South End Avenue and West Thames Street Study
Concept Development Open House
July 25, 2016

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Pedestrian Crosswalks:

Needs designated area or well marked.

Vehicle Traffic/Conflicts:

Traffic lights by West Thames St.
Traffic lights by Battery Place & West Thames St.

Taxis, Black Cars, Buses:

They should have designated areas
of enforcement of the area.

Bicycles:

They should have designated area
well marked enforcement & give the
cyclist tickets if they don't follow —
Commercial Vehicle Loading/Unloading:
Designate area because they are part of the community. Delivery and Food Trucks.

Parking:
Street parking for the community is needed.

Sidewalk Conditions:
Sidewalks should be cleared regularly.

Street Amenities (Seating, Landscaping, Lighting, Etc.) and Aesthetics:
Lighting can be improved.
Trees should be regularly inspected.

Storefronts/Arcades/Signage:
Storefronts should be cleaned and power washed. Lighting should be improved, especially the_frontend Produce Area. Tables by Seating/Outside Dining should be arranged to pedestrian pass-through.

Other:
We don't need more arcades than what we have now.
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Pedestrian Crosswalks:

Fine

Vehicle Traffic/Conflicts:

Fine

Taxis, Black Cars, Buses:

Taxis + City buses + connection bus are all fine - zero issues in the 12 years in the neighborhood. Tour buses need to be restricted and not allowed to idle.

Bicycles:

If the Citibiken station could be moved either to the end of Thames or South End (both dead ends) there would be less conflict.
Commercial Vehicle Loading/Unloading:

Fine right now but could be problematic if streets are narrowed.

Parking:

Some designated handicap spaces.

Sidewalk Conditions:

The arcades are critical to the neighborhood—particularly the disabled. My wheelchair bound family member relies on them daily. The give wider sidewalks and protection from the elements.

Street Amenities (Seating, Landscaping, Lighting, Etc.) and Aesthetics:

Neighborhood is excellent as is. No need to burden families with expensive projects just to justify BRT existence.

Storefronts/Arcades/Signage:

Excellent.

Other:

Please reach out to the disabled community. There has been no outreach and no involvement in the design of the survey. When you are in a wheelchair you can't use an umbrella, can't get through snow and have to wait for Access-A-Ride for long periods of time as there is no nearby accessible subway station. Arcades are critical for the disabled residents.
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Pedestrian Crosswalks:

Dangerous w. cars turning right/left

Vehicle Traffic/Conflicts:

Too much traffic now. Cannot get through streets. Mail, Fed-Ex, Buses, Taxis - Delivery to Grist's (change trailer trucks)
Car - If you narrow the streets then what??!!

Taxis, Black Cars, Buses:

Ban the Taxis Buses.

Bicycles:

Reckless Delivery Men. Speed. Ignore traffic signals.
Drive on sidewalks.
Commercial Vehicle Loading/Unloading:
Park in middle of street - block view when trying to cross

Parking:
Impossible - pay big $$$ for garage

Sidewalk Conditions:
Urine - dog feces all over (gross)

Street Amenities (Seating, Landscaping, Lighting, Etc.) and Aesthetics:
Limited seating - some places are very dirty - do not clean front of their businesses

Storefronts/Arcades/Signage:
OK - not great need/lose arcades

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Pedestrian Crosswalks:
We need speed bumps to slow down traffic on SE Ave.

Vehicle Traffic/Conflicts:
I see no issues with traffic on SE Ave

Taxis, Black Cars, Buses:
Tour buses should be prohibited from entering, parking, and idling on SE Ave.

Bicycles:
There should be a painted bike lane on SE Ave so one can get from CitiBike stations to the bike paths.
Commercial Vehicle Loading/Unloading:
Loading and unloading is a fact of life on SE Ave.
We have commercial stores, so they need to receive their goods.

Parking:
There has to be spaces for commercial vehicles
who provide services to the residential/commercial
buildings. Repair companies, contractors don’t want
to service BPC because parking is so limited.

Sidewalk Conditions:
The sidewalks are in need of power washing + sweeping
on a regular basis. The tree pits + trees all along
SE Ave. could use improvement to prevent rubbish +
dog usage.

Street Amenities (Seating, Landscaping, Lighting, Etc.) and Aesthetics:
I would not like to see additional seating, tables +
chairs will bring tourists, homeless, construction
workers, etc. to residential areas of SE Ave. If people
need seating, they can go to the Esplanade. Seating should
be available at the Bids Stops.

Storefronts/Arcades/Signage:
The store fronts in Gateway (from Liberty to Albany)
need to be replaced, they are unsightly.

I would not like to see the Arcades altered. Our neighbor
hood is unique because of the Arcades.

Other:
Re: Landscaping
Our plantings: trees, tree pits, hydrants, water
metering devices need improvement. Most trees are

The tree pits are full of debris, flowers + freshly
painted railings would greatly improve the
overall look.
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Pedestrian Crosswalks:

Vehicle Traffic/Conflicts:

*Handwritten notes:

Taxis, Black Cars, Buses: Need to consider that school children 6-8th grades take the city bus to a school outside of BPC because there are so few middle school seats in BPC. This impacts location choice for stops (in particular, buses should not be stopping on Albany between S. End & West but on S. End).

Bicycles: Bike path to Liberty so residents of BPC can get to the bike path more easily (hopefully will reduce bikes on the promenade).
Commercial Vehicle Loading/Unloading:
Enforcement of rules (eg. for tour buses & delivery trucks) is critical to the success of solving the traffic issues. If the streets are narrower, will this exacerbate the traffic problems with tour buses? If there is no enforcement?

Parking:

Sidewalk Conditions:
The widening of the sidewalk on west side of S. End between Liberty & Albany would be the most helpful because that area is so congested and hard to traverse most of the time.

Street Amenities (Seating, Landscaping, Lighting, Etc.) and Aesthetics:

Storefronts/Arcades/Signage:
Signage to help identify shops is a good idea (not neon or bright lights but banner type signs).

Although I like some of the ideas for widening sidewalks and creating interruptions to traffic flow, none of that is worth losing the open arcades. The open arcades provide a safe reprieve from rain and sun (etc). I wish all the buildings had arcades and am thankful for each arcade in B&D - let's keep them while expanding the sidewalks and beautifying those newly expanded pedestrian ways.
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Pedestrian Crosswalks:  

Concept 1 & 2 are preferred. Raised roadway at Rector Pl is highly desirable.

Vehicle Traffic/Conflicts:  

With speed bumps not allowed, we need infrastructural changes to slow traffic + deter bus traffic. The community is filled w/ small children + seniors. Car traffic is hazardous, especially @ Rector + So. End.

Taxis, Black Cars, Buses:

Bicycles:  

Nice to have some accommodation, but we do have the bike path + esplanade (I ride daily)
Commercial Vehicle Loading/Unloading:

Parking:

Sidewalk Conditions:

Street Amenities (Seating, Landscaping, Lighting, Etc.) and Aesthetics:

"Improvements in Concept 1 and 2 are both desirable."

Storefronts/Arcades/Signage:

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Pedestrian Crosswalks:

Frankly, I was unaware there are inadequate crosswalks along S. End Ave.

Vehicle Traffic/Conflicts:

Taxis, Black Cars, Buses:

Bicycles:
Commercial Vehicle Loading/Unloading:

I am concerned that any new configuration must be able to well facilitate deliveries to our store.

Parking:

I understand that parking is pretty much a nightmare in BPC. Perhaps the garages in the area could be a bit more affordable for residents.

Sidewalk Conditions:

Street Amenities (Seating, Landscaping, Lighting, Etc.) and Aesthetics:

Storefronts/Arcades/Signage:

Arcades are fondly regarded by residents. They could, however, use enhanced lighting & beautification.

Other:

Concerned about any notion to build-out arcades along S. End Ave. between W. Thames & Rector Pl. because this would essentially put our store (of 25 years) out of business!
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Pedestrian Crosswalks:  DOT needs to add stop sign/stop lights at South End + Rector and South End + West Thames St.  Also needs to program Liberty + South End lights to be red for all traffic to let pedestrians cross.

Vehicle Traffic/Conflicts:  Do not get rid of any public parking spaces, not one.

Taxis, Black Cars, Buses:

Ban Black cars from South BPC Taxi Stand where it is by Gateway Plaza Bus (City) as they are ... Tour buses banned

Bicycles:

Bicycle lanes on South End Ave
Commercial Vehicle Loading/Unloading: Unsure what can be done to solve the problem of commercial vehicles parking in middle of Southend Ave — there is no place for them to go. Also, have to factor in FreshDirect, Peapod, etc.

Parking: NOT ENOUGH ON THE STREET PARKING — NEED MORE FREE PARKING.

Sidewalk Conditions: Southend Ave sidewalks are FINE AS THEY ARE.

Street Amenities (Seating, Landscaping, Lighting, Etc.) and Aesthetics: FINE AS THEY ARE.

Storefronts/Arcades/Signage: FINE AS THEY ARE.

Other: USE the money you would spend on unnecessary changes to 1/2 go directly to NYCHA housing upgrade and 1/2 to reduce the ground RENT charged!! Stop wasting money on unnecessary building projects and figure out how to make this place more affordable to live and work in.
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Pedestrian Crosswalks:

Widen sidewalks but do not take arcades away. All businesses are already occupied. The arcades provide plenty of space for disabled people to utilize the sidewalks.

Vehicle Traffic/Conflicts:

Taxis, Black Cars, Buses:

Bicycles:
Commercial Vehicle Loading/Unloading:

Parking:

Sidewalk Conditions:

Street Amenities (Seating, Landscaping, Lighting, Etc.) and Aesthetics:

Storefronts/Arcades/Signage:

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Pedestrian Crosswalks:

Vehicle Traffic/Conflicts:
Too much traffic on So. End Ave

Taxis, Black Cars, Buses:
Tour Buses are problematic

Bicycles:
Need to obey traffic lights, including BPC Ambassadors
no bikes on sidewalk
Commercial Vehicle Loading/Unloading:

Parking:

Sidewalk Conditions:

Street Amenities (Seating, Landscaping, Lighting, Etc.) and Aesthetics:

Lighting is fine.

It is a commercial street.

Sitting is unnecessary.

Storefronts/Arcades/Signage:

Arcades are necessary. They are part of the architectural design and original plans.

Arcades provide shelter from winter winds and summer heat.

Other:

There is no reason for changing arcades. They serve a purpose.

Retail owners would be impeded with change. More rent could result in lose of current retail space.