

# RECONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

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## DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT BEGINS WORK IN BROOKLYN NEIGHBORHOODS PROJECT ID #:HWK1153

### WHAT IS THE DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT?

Over the past twenty years or so, Downtown Brooklyn has experienced an unparalleled revitalization that brought economic growth to this collection of dense and diverse urban neighborhoods. This growth, along with an increase in of out-of-area traffic, has added to the impact of traffic congestion. In response to this impact, the Downtown Brooklyn Traffic Calming Study was initiated by NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) in an effort to mitigate those traffic impacts and ensure the area's ongoing vitality, safety, accessibility, and mobility. The project's goal is to make all the different types of streets function more efficiently for all users of the public space. The project will institute state-of-the-art measures that will physically change roadways in a way that will calm traffic, increase overall community safety and benefit non-motorized users.

### WHAT WORK WILL BE DONE?

- Installation of sidewalk space at corners
- Installation of bus stops
- Installation of street lighting / traffic lighting
- Installation of water mains
- Installation of sewers & catch basins

### WHERE ARE THE WORK LOCATIONS?

Construction for project ID: HWK1153 will occur at specific locations in: Boerum Hill, Brooklyn Heights, Cobble Hill, Carroll Gardens, Fort Greene, Gowanus and Downtown Brooklyn.

### WHAT WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED?

The project has been working on installation of catch basins, chute connections and water main offsets on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets and at the Union Street area and in sections of Cobble Hill and Carol Gardens.

### WHAT WORK IS PLANNED FOR MAY-JUNE?

The project will continue catch basin and water main work in Carol Gardens, Cobble Hill and also in Downtown Brooklyn. Sidewalk and curb work will begin soon on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets.

### WHAT ARE THE COMMUNITY IMPACTS?

The DDC is committed to maintaining a work site that is safe and clean. However, dust, noise and heavy equipment are intrusive but common elements of construction and we ask for your patience during the project. Half-block closures may be necessary. In the event of half-block closures, the street will be closed to through-traffic, but emergency vehicle access will be allowed. Please take note of the following impacts:

- **Pedestrian access** - to buildings will be maintained at all times.
- **Street closures/Traffic Detours** - partial closures and/or limited access of intersections and streets. Signs will be posted
- **Vehicular access** - may be restricted on certain streets in certain locations
- **Parking** - will be temporarily restricted so construction may proceed. Signs will be posted where necessary.
- **Driveway/loading dock access** - may be temporarily restricted.
- **Bus Relocation** - where necessary, will be detoured in/around the work zones.
- **Subway entrances/exits** - where necessary, only one exit/entrance will be closed at a time.

### COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION LIAISON

The DDC has assigned **Tom McCarley** of HAKS Engineers as the Community Construction Liaison (CCL). To contact Mr. McCarley with project related inquiries call:

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Project updates are also available through the NYCDDC website at [www.nyc.gov/buildnyc](http://www.nyc.gov/buildnyc).

### NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Construction Newsletters will be distributed within the project limits and at the offices of Community Boards 2 & 6.

