



May 6, 2020 Update (#106)

To: Board Members  
From: Charles H. Greenthal Management Corp.  
Re: Mayor De Blasio Opens 2 More Miles of Open Streets Effective May 7<sup>th</sup>

In keeping with Mayor De Blasio's pledge to open between 40-100 miles of city streets to pedestrians and cyclists to increase space for social distancing, tomorrow, May 7th the city will be "opening" 2 additional miles of streets in the boroughs. The next group "opening" tomorrow includes: 1.5 miles in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and the Bronx, as well as 0.4 miles in Jackson Heights, Queens.

Area BIDS (*Business Improvement Districts*) will be collaborating with the city and will oversee the open streets and make certain that the streets are prepared for the programs.

We wanted to bring this to your attention so that you are aware of the city's new "outdoor amenity" for city residents and workers, as well as to prepare you for the possibility of an influx of pedestrian traffic in your neighborhood - if any of the newly "opened streets" are near your building.

The list of streets that will be "open" tomorrow, is as follows:

- **Flatiron Partnership:** Broadway from 21st to 23rd Streets and Broadway from 24th to 28th Streets
- **Garment District:** Broadway from 36th to 41st Streets
- **Lower East Side BID:** Orchard Street from Delancey to Houston Streets; Ludlow Street from Delancey to Houston Streets; Stanton Street from Allen to Essex Streets; and Rivington Street from Allen to Essex Streets
- **Downtown Brooklyn Partnership:** Willoughby Street from Pearl to Lawrence Streets and Lawrence Street from Fulton to Willoughby Streets
- **3rd Avenue Bronx BID:** Willis Avenue from 147th to 148th Streets and 148th Street from Willis Avenue to Bergen Avenue
- **Jackson Heights, Queens:** 34th Avenue from 69th to 77th Streets.

As previously reported, the streets that opened earlier in the week were focused on those in and around parks, as well as communities that have the greatest need. They were:

- **4.5 miles inside these parks:** Fort Tryon Park, Flushing Meadows, Forest Hill Park, Callahan-Kelly Park, Grant Park, Silver Lake Park
- **2.7 miles of streets next to these parks:** Williamsbridge Oval, Court Square, Carl Schurz Park, Highbridge Park, Prospect Park, Stapleton Waterfront Park, Lt. William Tighe Triangle

The city is planning to open 40 miles of streets by the end of the month, with the goal of 100 miles throughout the duration of the coronavirus pandemic. The program was [introduced by the City Council](#) during its April 22 meeting. At the time, City Council Speaker Corey Johnson said, "New Yorkers don't have the street space they need to maintain proper social distancing, which we know is essential in this public health crisis."

For additional information about "open streets", see the attached notification posted by the NYC Department of Transportation.



**PEDESTRIANS**

**Open Streets**

**Streets Opened for Social Distancing**

New York City is opening 40 miles of streets to allow greater social distancing during the COVID-19 crisis, with a plan to expand to a total of 100 miles.

Open Streets are available daily, 8 am to 8 pm (unless otherwise noted) for pedestrians and cyclists to use the roadbed of the street while maintaining at least six feet of distance from others.



No through traffic permitted while Open Streets are in effect. Vehicle traffic is limited to local deliveries, pick-ups/drop-offs, necessary city service vehicles, utility vehicles and emergency vehicles only. These drivers are advised to be extremely cautious and to drive 5 MPH or slower.

The Open Streets initiative is a collaboration between the Mayor's office, NYC Council, NYPD, Parks, NYC DOT, BIDs and local community organizations.

Organizations wishing to have other New York City streets considered for the Open Streets program should [fill out an online survey](#). If you have questions, please contact your [NYC DOT Borough Commissioner's office](#).

**Bronx Open Streets Locations:**

Open Street	From	To	Type	Park/Area/Partner
148th Street	Willis Avenue	Bergen Avenue	Full Block Weekdays 10am-6pm	Third Avenue BID
<a href="#">Grant Avenue</a>	170th Street	169th Street	Full Block	Grant Park
<a href="#">Reservoir Oval East/West</a>	Bainbridge Avenue	Bainbridge Avenue	Full Block	Williamsbridge Oval
Willis Avenue	147th Street	148th Street	Full Block Weekdays 10am-6pm	Third Avenue BID

**Brooklyn Open Streets Locations:**

Open Street	From	To	Type	Park/Area/Partner
Lawrence Street	Fulton Street	Willoughby Street	Full Block 10am-6pm	Downtown Brooklyn Partnership
<a href="#">Parkside Avenue</a>	Park Circle	Ocean Avenue	Full Block	Prospect Park
<a href="#">Prospect Park West</a>	3rd Street	Garfield Place	Full Block	Prospect Park
<a href="#">Sackman Street</a>	Truxton Street	Fulton Street	Full Block	Callahan-Kelly Playground
Willoughby Street	Pearl Street	Lawrence Street	Full Block 10am-6pm	Downtown Brooklyn Partnership

**Manhattan Open Streets Locations:**

Open Street	From	To	Type	Park/Area/Partner
Broadway	21st Street	23rd Street	Full Block 10am-6pm	Flatiron 23rd Street Partnership
Broadway	24th Street	28th Street	Full Block 10am-6pm	Flatiron 23rd Street Partnership
Broadway	36th Street	41st Street	Full Block Weekdays 8am-4pm & Weekends 9am-5pm	Garment District Alliance
<a href="#">Dyckman Street</a>	Broadway	Seaman Avenue	Full Block	Lt. William Tighe Triangle
<a href="#">East End Avenue</a>	East 83rd Street	East 89th Street	Full Block	Carl Schurz Park
<a href="#">Laurel Hill Terrace</a>	Amsterdam Avenue	Amsterdam Avenue	Full Block	Highbridge Park
Ludlow Street	Delancey Street	Houston Street	Full Block 8am-12pm	Lower Eastside Partnership
<a href="#">Margaret Corbin Drive</a>	Fort Washington Avenue	Cabrini Boulevard	Full Block	Fort Tryon Park
Orchard Street	Delancey Street	Houston Street	Full Block 8am-12pm	Lower Eastside Partnership
Rivington Street	Allen Street	Essex Street	Full Block 8am-12pm	Lower Eastside Partnership
Stanton Street	Allen Street	Essex Street	Full Block 8am-12pm	Lower Eastside Partnership

**Queens Open Streets Locations:**

Open Street	From	To	Type	Park/Area/Partner
34th Avenue	69th Street	77th Street	Full Block	Jackson Heights/Corona
<a href="#">Court Square West</a>	Jackson Avenue	Dead End	Full Block	Court Square Park
<a href="#">East Main Drive</a>	Metropolitan Avenue	Overlook Parking Lot	Full Block	Forest Park
<a href="#">Freedom Drive</a>	Park Lane South	Myrtle Avenue	Full Block	Forest Park
<a href="#">Meadow Lake Drive</a>	Model Airplane Field	Meadow Lake Bridge Parking Lot	Full Block	Flushing Meadows Corona Park
<a href="#">Shore Boulevard</a>	Ditmars Boulevard	Astoria Park South	Full Block	Astoria Park
<a href="#">West Main Drive</a>	Band Shell Lot	Golf Course Lot	Full Block	Forest Park

**Staten Island Open Streets Locations:**

Open Street	From	To	Type	Park/Area/Partner
<a href="#">Front Street</a>	Canal Street	Edgewater Street	Full Block	Stapleton Waterfront Park
<a href="#">Silver Lake Park Road</a>	Forest Avenue	Victory Boulevard	Full Block	Silver Lake Park