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Slow Streets: A COVID Response

Feb 2020
Mayor Declares State of Emergency

April 2020
Muni Service Reduced to Core System

April 2020
Slow Streets Phase 1

May 2020
Slow Streets Phase 2

July 2020
Slow Streets Phase 3

June 2021
New Materials & Corridors, Planning for Post-Pandemic
Slow Streets Original Materials
Slow Streets New Materials
Why Shotwell?

What is a Post-Pandemic Slow Street?

Extended Duration

• Traffic changes would extend beyond State of Emergency
• Authorization not tied to COVID emergency
• Determined through community surveys, data evaluation, network analysis

Permanent Materials

• Part of the neighborhood’s lasting infrastructure
• Part of the city’s overall transportation network
• Determined through community outreach process
**Slow Streets**

**Path to Permanence Process**

**STEP 1**
Implement Temporary Slow Street
- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, install temporary Slow Streets using traffic diverters and signage to create space that is more conducive to better physically distanced essential travel by non-motorized travel, safer travel by walking and biking, exercise, and connection to the outside.

**STEP 2**
Evaluate Temporary Slow Street
- Deploy user surveys and collect traffic data to assess the performance of Slow Streets, identify operational issues, and determine the community’s perceptions and attitudes toward the facility and its future.

**STEP 3**
Identify Permanent Slow Street
- Based on the evaluation of Slow Streets and analysis of various criteria for permanence feasibility, recommend corridors to create a network of permanent Slow Streets that last beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Feasible
  - Proceed on path to permanence for the Slow Street beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Not Feasible
  - Temporary Slow Street removed upon the end of the Mayor’s Emergency Health Order.

**STEP 4**
Start Community Planning and Design
- Conduct a community outreach and engagement process on potential permanent treatment options and design permanent Slow Street.

**STEP 5**
Install Permanent Slow Street
- Complete the public hearing process and implement permanent Slow Street design treatments.

**ENJOY SLOW STREET!**
Slow Streets Corridors By Status

- Post-Pandemic Slow Streets in Design Phase
- Existing Temporary Slow Streets Being Evaluated for Post-Pandemic Future
- Existing Temporary Slow Streets in Separate Process
- Recently Approved Temporary Slow Streets
Criteria for Extended Slow Streets

- Low-volume residential street
- Community support for permanence
- Neighborhood organization as steward
- Consistency with other planning efforts
- Data showing minimal disruption to network
Upcoming Milestones

• **Now:** begin transition to new Slow Streets materials
• **June:** complete evaluation of temporary Slow Streets
• **July:** MTA Board decision regarding post-pandemic future of Slow Streets corridors
• **This Fall:** first batch of post-pandemic Slow Streets implemented
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