

South End Avenue and West Thames Street Study

Concept Development Open House

July 25, 2016

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Please circle one: Resident Worker Retail Owner/Manager

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Pedestrian Crosswalks:

needs designated areas & well marked.

Vehicle Traffic/Conflicts:

Traffic lights by West Thames
& South End, Traffic light by Battery
Place & West Thames

Taxis, Black Cars, Buses:

They should have designated areas
& 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:

Designates area because they are part of the Community Serving Food Trucks

Parking:

Street parking for the community is needed —

Sidewalk Conditions:

Sidewalks should be cleaned 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 & power washed. Lighting should be improved especially the Hudson Produce area, piles of ~~beauty~~ ^{produce} should be arranged so pedestrians ^(pizza) can 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 Citibike 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. We 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

BPCA existence

Storefronts/Arcades/Signage:

Excellent

Other:

Please reach out to the disabled community. There has been no out-reach 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 Cristobal's. (large broken trucks)
Car - If you narrow the streets - then what???*

Taxis, Black Cars, Buses:

BAW The four Buses.

Bicycles:

*Reckless Delivery Men. Speeds. 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/Love Arcades

Other:

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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, ~~idling~~ idling on SE Ave.

Bicycles:

There should be a painted bike lane on SE Ave. so one can get from Citi bike stations to the bike ~~to~~ paths.

Commercial Vehicle Loading/Unloading:

loading + unloading is a fact of life on SE Av
we have commercial stores & 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 Bus 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 $\frac{1}{2}$
dead.
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:

Taxis, Black Cars, Buses:

most
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 SE End & West but on S. End.

Bicycles:

Bike path on 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

Other:

a safe reprieve from rain and sun (etc). I wish all the buildings had arcades and am thankful for each arcade in BAC - 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 preferable
Raised roadway at Rector Pl
is highly desirable!

Vehicle Traffic/Conflicts:

w/ speed bumps not allowed, we need interventions
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:

More 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 + 2 are both desirable.

Storefronts/Arcades/Signage:

Other:

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Pedestrian Crosswalks:

Frankly, I was unaware there ^{are} ~~were~~ ^{inadequate} ~~adequate~~ crosswalks along S. End Ave.

Vehicle Traffic/Conflicts:

Taxis, Black Cars, Buses:

Bicycles:

Commercial Vehicle Loading/Unloading:

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 DPC. 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. 5th Ave between W. Thames + Rector P! 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 Southend + Rector and Southend + West Thames St. Also needs to program Liberty + Southend 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 ~~road~~ Southend 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 Fresh Direct, 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 the unnecessary changes to $\frac{1}{2}$ go directly to NYHCA housing upgrade and $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

Vehicle Traffic/Conflicts:

The arcades provide
plenty of space for disabled
people to utilize the
sidewalks.

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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** Additional Comment
see back*

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,
seating 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 loss of current
retail space.