

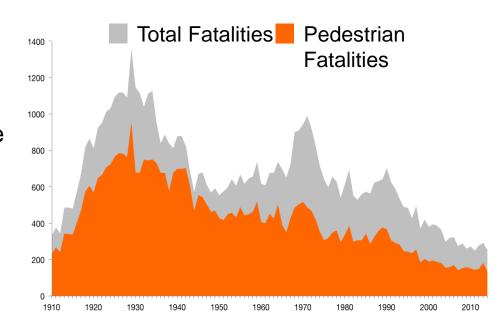




## TRAFFIC SAFETY IN NYC

#### **Context**

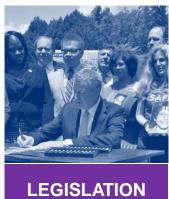
- Traffic fatality rate in NYC is 4x lower than the national rate
- 63% of the fatalities in 2016 were pedestrians
- Traffic fatalities in NYC have been declining from their peak in the 1920s
- 2016 had the lowest number of fatalities on record



## **VISION ZERO NYC**

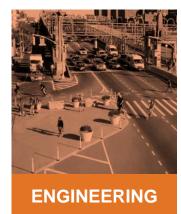
**Public Policy + Mindset Change** 

- Lead by City Hall
- **Prominent**
- Multi-Agency
- **Funded**
- Comprehensive











**ENFORCEMENT** 

## **VISION ZERO NYC**

### **Key Features**

- Legislation:
  - 25 mph speed limit November 2014
- Planning:
  - Borough Pedestrian Safety Action Plans
- Enforcement:
  - Focus on the most dangerous behaviors
- Engineering:
  - Increasing the number of safety focused projects
- Education:
  - Targeted outreach



# **DATA**

### **Using Data to Support Projects**

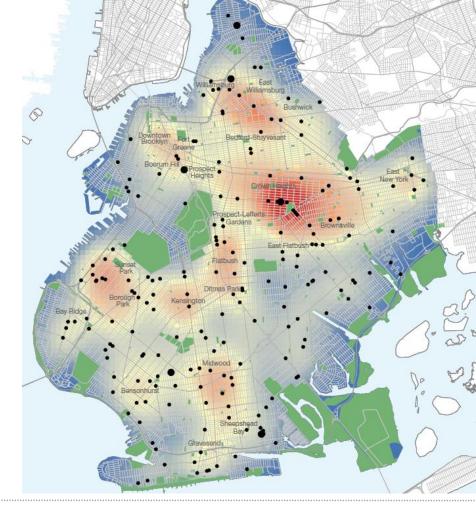
- Diverse data sources support diversity of projects and programs
- Basis of key initiatives and studies
- Data drives both where and what for projects



# **SAFETY DATA**

#### **Crash and Behavior**

- Crash data
  - NYSDOT/NYSDMV
  - NYPD
  - CIS fatality reports
- Behavior data
  - GPS
  - Radar speeds
  - Resident identified problems
- Enforcement data
  - Traffic violation data
  - Camera enforcement data
- Performance data
  - Travel times
  - Traffic volumes



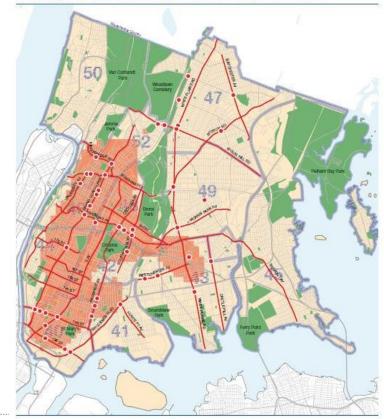
## **ANALYSIS AND PLANNING**

### **Targeted Projects**

- Vision Zero Priority Areas
- Corridors, Intersections and Neighborhoods
  - 443 miles of Priority Corridors
  - 292 Priority Intersections
  - 56 square miles of Priority Area
  - 4,622 KSI
- Target safety interventions to the locations most in need

	Shase of Borough	Borough	% of Borough	Share of Ped KSI	Total Ped KSI	% of Total Ped KSI	% of Total Ped Fatalities
Priority Contdors	25 corridors (65 street miles)	791 miles	496	534	1,041	51%	44%
Priority Intersections	46 Intersections	6,438 intersections	196	150	1,041	1596	8%
Priority Areas	8 sq miles	42 sq milos	20%	521	1,041	50%	37%
Combined Total	-	-	-	774	-	74%	-61%

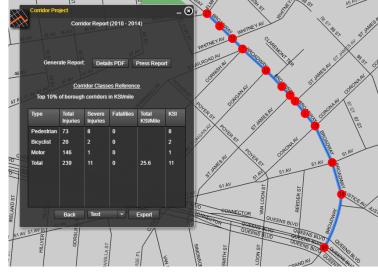
"Due to overlapping geographies, the combined total of pedestrian KSI is less than the sum of pedestrian KSI for the Priority Comidors, Intersections, and Area



## **ANALYSIS AND PLANNING**

### **Project Development**

- Project selection
- Project design responds to crash characteristics of location
  - Number and severity of crashes
  - Type of crashes
  - Time of day
  - Location characteristics



Pedestrian Crashes by Control and Pedestrian Action, 2010-2014

	Number of	Percent of Known	Percent of Known
	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes(Boro)
Signalized Intersection: Crossing With	34	54.8%	39%
Signal			
Signalized Intersection: Crossing Against	7	11.3%	9.5%
Signal			
Stop-Controlled Intersection / Crosswalk	0	0%	9.1%
Other Actions/Uncontrolled Intersection	16	25.8%	30.4%
Midblock	4	6.5%	12%
Other Control Types	1	1.6%	0.1%
Total Known	62	100%	100%
Unknown/Indeterminate	8	N/A	N/A
Total	70	N/A	N/A

Source:Injury data:NYSDOT/NYSDMV Accident Database Fatality data:NYCDOT/NYPD Reconciled Fatality Database

### PROJECT PERFORMANCE

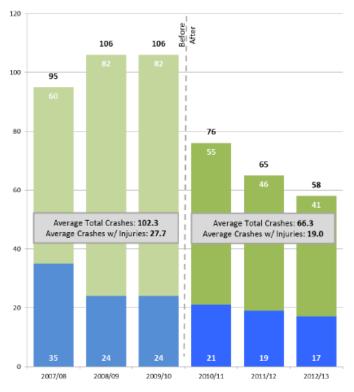
#### **Evaluation**

- Simple, easy, and standardized before / after analysis
- Revisit project design in response to the outcomes of monitoring
- Before and after comparisons are conducted on
  - Safety data
  - Speeds
  - Traffic volumes
  - Travel times

#### Crashes, Three-Year After Analysis

W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (65<sup>th</sup> St. to 86<sup>th</sup> St.)

■ Non-Injury Crashes ■ Crashes w/ Injuries

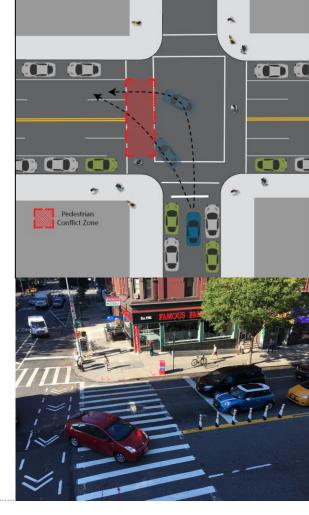


"Each before year period is the 12-month period beginning May 1 and ending April 30. The 3-yr after period is July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013. The implementation period of May 1 to June 30, 2010 is excluded. Source: NYPD AIS/TAMS Crash Database"

## RESEARCH

### **Program Development**

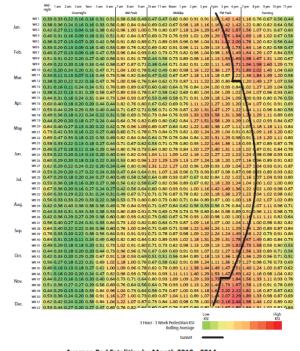
- Left turn study: Analysis of locations with the greatest concentration of left turn injuries:
  - Vehicle was coming from the minor approach
  - Vehicle was coming from one-way street
  - Receiving street was 60' or wider two-way street
- Left Turn Study Treatment Analysis Results
  - Median speeds -24.4 %
  - Maximum speeds -18 %
  - Vehicles crossing double yellow line -97.6%



## RESEARCH

#### **Targeted Enforcement**

- 50% increase in winter pedestrian fatality rate
- 40% increase in early evening pedestrian KSI in Fall and Winter
- Increased Evening/ Nighttime Enforcement
- Focus on Priority Locations

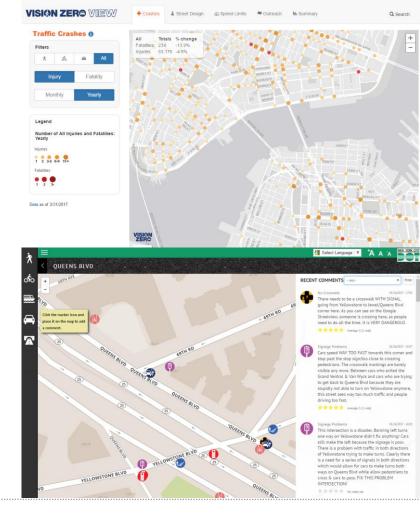




# COMMUNICATION

#### **Public Data**

- Vision Zero View
  - Informed requests
  - Independent research
- Project based public engagement mapping apps
  - Structured public comments
  - Analysis to inform decisions



# **PROCESS**

### **Queens Blvd Project Development**

- VZ Priority areas
  - Priority Corridor
  - 8 Priority Intersections
  - Priority Zone
- Queens Blvd crash history
  - 12 pedestrian fatalities
  - 182 KSI
  - 2,896 total injuries
- Data identified problems
  - Bicycle and pedestrian safety
  - Insufficient crossing time
  - Motor vehicle speeds
  - Transitions between main line and service road



# **PROCESS**

### **Queens Blvd Project Evaluation**

- Project benefits:
  - Calms service roads
  - Reduces speeding
  - Shortens crossing distances
  - Safe convenient bicycle travel
  - Safer vehicle transitions
- 1 year after analysis
  - Decreased crashes by 14%
  - Pedestrian injuries decreased by 49%
  - Cyclists injuries decreased by 42%
- 0 fatalities since implementation



## **PROGRESS**

#### **Continued Safety Gains**

 2016 had the fewest traffic fatalities on record

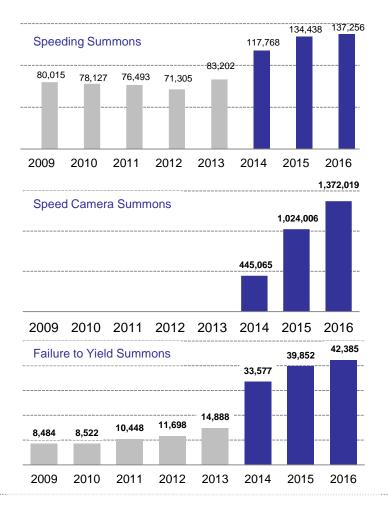
 Since Vision Zero: safest three-year period in the City's history

#### **NYC Traffic Fatalities 2000-2016** 450 400 321 324 350 300 260 273 249 278 **Fatalities** 234 230 250 150 100 50 to be to to be to top to be to to be Year 2000-2013 average prior to Vision Zero

## **PROGRESS**

#### **Enforcement**

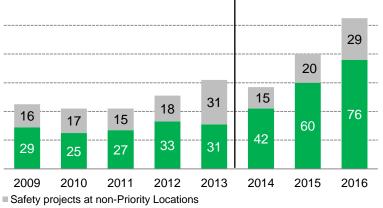
- Speeding summons +76%
- Speed camera summons +1,372,019
- Failure to yield summons +292%



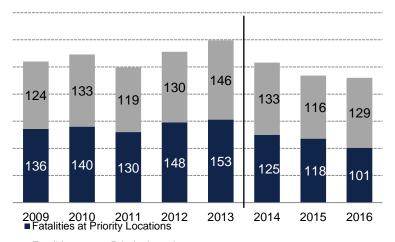
## **PROGRESS**

### **Prioritizing the Most Dangerous Places**

- Safety projects have increased by 117% mostly at priority locations
- Priority locations account for 72% of safety projects
- Priority locations have experienced a 29% decline in traffic fatalities



■ Safety projects at Priority Locations



Fatalities at non-Priority Locations

# **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **New Data**

- New data collection technologies
- NYPD FORMS Crash Data
- DOHMH probabilistic mapping
- DCAS CANceiver fleet GPS data



# **THANK YOU!**

**Questions?** 

