

7.2.2.13 Willoughby Street

Pedestrians on Willoughby Street have insufficient sidewalk space, especially near the Lawrence Street subway entrances. In order to counteract this, the plans show a number of neckdowns along the length of the street. In addition to providing needed space for pedestrians on the sidewalk, these neckdowns will slow turning traffic, which is important as it transitions from narrow Willoughby Street to the wider cross streets into the MetroTech complex. While these neckdowns will slow trucks down, they will not preclude them from accessing MetroTech; indeed, it is recognized that despite its narrow section, Willoughby Street necessarily acts as the final distributor of truck trips among the various loading areas in the CBD and many parts of MetroTech.

NYCDOT is coordinating with EDC/Department of City Planning as it advances its redevelopment plan for the Brooklyn Central Business District. NYCDOT has already allocated capital funds for improving Willoughby Street.

WILLOUGHBY STREET (COMMUNITY STREET)

ACTIONS SUPPORTING STRATEGY

Overview of Improvements

- Build neckdowns to increase pedestrian space on congested sections of Willoughby Street, especially near the Lawrence Street subway station. These will also serve to reduce turning speeds for vehicles transitioning from narrow Willoughby to wider cross streets into the MetroTech complex.

