements to signs and roadway striping, tend to be low-cost and could be implemented in the short-term. Other recommendations will require more detailed engineering in order to be constructed and, therefore, would be realized in the long-term.