### Appendix D Traffic Study 168th Street Interim Bus Terminal



# 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal

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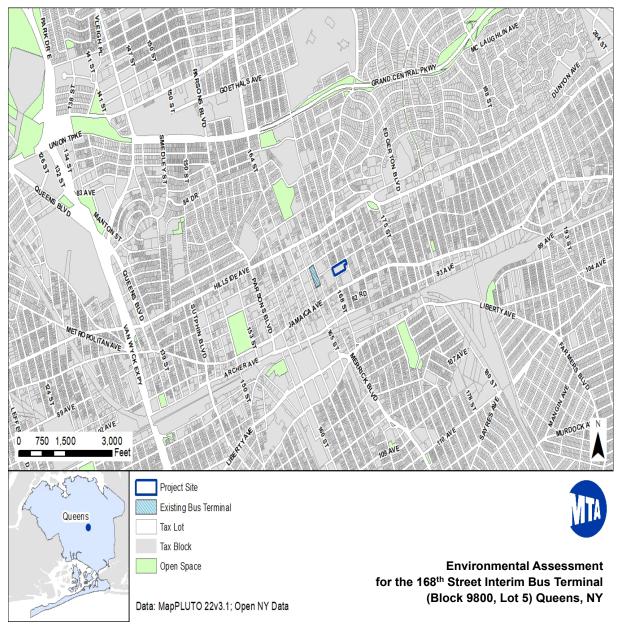


### 1. Introduction

This traffic study addresses the potential effects of the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal on transportation services and safety in the vicinity of 90-01 168<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 9800, Lot 5) in Jamaica, Queens (the "project site"). Specifically, it discusses the effects of the buses and pedestrians rerouted from the existing 165<sup>th</sup> Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal on Merrick Boulevard on traffic conditions in the area. It also addresses the adequacy of existing parking supply in the area to accommodate vehicles currently parked within the public, paid commercial parking lot that will be displaced from the project site, which is currently being used as a public, paid parking facility. Further, existing and potential future safety issues are identified and discussed.

The project site is bounded by 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the north, 168<sup>th</sup> Street to the west, 169<sup>th</sup> Street to the east, and 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue to the south (see **Figure 1-1**).

#### Figure 1-1: Site Vicinity Map





# 2. Transportation Screening Assessment During Operations and Construction

Transportation screening assessments were conducted to determine if detailed transportation analyses would be required during the operational phase of the Proposed Project (i.e., when the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal is constructed and operational), as well as during its construction.

The *CEQR Technical Manual* recommends a two-tier screening process for the preparation of a "preliminary analysis" to determine if quantified analyses of transportation conditions are warranted. The preliminary analysis begins with a trip generation analysis (Level 1) to estimate the volume of person and vehicle trips attributable to the Proposed Project. If the Proposed Project is expected to result in fewer than fifty peak hour vehicle trips and fewer than 200 peak hour transit or pedestrian trips, further quantified analyses are not warranted.

When these thresholds are exceeded, detailed trip assignments (Level 2) are performed to estimate the incremental trips for specific transportation elements and to identify potential locations for further analyses. If the trip assignments show that the Proposed Project would result in fifty or more peak hour vehicle trips at an intersection, 200 or more peak hour subway trips at a station, fifty or more peak hour bus trips in one direction along a bus route, or 200 or more peak hour pedestrian trips traversing a pedestrian element, then further quantified analyses may be warranted to assess the potential for significant adverse impacts on traffic, transit, pedestrians, parking, and vehicular and pedestrian safety.

The findings and recommendations of the weekday and weekend screening assessments during Operations and Construction were documented in a Technical Memorandum titled *Transportation Screening Assessment and Proposed Traffic Study Scope for NYCDOT's Review* with the latest revision date of April 18, 2023. The final screening assessments and Traffic Scope of Work reflects two rounds of NYCDOT's comments and MTA/AECOM's responses. Below is a synopsis of the key findings and final outcome of the screening assessments.

#### 2.1 During Operations: Level 1 Screening

A Level 1 (Trip Generation) and Level 2 (Trip Assignment) screening assessment was performed based on bus volumes and bus routing data provided by the MTA. The 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal will serve buses operated by MTA New York City Transit Department of Buses (MTA NYCT Bus) buses and the Nassau Inter County Express (NICE) buses. These are the same buses that use the existing 165<sup>th</sup> Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal.

Based on bus volume data provided by MTA NYCT Bus, the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal will serve a total of 2,464 bus trips on a daily *weekday* (1,232 bus trips into the terminal and 1,232 bus trips out from the terminal). The number of buses expected to use the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal during the *weekend* is 1794 trips on Saturday and 1442 trips on Sunday. While on both weekend days, the volume of daily bus trips is much lower than on a weekday because the volumes were higher on Saturday, the weekend screening assessment was performed for Saturday.

#### 2.2 During Operations: Level 2 Screening

MTA NYCT Bus provided information on proposed bus routing to and from the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal and the incremental number of buses at intersections, by turning movement, in the vicinity of the project site for each of the weekday AM, Midday, and PM, and Saturday midday peak hours. The bus volume information included both the *increases* and *decreases* in bus turning movement volumes associated with rerouting buses to and from the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal.

On weekdays, six intersections were projected to experience more than 50 vehicle trips in one or more peak hours and are therefore recommended for further detailed analyses. In addition, one intersection (169<sup>th</sup> Street/Hillside Avenue) was projected to experience zero net incremental bus volumes because the buses in the westbound through movement will be rerouted to the westbound left turn movement. However, because of the large number of buses expected to be added to the westbound left turn movement, it was recommended that this intersection also be included for further detailed analysis.

In addition, in their comments on March 24, 2023, NYCDOT requested that three additional intersections be analyzed. Therefore, altogether, a total of ten intersections were identified for detailed traffic analyses on weekdays. On Saturday,

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the 50 vehicles per hour (vph) threshold was not met or exceeded at any intersection. Therefore, since all intersections screened out, no further analyses are required for Saturday.

#### 2.3 During Construction

Construction (or site preparation) is expected to last for less than two years. Therefore, a detailed traffic screening assessment was not performed since detailed traffic analysis will not be required. The staging of construction equipment and construction worker parking would all be accommodated on-site, thus not affecting City's streets. In addition, no roadway or lane closures are anticipated to occur during construction of the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal.

### 3. Existing Conditions

#### 3.1 Traffic Analysis

#### 3.1.1 Study Area and Study Intersections

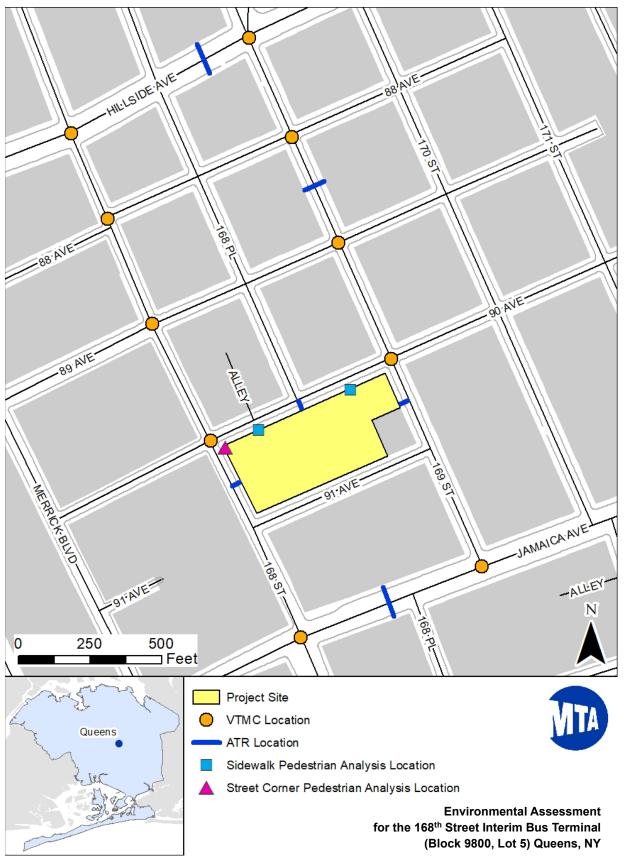
For purposes of the traffic study, a study area has been defined as the area bounded by Hillside Avenue to the north, 169<sup>th</sup> Street to the east, Jamaica Avenue to the south, and 168<sup>th</sup> Street to the west. This area includes the ten intersections identified for detailed analyses.

The following ten intersections, as shown in **Figure 3-1**, were selected for detailed traffic analyses during the weekday AM, Midday and PM peak hours. They include eight signalized, and two unsignalized intersections proximate to the project site that have the potential to experience changes in traffic operations as a result of the Proposed Project. The study intersections are as follows:

- 1. Hillside Avenue @ 169<sup>th</sup> Street (signalized)
- 2. 88th Avenue @ 168th Street (unsignalized)
- 3. 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue @ 169<sup>th</sup> Street (unsignalized)
- 4. 89th Avenue @168th Street (signalized)
- 5. 89th Avenue @ 169th Street (signalized)
- 6. 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue @168<sup>th</sup> Street (signalized)
- 7. 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue @ 169<sup>th</sup> Street (signalized)
- 8. Hillside Avenue @ 168<sup>th</sup> Street (signalized)
- 9. Jamaica Avenue @ 168th Street (signalized)
- 10. Jamaica Avenue @169th Street (signalized)



#### Figure 3-1: Study Intersections





#### 3.1.2 Roadway Network

The project site is well served by highway access being located less than a mile south of the Grand Central Parkway and approximately 1.25 miles east of the Van Wyck Expressway (I-678). Local access is provided by Hillside Avenue on the north, 168<sup>th</sup> Street on the west, Jamaica Avenue on the south and 169<sup>th</sup> Street on the east.

The physical and operational characteristics of the major streets comprising the roadway network within the study area are described as follows:

- Jamaica Avenue is a two-way east-west Principal Arterial roadway. It extends from Pennsylvania Avenue in Brooklyn on the west to the Cross Island Parkway on the east. In the study area, Jamaica Avenue provides two travel lanes and one parking lane in each direction, with left turn lanes and right-turn bays at major intersections. West of 168<sup>th</sup> Street, Jamaica Avenue was recently transformed into a busway; all westbound vehicles, except trucks and buses, are required to turn either left or right onto 168<sup>th</sup> Street. Several MTA NYCT Bus routes use Jamaica Avenue.
- *Hillside Avenue* is a two-way, east-west Principal Arterial roadway. It extends from Myrtle Avenue on the west to Willis Avenue in Nassau County on the east. In the study area, Hillside Avenue provides two travel lanes and one parking lane in each direction, with left-turn lanes at major intersections. Several MTA and NICE bus routes use Hillside Avenue, including the Q1, Q2, Q3, Q17, Q36, Q43, Q76, Q77, N1, N6, N22, N24, and N26 routes.
- 168<sup>th</sup> Street is a north-south Minor Arterial roadway. It extends from Liberty Avenue on the south to Francis Lewis Boulevard on the north. In the study area, 168<sup>th</sup> Street is a one-way northbound roadway between Jamaica Avenue and Hillside Avenue. A "red-painted" Bus-Only lane exists on the easterly curb lane of 168<sup>th</sup> Street between 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Hillside Avenue, serving the Q17 bus route, and the Q6, Q8, Q9, and Q41 bus routes use a portion of this Bus-Only lane. In the study area, 168<sup>th</sup> Street generally provides one travel lane, and limited curbside parking on the west side of the roadway (the east side accommodates the bus-only lane).
- 169<sup>th</sup> Street is a Minor Arterial roadway in the study area; outside of the study area it is a local roadway. It extends from Foch Boulevard on the south to Utopia Parkway on the north. In the study area, 169<sup>th</sup> Street is a one-way southbound roadway between Hillside Avenue and Jamaica Avenue. 169<sup>th</sup> Street generally provides one travel lane and curbside parking on both sides of the roadway. The Q30 and Q31 bus routes operate on 169<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue is a Collector roadway in the study area; outside of the study area it is a local roadway. It extends, interruptedly, from Sutphin Boulevard on the west to Braddock Avenue on the east. In the study area, 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue is a one-way eastbound roadway with one travel lane and one parking lane on the north side of the roadway. Illegal parking is prevalent on the sidewalk on the south side of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 169<sup>th</sup> Street often protruding into the south curb lane on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue. 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue provides entry to and exit from the existing parking lot (the site of the proposed bus terminal) via one entrance driveway and one exit driveway. A secondary entry/exit driveway of the parking lot is located on 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue, just west of 169<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### 3.1.3 Traffic Data Collection

Data was collected in the field at the ten study intersections in April 2023. The traffic data collection effort included 24hour, seven-day Automatic Traffic Recorder (ATR) counts at four midblock locations; one weekday of video turning movement and vehicle classification counts for a 14-hour period from 5 AM to 7 PM; documentation of posted on-street parking regulations on approaches to the study intersections; and a comprehensive inventory of roadway geometrics and physical operating characteristics at each study intersection.

#### 3.1.4 Intersection Inventory

The physical and operational characteristics of the study intersections were inventoried in the field. This inventory included street directions; number, configuration, and widths of lanes; conflicting pedestrians in crosswalks; curbside



parking regulations; turning restrictions and prohibitions; type of intersection traffic control; types and locations of traffic control devices and signs; and bus stop locations.

#### 3.1.5 ATR Counts

For a period of seven days, beginning Saturday, April 22 and ending Friday, April 28, 2023, ATR counts were conducted continuously at 15-minute intervals on the following six locations roadways:

- 1. 168<sup>th</sup> Street NB between 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 2. 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue EB between 168<sup>th</sup> and 169<sup>th</sup> Streets
- 3. 169<sup>th</sup> Street SB between 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue
- 4. 169<sup>th</sup> Street SB between 88<sup>th</sup> and 89<sup>th</sup> Avenues
- 5. Hillside Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Place and 169<sup>th</sup> Street (both directions)
- 6. Jamaica Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 169<sup>th</sup> Street (both directions)

#### 3.1.6 Video Turning Movement and Vehicle Classification Counts

Video turning movement and four-way vehicle classification counts (autos, buses, trucks and bicycles) were collected at each of the ten study intersections on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. These counts were performed at 15-minute intervals for a 14-hour period from 5 AM to 7 PM.

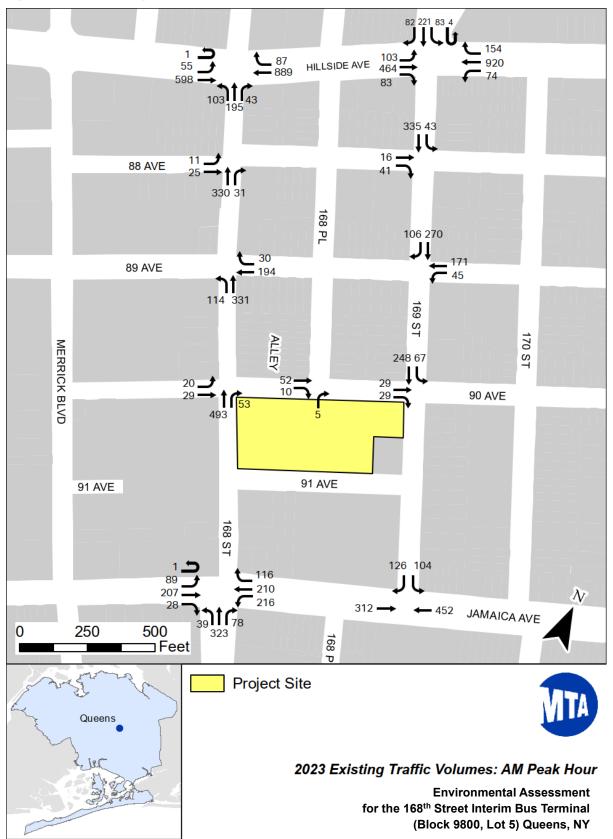
#### 3.1.7 Traffic Volumes

Using the ATR and turning movement counts, the peak traffic hours were determined to be 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM, 1:15 PM to 2:15 PM, and 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM for the morning, midday and evening peak periods. The peak hours for buses, determined solely based on bus volumes at the existing 165<sup>th</sup> Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal and before the turning movement and ATR counts were taken, were determined to be 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, and 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Though the peak hours are slightly different, for purposes of conducting a conservative traffic analysis, the incremental peak hour bus volumes were superimposed on the peak hour traffic volumes in the Future With-Action condition.

**Figure 3-2, Figure 3-3,** and **Figure 3-4** show the turning movement volumes at the study intersections during the weekday AM, Midday and PM peak hours, for the 2023 Existing Conditions.

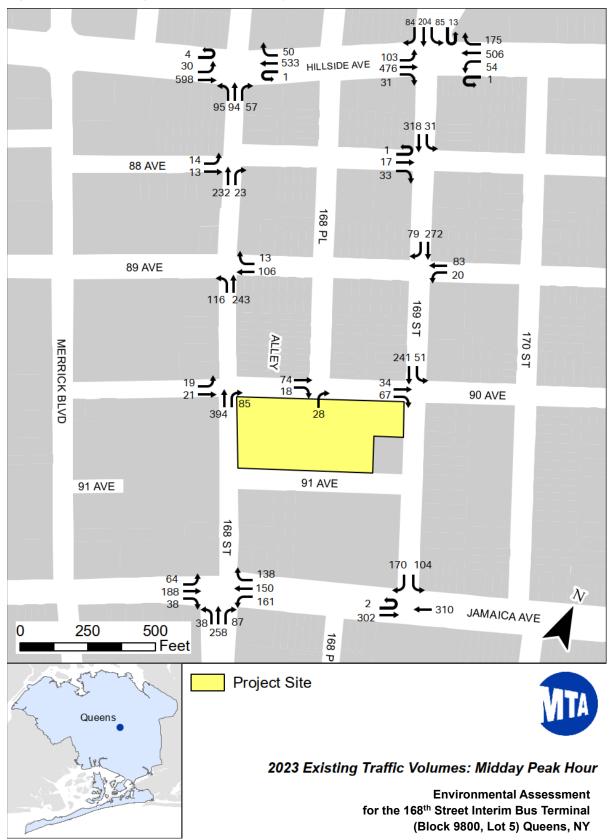


#### Figure 3-2: 2023 Existing Traffic Volumes – AM Peak Hour



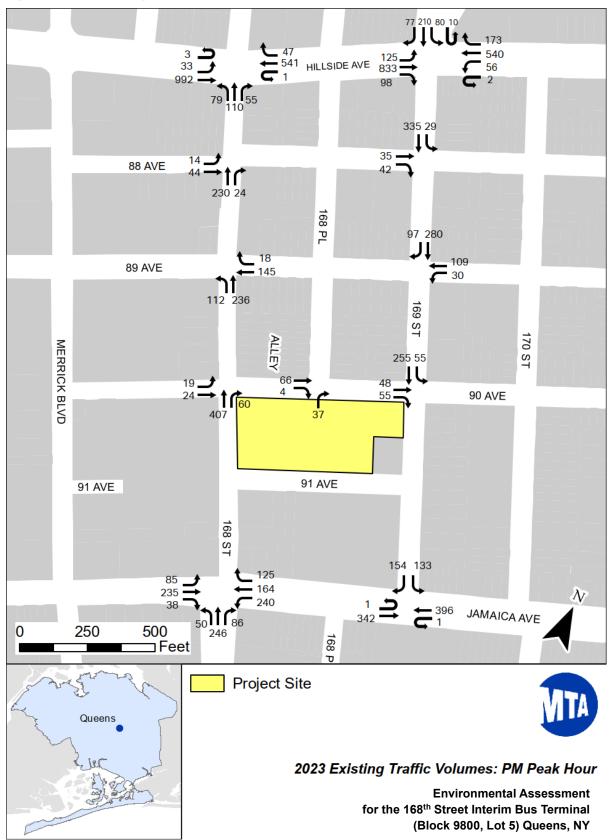


#### Figure 3-3: 2023 Existing Traffic Volume – Midday Peak Hour





#### Figure 3-4: 2023 Existing Traffic Volumes – PM Peak Hour





#### 3.1.8 Capacity Analysis

Intersection capacity analyses were performed using the Synchro traffic analysis model, Version 11. The Synchro analyses are based on the *Highway Capacity Manual* (HCM) methodology which expresses the quality of flow for an approach or lane group in terms of level-of-service (LOS), a measure based on the average delay that motorists experience when traveling through the intersection. This includes delays associated with acceleration, deceleration, and queue move-up time, in addition to stopped delay at the intersection.

According to the HCM, the capacities of signalized intersections are based on three sets of inputs: 1) geometric conditions, including the number of lanes, the length of storage bays for turns, etc.; 2) traffic conditions, including volumes by movement, vehicle classification, parking maneuvers, the nature of vehicular platooning in arrivals at the intersection, pedestrian and bicycle conflicts, etc.; and 3) signalization conditions, including signal cycle length, timing and phasing, signal coordination, and the existence of signal actuation capabilities by either vehicles or pedestrians. Based on all of these and other inputs, the HCM model then calculates the ratio of the volume on the street to the street's capacity (v/c ratios), average vehicle delays, and LOS, where LOS is defined in terms of the average control delay per vehicle for lane groups, intersection approaches, and the intersection as a whole.

Table 3-1 shows the LOS/delay relationship for signalized and unsignalized intersections using the HCM methodology.

Level-of-Service	Average Control Delay (seconds per vehicle)						
	Signalized Intersections	Unsignalized Intersections					
А	≤ 10	≤ 10					
В	> 10 and ≤ 20	> 10 and ≤ 15					
С	> 20 and ≤ 35	> 15 and ≤ 25					
D	> 35 and ≤ 55	> 25 and ≤ 35					
E	> 55 and ≤ 80	> 35 and ≤ 50					
F	> 80	> 50					

#### Table 3-1: Level-of-Service Criteria for Signalized and Unsignalized Intersections

Source: 2000 Highway Capacity Manual

The following LOS definitions are provided in the HCM:

- LOS A describes traffic operations with very low delay. This occurs when signal progression is extremely favorable, and most vehicles arrive during the green phase. Most vehicles do not stop at all.
- LOS B describes operations with low, but increased delay. This generally occurs with good progression and/or short cycle lengths. Again, most vehicles do not stop at the intersection.
- LOS C describes operations with moderate delay. These higher delays may result from fair progression and/or longer cycle lengths. The number of vehicles stopping is significant at this level, although many still pass through the intersection without stopping.
   LOS D describes operations with heavy delay.
- At LOS D, the influence of congestion becomes more noticeable. Longer delays may result from some combination of unfavorable progression, long cycle lengths, or high v/c ratios. Many vehicles stop, and the proportion of vehicles not stopping declines substantially.
- LOS E describes very heavy delay. These high delay values generally indicate poor progression, long cycle lengths, and high v/c ratios near capacity.
- LOS F typically describes ever increasing delays as queues begin to form. This is considered to be unacceptable to most drivers. This condition often occurs with oversaturation, i.e., when arrival flow rates exceed the capacity of the intersection. It may also occur at high v/c ratios with cycle failures. Poor progression and long cycle lengths may also be contributing to such delays.



Using the existing turning movement volumes shown in **Figure 3-2**, **Figure 3-3**, and **Figure 3-4**, traffic operations analyses were conducted for each of the study intersections for the weekday AM, Midday and PM peak hours. The peak hour Synchro models were calibrated based on NYCDOT's calibration guidelines and field measured queues.

**Table 3-2** shows the results of these analyses, including volume-to-capacity (v/c) ratios, total delays, and corresponding LOS for the AM, Midday and PM peak hours. As shown, all lane groups operate at LOS D or better in Existing Conditions, except for the following:

Hillside Avenue @ 169th Street:

- The southbound through movement operates at LOS F during the AM peak hour, and at LOS E during the Midday and PM peak hours.
- The southbound left turn movement operates at LOS E during the PM peak hour.

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#### Table 3-2: 2023 Existing V/C, Delay, and LOS

			AM (7:30 – 8:30 AM)			MD (13:15 – 14:15 PM)			PM (16:45 – 17:45 PM)					
	Intersection	Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%
		EBL	0.44	17.4	В	50	0.24	9.7	А	50	0.27	9.1	А	55
		EBT	0.36	15	В	142	0.32	14.5	В	139	0.54	16.6	В	264
		EBR	0.15	13.2	В	60	0.18	13.5	В	63	0.21	13	В	67
		WBL	0.19	3.8	А	12	0.13	5.4	А	24	0.24	4.9	А	11
1	1: 169 St & Hillside Ave &	WBT	0.68	10.1	В	124	0.34	10.2	В	104	0.36	8.2	А	64
	Homelawn St	WBR	0.29	5.4	А	23	0.38	12.4	В	86	0.38	9.8	Α	49
		SBL	0.44	52.1	D	125	0.41	48.8	D	133	0.57	58.6	Е	128
		SBT	0.92	87	F	339	0.74	61.1	Е	260	0.88	79.6	Е	316
		SBR	0.48	54	D	117	0.42	49.5	D	115	0.48	54.7	D	111
		Overall		22	С			21.7	С			22.5	С	
		EBL	0.1	13.9	В	8	0.06	12.2	В	5	0.15	13.6	В	13
		EBT	0.1	13.9	В	8	0.06	12.2	В	5	0.15	13.6	В	13
		NBT	0.22	0	А	0	0.15	0	А	0	0.16	0	А	0
2*	2: 168 St & 88 Ave	NBR	0.02	0	А	0	0.02	0	А	0	0.02	0	А	0
		NBTR (Bus Lane)	0.02	0	А	0	0.01	0	А	А	0.01	0	А	0
		Overall		1.4	Α			1.3	Α			2.7	Α	
		EBT	0.16	14.8	В	14	0.12	13.4	В	10	0.23	16.6	С	22
		EBR	0.16	14.8	В	14	0.12	13.4	В	10	0.23	16.6	С	22
3*	3: 169 St & 88 Ave	SBL	0.04	0.4	А	3	0.03	0.3	А	2	0.03	0.3	А	2
		SBT	0.04	1.2	А	3	0.03	0.9	А	2	0.03	0.9	А	2
		Overall		3	Α			2.6	Α			3.8	Α	
	4. 469 54 8 90 4.	WBT	0.6	26.3	С	140	0.24	22.5	С	93	0.45	22.8	С	102
4	4 4: 168 St & 89 Ave	NBL					0.22	13.1	В	79				



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				AM (7:30 – 8	3:30 AM	)		MD (13:15 –	14:15 PI	М)	PM (16:45 – 17:45 PM)			
	Intersection	Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%
		NBT (NBLT)	0.55	5.1	А	46	0.25	16.7	В	110	0.5	5.2	А	45
		NBT (Bus Lane)	0.04	2.8	A	m2	0.03	9.8	А	13	0.03	2.9	А	m2
		Overall		11.9	в			17.1	в			10.3	в	
		WBT	0.36	13.8	В	99	0.17	11.8	В	51	0.22	12.2	В	65
5	5: 169 St & 89 Ave	SBT(SBTR)	0.37	15.5	в	m208	0.24	19.7	В	164	0.61	14	В	m122
		SBR	0.19	12.5	В	m72								
		Overall		14.4	в			17.8	в			13.5	в	
	6: 168 St & 90 Ave	EBLT	0.17	20.8	С	43	0.14	20.2	С	34	0.14	20.2	С	36
6		NBTR	0.66	11.7	В	218	0.59	10.4	В	179	0.57	9.9	А	167
		Overall		12.5	в			11.3	в			10.9	В	
		EBT	0.09	8.1	В	0	0.15	8	А	0	0.15	8.2	А	0
		EBR	0.09	8.1	В	0	0.15	8	А	0	0.15	8.2	А	0
7*	7: 169 St & 90 Ave	SBL	0.44	10.6	В	0	0.38	10	А	0	0.4	10.2	В	0
		SBT	0.44	10.6	В	0	0.38	10	А	0	0.4	10.2	В	0
		Overall		10.2	В			9.4	Α			9.7	Α	
		EBL	0.39	15.1	В	18	0.11	3.8	A	6	0.14	5.4	Α	10
		EBT	0.47	9.6	A	64	0.41	4.3	A	32	0.64	9.8	Α	130
		WBT(WBTR)	0.61	18.8	В	305	0.4	13.6	В	163	0.45	17	В	192
8	8: 168 St & Hillside Ave	WBR	0.15	12.7	В	60								
		NBLT (NBL for AM)	0.28	33.7	С	118	0.58	48.1	D	237	0.47	35	С	166
		NBR (NBTR for AM)	0.5	38	D	238	0.24	40	D	77	0.17	30.2	с	64

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Intersection			AM (7:30 – 8:30 AM)			MD (13:15 – 14:15 PM)				PM (16:45 – 17:45 PM)				
		Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%
		NBTR (Bus Lane)	0.1	33.7	С	m24	0.1	38.3	D	27	0.09	35.2	D	m27
		Overall		18.9	в			15.5	в			15.3	в	
		EBL	0.26	9.8	А	33	0.23	7.1	А	13	0.28	6	А	57
		EBT	0.3	9.4	А	49	0.26	6.5	А	24	0.27	4.5	А	168
		EBR	0.05	6.8	А	9	0.08	4.8	А	7	0.06	1.3	А	1
	9: 168 St & Jamaica Ave	WBL	0.44	18.5	В	166	0.42	20.3	С	133	0.53	19.7	В	200
•		WBT	0.35	16.1	В	143	0.3	17.3	В	110	0.25	13.3	В	107
9		WBR	0.19	13.5	В	76	0.31	17.6	В	106	0.29	14.4	В	88
		NBL	0.17	33.7	С	54	0.11	28.2	С	48	0.19	32.5	С	64
		NBT (NBTR)	0.57	39.6	D	212	0.41	31.9	С	165	0.57	40.2	D	291
		NBR									0.28	34.2	С	97
		Overall		22.4	С			19.7	в			19.6	в	
		EBT	0.22	11.1	В	82	0.23	13.5	В	90	0.24	11.3	В	92
		WBT	0.3	3.5	А	120	0.23	7.3	А	30	0.24	7.2	А	36
10	10: Jamaica Ave & 169 St	SBL	0.39	41.6	D	128	0.31	35.7	D	120	0.48	44.2	D	160
		SBR	0.49	44.7	D	154	0.53	41.8	D	199	0.57	47.7	D	190
		Overall		15.8	в			19.3	в			20.2	С	

\*Unsignalized intersections

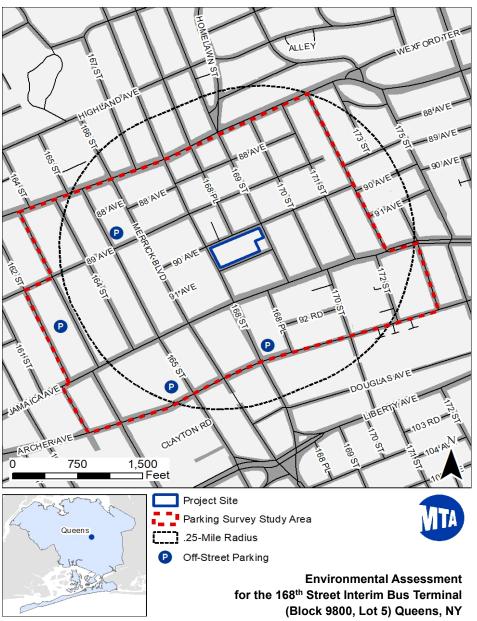
\*\*Control Delay for unsignalized intersections



#### 3.2 Parking

#### 3.2.1 Data Collection

A comprehensive parking data collection program was conducted for both on-street and off-street facilities within the parking survey study area, preliminarily identified as the area bounded, in general, by 162/163<sup>rd</sup> Streets on the west, Hillside Avenue on the north, 172<sup>nd</sup>/173<sup>rd</sup> Streets on the east, and Archer Avenue on the south (see **Figure 3-5**).





#### 3.2.1.1 On-Street Parking

The parking surveys included all block faces in the parking survey study area for on-street parking. Parking utilization (# vehicles parked) on each block face was observed and documented for every hour between 5 AM and 7 PM on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. This was done by a drive-by survey, with at least two observations made during each hour. In addition, curbside parking regulations were inventoried.



#### 3.2.1.2 Off-Street Parking

Four off-street public parking facilities (lots and garages), including the project site, which is currently used as a parking lot, were surveyed. **Table 3-3** shows the four off-street parking facilities surveyed.

Name of Parking Facility	Location	Capacity
Impark (project site)	168-36 90 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	253 spaces
Jamaica First Parking	162 <sup>nd</sup> Street	405 spaces
Jamaica First Parking	Archer Avenue	601 spaces
165 <sup>th</sup> Street Parking Inc.	165 <sup>th</sup> Street	150 spaces

#### Table 3-3: Off-Street Parking Facilities Surveyed

For off-street parking facilities, an inventory was taken at each facility including the name of the facility, posted parking capacity, parking rates (weekday and weekend), and hours of operation. Observations of parking occupancy were made at least two times per hour between 5 AM and 7 PM at each facility. At the project site, the number of parked vehicles in the facility were counted at 5:00 AM and then the ins/outs at the lot were recorded by Miovision cameras, concurrently with the vehicular turning movement counts. The ins/outs from the VTMCs at the driveways of this facility were used to calculate parking occupancy/accumulation at the facility on an hourly basis from 5 AM to 7 PM.

#### 3.2.2 Existing Parking Supply and Demand (Utilization)

#### 3.2.2.1 On-Street

**Table 3-4** presents a summary of the overall on-street weekday parking capacity and utilization for the 14-hour survey period from 5 AM to 7 PM. On-street parking supply (capacity) varies hourly due to different curbside parking regulations that are in effect throughout the day. For all on-street spaces in the parking survey study area combined, hourly capacities vary from approximately 1,227 spaces at 8 AM to approximately 1,494 spaces at 6 AM.

On-street utilization varies from 79 percent between 5 AM and 6 AM to 121 percent between 3 PM and 4 PM. Consistently between 8 AM and 7 PM, on-street parking utilization exceeds the legal capacity in the parking survey study area with as many as 264 illegally parked vehicles recorded in the parking survey study area between 3 and 4 PM.



#### Table 3-4: Weekday On-Street Parking Supply and Utilization – 2023 Existing Conditions

Time	Capacity	Utilization	% Utilization	Available Spaces
5-6 AM	1,485	1,176	79%	309
6-7 AM	1,494	1,390	93%	104
7-8 AM	1,310	1,242	95%	68
8-9 AM	1,227	1,336	109%	-109
9-10 AM	1,329	1,510	114%	-181
10-11 AM	1,305	1,358	104%	-53
11-12 noon	1,328	1,437	108%	-109
12-1 PM	1,274	1,520	119%	-246
1-2 PM	1,256	1,401	112%	-145
2-3 PM	1,274	1,359	107%	-85
3-4 PM	1,274	1,538	121%	-264
4-5 PM	1,238	1,345	109%	-107
5-6 PM	1,256	1,329	106%	-73
6-7 PM	1,328	1,393	105%	-65

#### 3.2.2.2 Off-Street

**Table 3-5** presents a summary of the weekday parking capacity, utilization and accumulation for the parking facility at the *project site* for the 14-hour survey period from 5 AM to 7 PM.

The project site, which is a paid, public parking facility has a posted capacity of 253 cars. The highest parking accumulation occurred between 2 PM and 3 PM when 137 vehicles were parked, representing 54 percent of the lot's capacity.

**Table 3-6** presents a summary of the weekday parking capacity, utilization and accumulation for the <u>other three off</u>-<u>street parking facilities surveyed</u> for the 14-hour survey period from 5 AM to 7 PM.

The three other off-street parking facilities surveyed are also paid, public parking facilities with a combined capacity of 1,156 cars. Overall, the highest parking accumulation occurred between 11 AM and 12 noon, when 842 vehicles were parked, representing 73 percent of the facilities' combined capacities, and 314 available (unoccupied) parking spaces.



#### Table 3-5: Weekday Project Site Parking Capacity, Utilization, and Accumulation – 2023 Existing Conditions

Time	Capacity	IN	OUT	Accumulation	% Occupied
5 AM	253			37	15%
5-6 AM	253	2	9	30	12%
6-7 AM	253	8	6	32	13%
7-8 AM	253	11	5	38	15%
8-9 AM	253	32	8	62	25%
9-10 AM	253	36	12	86	34%
10-11 AM	253	37	22	101	40%
11-12 noon	253	35	18	118	47%
12-1 PM	253	39	32	125	49%
1-2 PM	253	34	29	130	51%
2-3 PM	253	31	24	137	54%
3-4 PM	253	22	28	131	52%
4-5 PM	253	12	39	104	41%
5-6 PM	253	9	19	94	37%
6-7 PM	253	6	15	85	34%



 Table 3-6: Other Three Off-Street Parking Facilities Capacity, Utilization, and Accumulation – 2023 Existing

 Conditions

Time	Capacity	Utilization	% Utilization	Available Spaces
5 AM	1,156	178	15%	978
5-6 AM	1,156	347	30%	809
6-7 AM	1,156	508	44%	648
7-8 AM	1,156	586	51%	570
8-9 AM	1,156	668	58%	488
9-10 AM	1,156	739	64%	417
10-11 AM	1,156	768	66%	388
11-12 noon	1,156	842	73%	314
12-1 PM	1,156	785	68%	371
1-2 PM	1,156	762	66%	394
2-3 PM	1,156	648	56%	508
3-4 PM	1,156	564	49%	592
4-5 PM	1,156	409	35%	747
5-6 PM	1,156	275	24%	881
6-7 PM	1,156	185	16%	971

#### 3.3 Transit

This area of Jamaica is well served by subway and bus service. The nearest subway station is the 169<sup>th</sup> Street station on the F line located at Hillside Avenue @ 169<sup>th</sup> Street. The LIRR Jamaica Station is located approximately one mile southwest of the site at Archer Avenue and Sutphin Boulevard. Bus service in the area is provided by numerous bus routes including the 16 Queens County MTA (MTA Bus Company and NYCT) and NICE bus routes that currently use the existing 165<sup>th</sup> Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal as discussed above.

MTA bus routes serve local routes in eastern Queens to the north, east, and south of Jamaica. NICE bus routes serve local routes in Nassau County while also operating services into Queens and Suffolk Counties. Both MTA and NICE bus routes are currently served at the existing 165<sup>th</sup> Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal at 89-21 165<sup>th</sup> Street (at Merrick Boulevard and 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue) in Jamaica, Queens. These buses served at the existing bus terminal will be relocated to the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal, which is approximately 0.3 miles east of the existing bus terminal.

The existing 165<sup>th</sup> Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal is centrally located for MTA and NICE bus routes originating and terminating at the terminal and providing local bus service throughout eastern Queens (to the north, east, and south), Nassau County, and western Suffolk County. As a gateway to the New York City regional transit networks, commuters

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arriving at the existing 165<sup>th</sup> Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal are in close proximity to local routes, regional bus route transfer locations, and MTA Subway E, F, and J lines.

#### 3.4 Pedestrians

The *CEQR Technical Manual* indicates that a detailed pedestrian analysis be performed for projects that are likely to generate 200 or more net incremental pedestrian trips during any peak hour on any one pedestrian element (i.e., a sidewalk, crosswalk, or corner). To determine whether detailed analyses are warranted, Level 1 and Level 2 screening assessments were performed to determine if, and which pedestrian elements would exceed the screening threshold, and therefore subject to further analyses.

#### 3.4.1 Level 1 Screening Assessment

The Level 1 screening assessment focuses on the number of peak hour pedestrian trips projected to be generated by the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal. The 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal will not generate any "*new*" trips; however, pedestrians (passengers) who currently walk to and from the existing 165<sup>th</sup> Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal before boarding and after disembarking buses at the terminal will be "*reassigned*" to the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal.

Daily and peak hour passenger ON and OFF volumes boarding and disembarking buses at the existing 165<sup>th</sup> Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal were obtained from MTA NYCT Bus. The passenger counts were revised to exclude bus-to-bus transfers to yield the actual number of passengers (pedestrians) who actually walk to and from the existing bus terminal.

**Table 3-7** shows the number of passengers boarding and disembarking at the existing terminal, excluding bus-to-bus transfers during the weekday AM (8 AM to 9 AM), Midday (1 PM to 2 PM) and PM (5 PM to 6 PM) peak hours, as well as the daily volumes. These would be the same number of passengers (pedestrians) walking to and from the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal.

Time	ON	OFF	Total
АМ	187	257	444
MD	251	148	399
PM	393	186	579
Daily	3,945	2,761	6,706

#### Table 3-7: Peak Hour and Daily ON and OFF Passenger Counts at Existing 165th Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal

As shown, the combined number of ON and OFF counts exceed the Level 1 CEQR screening threshold of 200 pedestrians per hour during every peak hour. Therefore, a Level 2 screening was conducted.

#### 3.4.2 Level 2 Screening Assessment

The Level 2 pedestrian screening assessment focused on the distribution and assignment of pedestrian trips to and from the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal and using the ON and OFF counts shown in **Table 3-7**. The "ON" counts correspond to pedestrians arriving at the terminal to board buses; the "OFF" counts represent passengers leaving the terminal after disembarking the buses.

#### 3.4.2.1 Trip Distribution

Pedestrian trip distribution, in terms of the general directions from which passengers arrived from before boarding buses, and the directions where they were headed to after disembarking buses, was based on the results of a localized origin-destination survey conducted at the existing 165<sup>th</sup> Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal in May 2023. The survey was conducted on Wednesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 11, 2023, during the AM (7 AM to 9 AM), Midday (1 PM to 3 PM)

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and PM (5 PM 7 PM) peak periods. The number of passengers arriving at, and departing the terminal by directions (east, west, north and south) were observed, counted and documented. Only pedestrians arriving at and departing from the *terminal* were included in the survey; "*background*" pedestrians were not included.

The results of the origin-destination survey are shown in Table 3-8.

#### Table 3-8: Origin-Destination Survey Results at Existing 165th Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal

	Passe	ngers		Percen		
Observed Passenger Origin-Destination	АМ	Midday	РМ	АМ	Midday	РМ
To/From North	170	221	182	23%	17%	12%
To/From South	192	475	596	27%	38%	41%
To/From East	178	218	208	25%	17%	14%
To/From West	182	354	479	25%	28%	33%
All Directions	722	1,268	1,465	100%	100%	100%

During the weekday AM peak period, passenger (pedestrian) trip distribution was generally equally spread out in all four directions. During the Midday and PM peak periods, more pedestrians seem to be headed to/from the south and west, likely associated with the concentration of commercial activities on Jamaica Avenue located south of the existing terminal, and the 165<sup>th</sup> Street shopping corridor located west of the existing terminal.

#### 3.4.2.2 Trip Assignment

Passengers (pedestrians) were assigned to and from the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal to pedestrian facilities (sidewalks, crosswalks and corners) based on their general direction of origins and destinations in accordance with the origin-destination survey results at the *existing* bus terminal, as described above. In assigning pedestrians to specific facilities, the following assumptions were made:

**To/From North**: 50% of arriving and departing pedestrians were assigned to the <u>east sidewalk of 168<sup>th</sup> Street</u> between Hillside Avenue and 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and the south sidewalk of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 168<sup>th</sup> Place. They all would enter and leave the terminal via the pedestrian ingress/egress point located on the south side of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 168<sup>th</sup> Place.

50% of arriving and departing pedestrians were assigned to the <u>west sidewalk of 169<sup>th</sup> Street</u> between Hillside Avenue and 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and the south sidewalk of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Place and 169<sup>th</sup> Street. They all would enter and leave the terminal via the pedestrian ingress/egress point located on the south side of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Place and 169<sup>th</sup> Street.

**To/From South**: 50% of arriving and departing pedestrians were assigned to the <u>east sidewalks of 168<sup>th</sup> Street</u> between Jamaica Avenue and 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue. They all would enter and leave the terminal via the pedestrian ingress/egress point located on the east side of 168<sup>th</sup> Street between 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue (closer to 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue, south of the bus entry/exit driveway).

50% of arriving and departing pedestrians were assigned to the <u>west sidewalk of 169<sup>th</sup> Street</u> between Jamaica Avenue and 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue. It is assumed that half of them (25%) would enter and leave the terminal via the pedestrian ingress/egress point located on the north side of 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Place and 169<sup>th</sup> Street (closer to 169<sup>th</sup> Street). The remaining half (25%) would continue walking on the west sidewalk on 169<sup>th</sup> Street between 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and on the south sidewalk of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Place and 169<sup>th</sup> Street. They would enter and leave



the terminal via the pedestrian ingress/egress point located on the south side of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Place and 169<sup>th</sup> Street.

**To/From East**: 50% of arriving and departing pedestrians were assigned to the <u>west sidewalk of 169<sup>th</sup> Street</u> between 89<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> Avenues, and the south sidewalk of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Place and 169<sup>th</sup> Street. They would enter and leave the terminal via the pedestrian ingress/egress point located on the south side of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Place and 169<sup>th</sup> Street.

50% of arriving and departing pedestrians were assigned to the <u>south sidewalk of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue</u> between 169<sup>th</sup> Street and 170<sup>th</sup> Street; and the south sidewalk of 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 169<sup>th</sup> Street. They would enter and leave the terminal via the pedestrian ingress/egress point located on the north side of 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Place and 169<sup>th</sup> Street (closer to 169<sup>th</sup> Street).

**To/From West**: 50% of arriving and departing pedestrians were assigned to the <u>east sidewalk of 168<sup>th</sup> Street</u> between Hillside Avenue and 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and the south sidewalk of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 168<sup>th</sup> Place. They all would enter and leave the terminal via the pedestrian ingress/egress point located on the south side of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 168<sup>th</sup> Place.

50% of arriving and departing pedestrians were assigned to the <u>south sidewalk of 90<sup>th</sup></u> Avenue between Merrick Boulevard and 168<sup>th</sup> Street; and the south sidewalk of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 168<sup>th</sup> Place. They would enter and leave the terminal via the pedestrian ingress/egress point located on the south side of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 168<sup>th</sup> Place.

Figures 1 through 3 in Appendix A show the assignment percentages of pedestrians assigned to the various sidewalks during the AM, Midday and PM peak hours.

In addition to the use of specific sidewalks described above, the pedestrian assignments also considered the specific crosswalks and street corners that would be used to and from the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal. The resulting volumes of pedestrians projected to use specific sidewalks, crosswalks, and street corners during each of the AM, Midday and PM peak hours are shown in **Table 3-9**.



#### **Table 3-9: Pedestrian Assignment**

Pedestrian Facility	AM Peak Hour	Midday Peak Hour	PM Peak Hour
Sidewalks			
90 <sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168 <sup>th</sup> Street and 168 <sup>th</sup> Place (south side)	162	146	225
90 <sup>th</sup> Avenue between 169 <sup>th</sup> Street and 168 <sup>th</sup> Place (south side)	192	140	177
168 <sup>th</sup> Street between 89 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and 90 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (east side)	107	90	131
169 <sup>th</sup> Street between 89 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and 90 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (west side)	107	68	77
168 <sup>th</sup> Street between 91 <sup>st</sup> Avenue and 90 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (east side)	60	76	118
168 <sup>th</sup> Street between Jamaica Avenue and 91 <sup>st</sup> Avenue (east side)	60	76	118
169 <sup>th</sup> Street between 91 <sup>st</sup> Avenue and 90 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (west side)	30	38	59
169 <sup>th</sup> Street between Jamaica Avenue and 91 <sup>st</sup> Street (west side)	60	76	118
91 <sup>st</sup> Avenue between 169 <sup>th</sup> Street and Parking entrance/exit (north side)	30	38	59
Crosswalks			
90 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and 168 <sup>th</sup> Street (east crosswalk)	107	90	131
Corners			
90 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and 168 <sup>th</sup> Street (southeast corner)	162	146	225
90t Avenue and 168 <sup>th</sup> Street (northeast corner)	107	90	131

As shown, only one *sidewalk*, the south sidewalk of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 168<sup>th</sup> Place is projected to experience an increase of more than 200 pedestrians during any peak hour (225 pedestrians during the PM peak hour). The same sidewalk is projected to experience an increase of 162 and 146 pedestrians during the AM and Midday peak hours, respectively.

The south sidewalk on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Place and 169<sup>th</sup> Street, while not meeting or exceeding the 200 pedestrians per hour screening criteria, would experience increases of 192, 140 and 177 pedestrians during the AM, Midday and PM peak hours, respectively.

In addition, one *corner*, the southeast corner at 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue @ 168<sup>th</sup> Street is also projected to experience an increase of more than 200 pedestrians in an hour (225 pedestrians during the PM peak hour). The same corner is projected to experience an increase of 162 and 146 pedestrians during the AM and Midday peak hours, respectively.

No crosswalks are projected to experience an increase of 200 or more pedestrians during any hour.

#### 3.4.3 Detailed Pedestrian Analysis

Based on the foregoing level 1 and Level 2 screening assessments, the following pedestrian facilities were selected for detailed analyses, during the specified time periods. Though the screening criteria may not be met during all times



periods, if one peak hour exceeds the threshold, the other peak hours are also proposed for analyses. In the case of the south sidewalk on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Place and 169<sup>th</sup> Street, although the 200 pedestrians per hour criteria was not met during any peak hour, since they are just below the threshold, this sidewalk has also been selected for detailed analyses during all time periods.

Sidewalks:

- 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 168<sup>th</sup> Place (south sidewalk): AM, Midday and PM peak hours
- 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Place and 169<sup>th</sup> Street (south sidewalk): AM, Midday and PM peak hours

#### Corners:

• 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue @168<sup>th</sup> Street (southeast corner): AM, Midday and PM peak hours

#### 3.4.3.1 Data Collection

Field counts of pedestrian volumes at the two sidewalks and street corner at the intersection were conducted using Miovision cameras on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, between 5 AM and 7 PM. The data collection effort included counts of the numbers of pedestrians using the study sidewalks and street corner in 15-minute increments. In addition, the physical characteristics of pertinent elements were inventoried in the field. This inventory included sidewalk widths; curb return radii; and locations and dimensions of street accessories along the sidewalks and on corners (which constitute obstacles to the unimpeded flow of pedestrians).

Existing pedestrian volumes at the two study sidewalks and one street corner are shown in Appendix A for the weekday AM, Midday and PM peak hours.

#### 3.4.3.2 Pedestrian Analysis Methodology and LOS Criteria

The analysis of pedestrian flow involves quantifying the comfort level for pedestrians walking along the sidewalks, waiting to cross the street at intersection corners, and crossing intersection crosswalks. The LOS is calculated using the physical and operational parameters at the intersection including the pedestrian flow rates, the lengths and widths (i.e., area) of the crosswalks, the effective widths of the sidewalks, the area of each street corner, conflicting vehicular traffic volumes that turn through the crosswalk, and the signal timing at the intersection. Sidewalk and street corner operations were analyzed using the methodologies described in the *CEQR Technical Manual* and were conducted using NYCDOT's Pedestrian Analysis Excel spreadsheet.

The street corner LOS methodologies are based on pedestrian density, as expressed in units of "*square feet of space per pedestrian*" (ft<sup>2</sup>/ped), during the peak 15-minute period of the peak hour. The LOS ranges for street corners are as shown in **Table 3-10**.

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#### Table 3-10: LOS Criteria for Street Corners

#### LOS Square Feet of Space per Pedestrian (ft<sup>2</sup>/ped)

A	>60.1
В	40.1 to 60.0
С	24.1 to 40.0
D	15.1 to 24.0
E	8.1 to 15.0
F	<8.0

Source: 2021 CEQR Technical Manual, Table 16-10.

The LOS methodology for sidewalks is also based on pedestrian density, as expressed in units of  $ft^2$ /ped, during the peak 15-minute period of the peak hour. The LOS ranges for sidewalks are as shown in **Table 3-11**.

#### Table 3-11: LOS Criteria for Sidewalks

LOS	Square Feet of Space per Pedestrian (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)
A	>530.1
В	90.1 to 530.0
С	40.1 to 90.0
D	23.1 to 40.0
E	11.1 to 23.0
F	<11.0

Source: 2021 CEQR Technical Manual, Table 16-9.

The results of the pedestrian sidewalk and corner LOS analysis under the 2023 Existing condition are shown in **Table 3-12**. As shown, the two sidewalks and corner all operate at LOS A under the Existing Conditions.

#### Table 3-12: Pedestrian LOS Summary – 2023 Existing Conditions

	AM Peak Hour		MD Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		
Location	Circulation Area (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)	LOS	Circulation Area (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)	LOS	Circulation Area (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)	LOS	
90 <sup>th</sup> Ave/168 <sup>th</sup> St SE Corner	451.3	А	561.1	А	374.9	A	
90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> St and 168 <sup>th</sup> Pl south sidewalk	164.8	A	154.5	A	154.5	A	
90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> PI and 169 <sup>th</sup> St south sidewalk	398.0	А	304.3	A	344.9	A	

# 4. Future without the Proposed Project (Future No-Action Condition)

#### 4.1 Traffic

The Future No-Action Condition traffic analysis identifies how the study area's transportation system is projected to operate in the future without the Proposed Project. As such, the Future No-Action Condition traffic analysis includes anticipated future increases in background traffic volumes but does not include traffic generated by the Proposed Project. The 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal is expected to be fully completed and operational by 2024. Therefore, the analysis year for the Future No-Action and With-Action Conditions is the 2024 Build Year.

To establish year 2024 Future No-Action traffic volumes, the existing traffic volumes were increased by applying a background growth rate calculated over one year (i.e., 0.50% growth between 2023 and 2024) as per the growth rate for "Other Queens" noted in the *CEQR Technical Manual*.

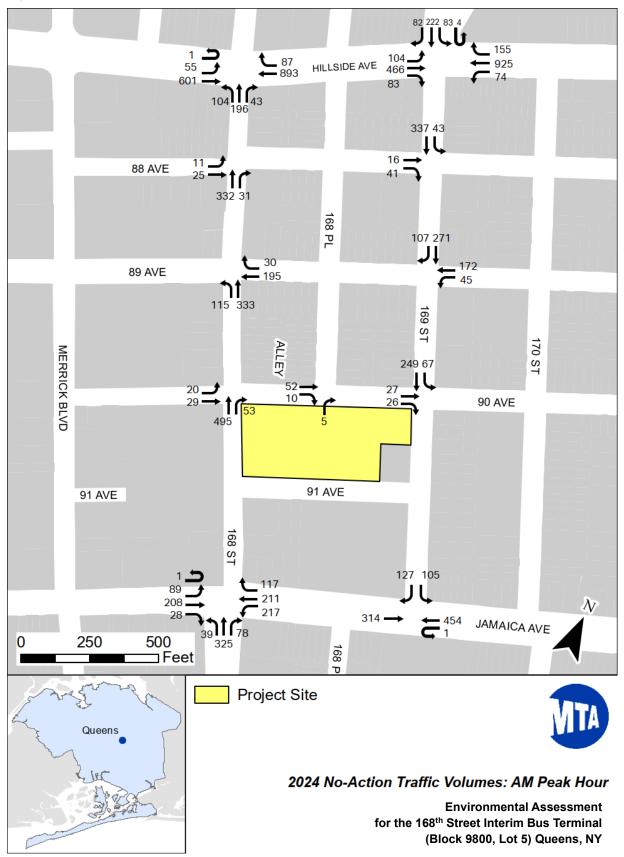
In addition to background traffic growth, a search was conducted for projects that are proposed or under construction in the vicinity of the project site. The search consisted of contacting the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) and the New York City School Construction Authority (NYCSCA) and accessing the New York City Department of City Planning (NYCDCP) online Zoning Application Portal (ZAP) and the New York City Bureau of Standards and Appeals (NYCBSA) online applications database. NYCDOT and NYCSCA responded to the information request indicating no development projects were within the Study Area for the 2024 Build Year. The search of the NYCBSA online applications database indicated no development project applications were in the Study Area for the 2024 Build Year. Accordingly, no future development projects were identified or considered in the No-Action transportation analyses.

Therefore, the 2024 No-Action traffic volumes only reflect 2023 Existing volumes "*grown*" by the background traffic growth rate (0.50%). Due to the low growth rate applied for one year only, the resulting 2024 No-Action weekday AM, Midday and PM peak hour traffic volumes are, for the most part, the same as the 2023 Existing peak hour traffic volumes.

**Figure 4-1**, **Figure 4-2**, and **Figure 4-3** show the turning movement volumes at the study intersections during the weekday AM, Midday and PM peak hours, respectively, for the 2024 No-Action Condition.

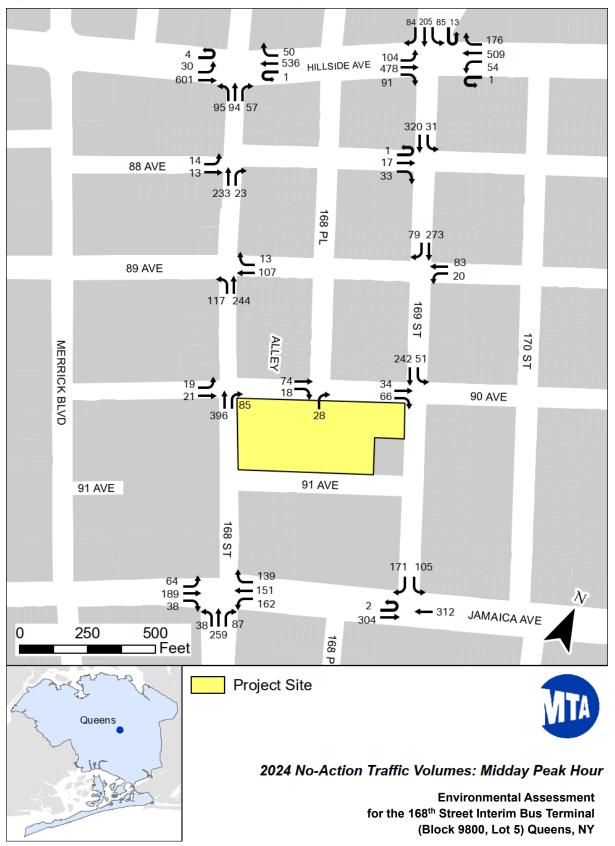


#### Figure 4-1: 2024 No-Action Traffic Volumes – AM Peak Hour



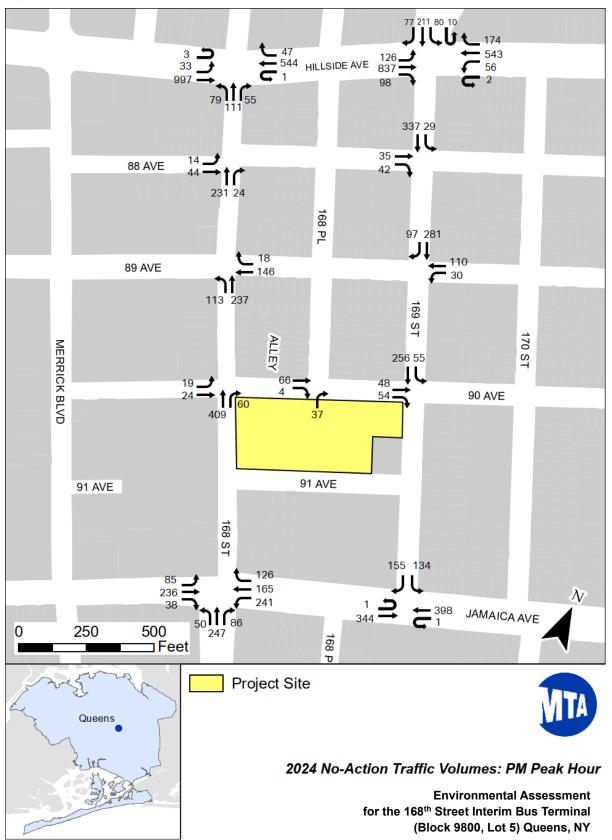


#### Figure 4-2: 2024 No-Action Traffic Volumes – Midday Peak Hour





#### Figure 4-3: 2024 No-Action Traffic Volumes – PM Peak Hour





#### 4.1.1 Capacity Analysis

Using the Future No-Action traffic volumes, the intersection capacity analyses were performed for the 2024 Future No-Action Condition. The 2024 No-Action LOS results are shown in **Table 4-1**. As shown, all of the lane groups at the study intersections are projected to continue to operate at LOS D or better, except for the following:

Hillside Avenue @ 169th Street:

- The southbound through movement is projected to operate at LOS F during the AM and PM peak hours, and at LOS E during the Midday peak hour.
- The southbound left turn movement is projected to continue operating at LOS E during the PM peak hour.

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#### Table 4-1: 2024 No-Action V/C, Delay, and LOS

Intersection			AM (7:30 - 8:30 AM)			MD (13:15 - 14:15 PM)				PM (16:45 - 17:45 PM)				
		Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%
		EBL	0.44	17.9	В	50	0.24	9.8	А	51	0.27	9.2	А	55
		EBT	0.36	15	В	143	0.32	14.5	В	140	0.54	16.6	В	265
		EBR	0.15	13.2	В	60	0.18	13.5	В	63	0.21	13	В	67
		WBL	0.19	3.8	А	12	0.13	5.3	А	24	0.24	4.9	А	11
1	1: 169 St & Hillside Ave &	WBT	0.68	10.2	В	127	0.34	10.3	В	105	0.36	8.2	А	65
	Homelawn St	WBR	0.29	5.4	А	23	0.39	12.5	В	86	0.38	9.8	А	50
		SBL	0.44	52.1	D	125	0.41	48.9	D	133	0.57	58.6	Е	128
		SBT	0.92	87.7	F	#340	0.74	61.6	Е	#267	0.88	80.2	F	#318
		SBR	0.48	54	D	117	0.42	49.5	D	115	0.48	54.7	D	111
		Overall		22.1	С			21.8	С			22.5	С	
		EBL	0.1	14	В	8	0.06	12.3	В	5	0.15	13.6	В	13
		EBT	0.1	14	В	8	0.06	12.3	В	5	0.15	13.6	В	13
		NBT	0.22	0	А	0	0.16	0	А	0	0.16	0	А	0
2*	2: 168 St & 88 Ave	NBR	0.02	0	А	0	0.02	0	А	0	0.02	0	А	0
		NBTR (Bus Lane)	0.02	0	А	0	0.01	0	А	0	0.01	0	А	0
		Overall		1.4	Α			1.3	Α			2.7	ay         LOS         95°           2         A         55           .6         B         266           .3         B         67           9         A         11           2         A         65           8         A         50           .6         E         120           .6         E         120           .6         E         120           .6         B         13           .6         C         23           .6         C         23	
		EBT	0.16	14.9	В	14	0.12	13.4	В	11	0.24	16.6	С	23
3*		EBR	0.16	14.9	В	14	0.12	13.4	В	11	0.24	16.6	С	23
	3: 169 St & 88 Ave	SBL	0.04	0.4	А	3	0.03	0.3	А	2	0.03	0.3	А	2
	-	SBT	0.04	1.2	А	3	0.03	0.9	А	2	0.03	0.9	А	2
		Overall		3	Α			2.6	Α			3.8	Α	
		WBT	0.6	26.4	С	140	0.24	22.5	С	94	0.45	22.9	С	102
4	4: 168 St & 89 Ave	NBL					0.22	13.1	В	78				



			AM (7:30 - 8:30 AM)			MD (13:15 - 14:15 PM)				PM (16:45 - 17:45 PM)				
	Intersection	Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%
		NBT (NBLT)	0.55	5.2	А	46	0.25	16.8	В	110	0.5	5.2	А	45
		NBT (Bus Lane)	0.04	2.8	А	m2	0.03	9.8	A	13	0.03	2.9	A	m2
		Overall		11.9	В			17.1	В			10.3	в	
		WBT	0.36	13.8	В	99	0.17	11.8	В	51	0.22	12.2	В	65
5	5: 169 St & 89 Ave	SBT(SBTR)	0.37	15.5	В	m208	0.25	19.8	в	165	0.62	14	В	m121
		SBR	0.19	12.6	В	m72								
		Overall		14.4	в			17.8	в			13.5	в	
		EBLT	0.17	20.8	С	43	0.14	20.2	С	34	0.14	20.2	С	36
6	6: 168 St & 90 Ave	NBTR	0.66	11.7	В	220	0.6	10.5	В	181	0.57	10	А	167
		Overall		12.5	В			11.3	В			10.9	в	
		EBT	0.09	8.1	А	0	0.15	8	А	0	0.15	8.2	А	0
		EBR	0.09	8.1	А	0	0.15	8	А	0	0.15	8.2	А	0
7*	7: 169 St & 90 Ave	SBL	0.44	10.6	В	0	0.38	10	A	0	0.4	10.2	В	0
		SBT	0.44	10.6	В	0	0.38	10	A	0	0.4	10.2	В	0
		Overall		10.2	В			9.4	Α			9.7	Α	
		EBL	0.39	15.3	В	18	0.11	3.7	A	6	0.14	5.4	Α	10
		EBT	0.47	9.6	A	64	0.42	4.3	Α	32	0.64	9.9	Α	151
8	8: 168 St & Hillside Ave	WBT(WBTR)	0.61	18.9	В	306	0.4	13.6	В	164	0.45	17	В	193
		WBR	0.15	12.7	В	60								
		NBLT (NBL for AM)	0.29	33.7	С	120	0.56	47	D	231	0.48	35	С	167



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Intersection			AM (7:30 - 8:30 AM)				MD (13:15 - 14:15 PM)				PM (16:45 - 17:45 PM)			
		Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%
		NBR (NBTR for AM)	0.51	38.1	D	240	0.24	40	D	77	0.17	30.1	С	63
		NBTR (Bus Lane)	0.18	37.2	D	m27	0.1	38.4	D	27	0.09	35.3	D	m27
		Overall		19	В			15.2	В			15.4	В	
		EBL	0.27	9.8	А	33	0.23	7	А	13	0.28	6	А	57
	9: 168 St & Jamaica Ave	EBT	0.3	9.4	А	50	0.26	6.5	А	24	0.27	4.5	А	168
		EBR	0.05	6.8	А	9	0.08	4.8	А	7	0.06	1.3	А	1
		WBL	0.45	18.5	В	167	0.42	20.4	С	135	0.53	19.8	В	201
•		WBT	0.35	16.1	В	144	0.3	17.3	В	111	0.25	13.3	В	108
9		WBR	0.19	13.5	В	77	0.31	17.6	В	107	0.29	14.4	В	89
		NBL	0.17	33.7	с	54	0.11	28.2	с	48	0.19	32.5	с	64
		NBT (NBTR)	0.58	39.6	D	213	0.41	31.9	С	165	0.57	40.2	D	291
		NBR									0.28	34.3	С	97
		Overall		22.4	С			19.7	в			19.6	в	
		EBT	0.23	11.1	В	83	0.23	13.5	В	90	0.24	11.3	В	93
		WBT	0.3	3.5	А	120	0.23	7.3	А	30	0.25	7.2	А	36
10	10: Jamaica Ave & 169 St	SBL	0.39	41.7	D	130	0.31	35.8	D	121	0.49	44.3	D	161
		SBR	0.49	44.8	D	155	0.53	41.9	D	200	0.58	48	D	191
		Overall		15.9	в			19.3	в			20.3	С	

\*Unsignalized intersections

\*\*Control Delay for unsignalized intersections



# 4.2 Parking

For the 2024 Future No-Action Condition, existing parking demand (utilization) was increased from 2023 to 2024 by applying the CEQR background traffic growth factor of 0.50% per year.

**Table 4-2** presents a summary of the 2024 No-Action <u>overall on-street weekday parking capacity and utilization</u> for the 14-hour period from 5 AM to 7 PM. On-street accumulation patterns remain the same as Existing Conditions, but with slightly higher utilization due to the one-year background growth.

Time	Capacity	Utilization	% Utilization	Available Spaces
5-6 AM	1,485	1,182	80%	303
6-7 AM	1,494	1,397	94%	97
7-8 AM	1,310	1,248	95%	62
8-9 AM	1,227	1,343	109%	-116
9-10 AM	1,329	1,518	114%	-189
10-11 AM	1,305	1,365	105%	-60
11-12 noon	1,328	1,444	109%	-116
12-1 PM	1,274	1,528	120%	-254
1-2 PM	1,256	1,408	112%	-152
2-3 PM	1,274	1,366	107%	-92
3-4 PM	1,274	1,546	121%	-272
4-5 PM	1,238	1,352	109%	-114
5-6 PM	1,256	1,336	106%	-80
6-7 PM	1,328	1,400	105%	-72

#### Table 4-2: On-Street Parking Supply and Utilization – 2024 Future No-Action Condition



**Table 4-3** presents a summary of the No-Action weekday parking capacity, utilization and accumulation for the parking facility at the *project site* for the 14-hour period from 5 AM to 7 PM. Accumulation patterns at the project site remain the same as Existing Conditions, but with slightly higher utilization due to the one-year background growth.

Table 4-3: Weekday Project Site Parking Capacity, Utilization, and Accumulation – 2024 Future No-Action	
Condition	

Time	Capacity	IN	OUT	Accumulation	% Occupied
5 AM	253			37	15%
5-6 AM	253	2	9	30	12%
6-7 AM	253	8	6	32	13%
7-8 AM	253	11	5	38	15%
8-9 AM	253	32	8	62	25%
9-10 AM	253	36	12	86	34%
10-11 AM	253	37	22	101	40%
11-12 noon	253	35	18	118	47%
12-1 PM	253	39	32	125	49%
1-2 PM	253	34	29	130	51%
2-3 PM	253	31	24	137	54%
3-4 PM	253	22	28	131	52%
4-5 PM	253	12	39	104	41%
5-6 PM	253	9	19	94	37%
6-7 PM	253	6	15	85	34%

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**Table 4-4** presents a summary of the No-Action weekday parking capacity, utilization, and accumulation for the <u>other</u> <u>three off street parking facilities surveyed</u> for the 14-hour period from 5 AM to 7 PM. Accumulation patterns at the three off-street facilities remain the same as Existing conditions, but with slightly higher utilization due to the one-year background growth.

Table 4-4: Weekday Other Three Off-Street Parking Facilities Capacity, Utilization, and Accumulation – 2024
Future No-Action Condition

Time	Capacity	Utilization	% Utilization	Available Spaces
5 AM	1,156	179	15%	977
5-6 AM	1,156	349	30%	807
6-7 AM	1,156	511	44%	645
7-8 AM	1,156	589	51%	567
8-9 AM	1,156	671	58%	485
9-10 AM	1,156	743	64%	413
10-11 AM	1,156	772	67%	384
11-12 noon	1,156	846	73%	310
12-1 PM	1,156	789	68%	367
1-2 PM	1,156	766	66%	390
2-3 PM	1,156	651	56%	505
3-4 PM	1,156	567	49%	589
4-5 PM	1,156	411	36%	745
5-6 PM	1,156	276	24%	880
6-7 PM	1,156	186	16%	970

# 4.3 Transit

In the Future No-Action Condition, MTA and NICE buses will continue using the existing 165<sup>th</sup> Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal, and the project site will continue to be used as a public parking facility. There will be no rerouting of buses from the existing terminal to the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal. All other transit services in the area are expected to continue operating as they do under the existing conditions.

# 4.4 Pedestrians

Pedestrian volumes were increased from 2023 to 2024 by applying the CEQR background traffic growth factor of 0.50% per year. The results of the pedestrian sidewalk and corner LOS analysis under the 2024 No-Action Condition are shown in **Table 4-5**. As shown, the two sidewalks and corner are projected to continue operating at LOS A during all three peak hours.



#### Table 4-5: Pedestrian LOS Summary – 2024 No-Action

	AM Peak Hour	eak Hour MD Pea			PM Peak Hour		
Location	Circulation Area (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)	LOS	Circulation Area (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)	LOS	Circulation Area (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)	LOS	
90 <sup>th</sup> Ave/168 <sup>th</sup> St SE Corner	449.0	А	558.3	А	373.0	А	
90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> St and 168 <sup>th</sup> Pl south sidewalk	164.0	A	153.8	A	153.8	A	
90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> PI and 169 <sup>th</sup> St south sidewalk	396.0	A	302.8	A	343.2	A	

# 5. Future with the Proposed Project (Future With-Action Condition)

### 5.1 Traffic

The Future With-Action Condition traffic analysis identifies how the study intersections are projected to operate in the 2024 Build Year with the additional buses on the network.

#### 5.1.1 Terminal Operations

The Proposed Project will operate as the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal, which serves as a terminus and departure point for commuter routes. It also will provide a place for rest stops, bus layovers, and bus stops where passengers board and alight from buses. After leaving their respective bus depots (garages), buses will make their first stops at the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal, pick up passengers, and begin their trip. Each bus will return to the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal upon completion of their trip for the final stop. As a commuter bus service, NICE bus routes will continue operating only in the morning and evening peak periods.

On a typical weekday, 2,464 bus trips from all 16 routes will be made by the 16 assigned bus routes to and from the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal (1,232 in and 1,232 out). **Table 5-1** shows the hourly weekday bus volumes that will be using the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal, by direction (in/out) and driveway to be used (the west driveway refers to the 168<sup>th</sup> Street driveway; the east driveway refers to the 169<sup>th</sup> Street driveway).

168th Street Terminal Bus Weekday Volumes														
	South MT	ABC Buses	North N	CT Buses	Nort	n NICE								
	West Dr	East Dr	East Dr	West Dr	East Dr	West Dr	West D	riveway	East Dr	riveway	Те	erminal Tot	tal	
Hour	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	Total	
0	5	5	9	9	5	5	5	14	14	5	19	19	38	
1	2	2	6	6	2	2	2	8	8	2	10	10	20	~
2	2	2	5	5	2	2	2	7	7	2	9	9	18	*
3	2	2	5	5	2	2	2	7	7	2	9	9	18	
4	2	2	8	8	7	7	2	15	15	2	17	17	34	
5	7	7	15	15	11	11	7	26	26	7	33	33	66	]
6	22	22	32	32	20	20	22	52	52	22	74	74	148	]
7	30	30	41	41	21	21	30	62	62	30	92	92	184	
8	29	29	47	47	20	20	29	67	67	29	96	96	192	AM Peak Hour
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-	19	19	32	32	16	16	19	48	48	19	67	67	134	
10	15	15	23	23 23	9	9	15	32	32	15	47	47	94	-
11	15 15	15	23	23 24	8 8	8	15 15	31	31 32	15	46 47	46 47	92 94	
12	15	15	24	24	ð	8	15	32	32	15	47	47	94	Midday
13	15	15	25	25	8	8	15	33	33	15	48	48	96	Peak Hour
15	15	15	36	36	0 10	0 10	15	46	46	15	63	63	126	
14	25	25	47	47	20	20	25	67	40 67	25	92	92	120	1
15	23	23	39	39	20	23	24	62	62	23	86	86	172	1
10	2-7	24			23	23	27		02	2-1			1/2	PM Peak
17	25	25	39	39	25	25	25	64	64	25	89	89	178	Hour
18	25	25	41	41	19	19	25	60	60	25	85	85	170	
19	11	11	34	34	13	13	11	47	47	11	58	58	116	1
20	14	14	29	29	9	9	14	38	38	14	52	52	104	
21	11	11	20	20	7	7	11	27	27	11	38	38	76	1
22	7	7	16	16	7	7	7	23	23	7	30	30	60	1
23	6	6	14	14	5	5	6	19	19	6	25	25	50	
rand Total	345	345	610	610	277	277	345	887	887	345	1,232	1,232	2,464	

#### Table 5-1: Weekday Hourly Bus Volumes Using the 168th Street Interim Bus Terminal

# 5.1.2 Incremental Bus Volumes

The incremental vehicular traffic volumes generated by the Proposed Project will only be from bus trips. MTA bus operators will continue to commute to their reporting depots (garages) in Queens where they will drive their buses to and from the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal. There will be a few dedicated parking spaces in the project site for bus dispatchers and maintenance vehicles, but these parking spaces will not be used during peak hours.

MTA NYCT Bus provided turning movement diagrams showing the number of incremental buses that would be added to the study intersections during the weekday AM, Midday and PM peak hours, based on their rerouting from the existing 165<sup>th</sup> Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal to the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal. As stated earlier, the screening assessment concluded that the incremental bus volumes on weekend (Saturday being the higher of the two weekend days) would not meet or exceed CEQR thresholds. Therefore, Saturday was excluded from further detailed analyses.

**Table 5-2** shows the incremental bus volumes at the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal during the weekday AM, Midday and PM peak hours.



#### Table 5-2: Peak Hour Incremental Bus Volumes

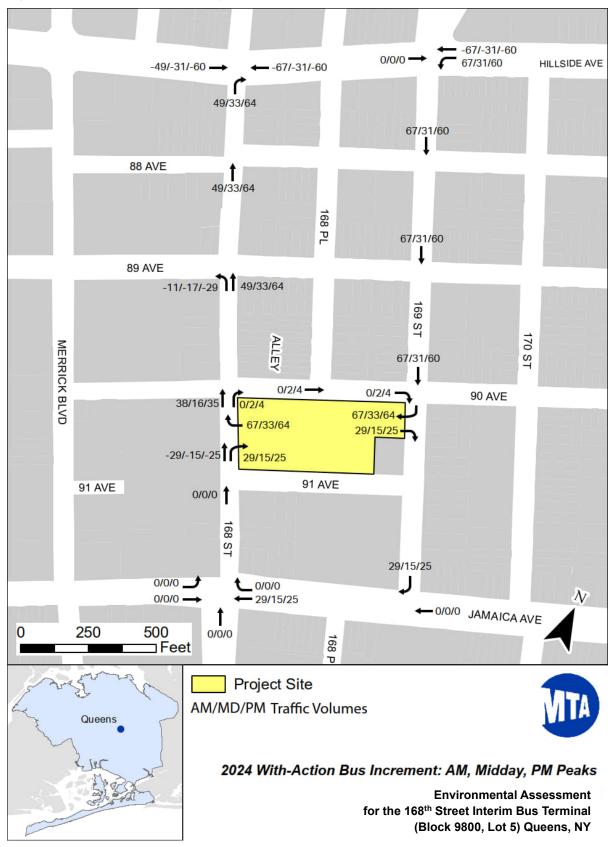
Entrance/Exit Location	AM	MD	РМ
168 <sup>th</sup> Street Entrance	29	15	25
169 <sup>th</sup> Street Entrance	67	33	64
168 <sup>th</sup> Street Exit	67	33	64
169 <sup>th</sup> Street Exit	29	15	25
Total In/Out	192	96	178

The peak hour incremental weekday bus volumes, assigned through the study area network, are shown in **Figure 5-1**. These volumes were added to the Future No-Action traffic volumes to yield the Future With-Action traffic volumes. The resulting 2024 Future With-Action traffic volumes are shown in **Figure 5-2**, **Figure 5-3**, and **Figure 5-4**.

It is noted that the peak hours for the bus volumes (8 AM to 9 AM, 1 PM to 2 PM and 5 PM to 6 PM) are slightly different than the peak traffic analysis hours (7:30 AM 8:30 AM, 1:15 PM to 2:15 PM and 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM), since the bus peak hours were determined before the traffic counts were taken and the traffic peak hours were determined. To be conservative, the incremental peak hour bus volumes were superimposed on the peak hour traffic volumes, representing a worst-case condition.

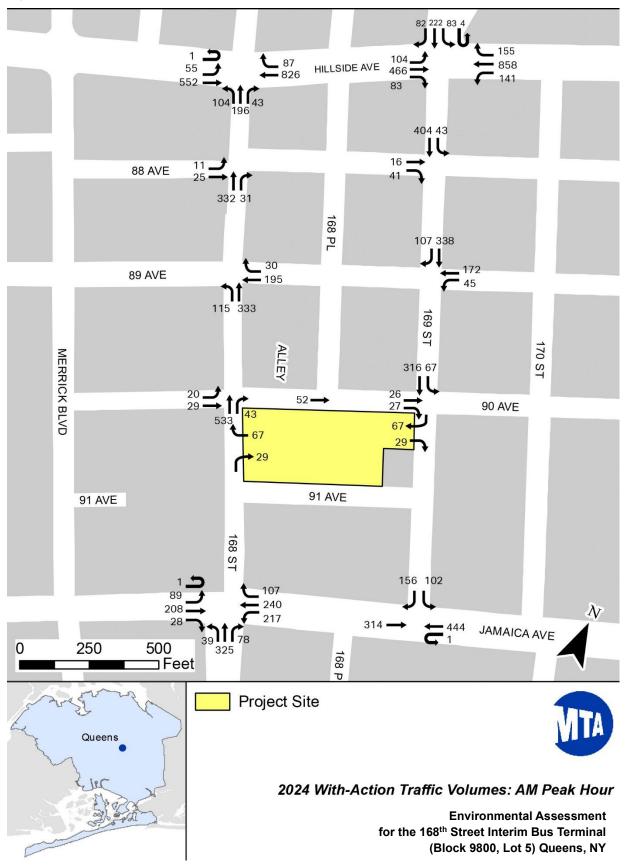


#### Figure 5-1: 2024 Incremental Weekday Bus Volumes



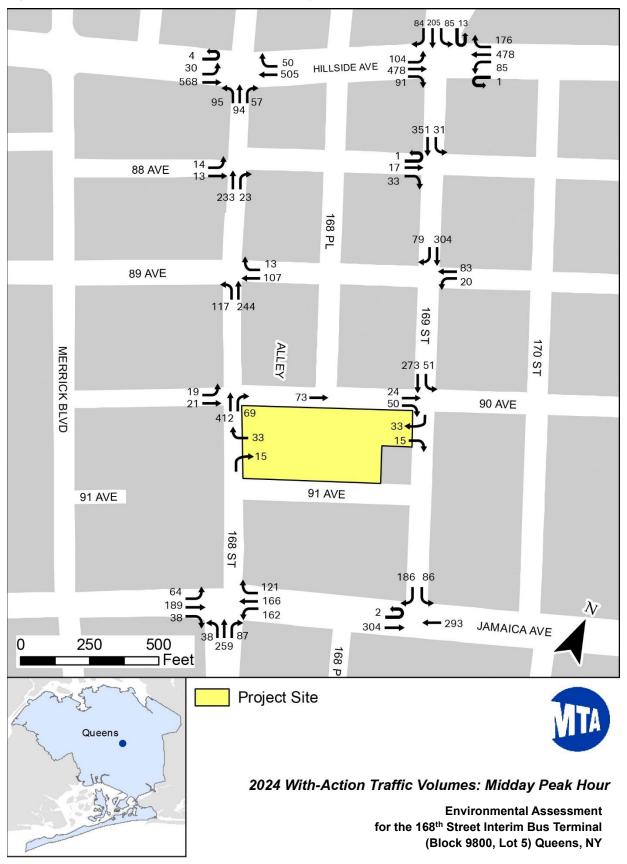


#### Figure 5-2: 2024 With-Action Traffic Volumes – AM Peak Hour



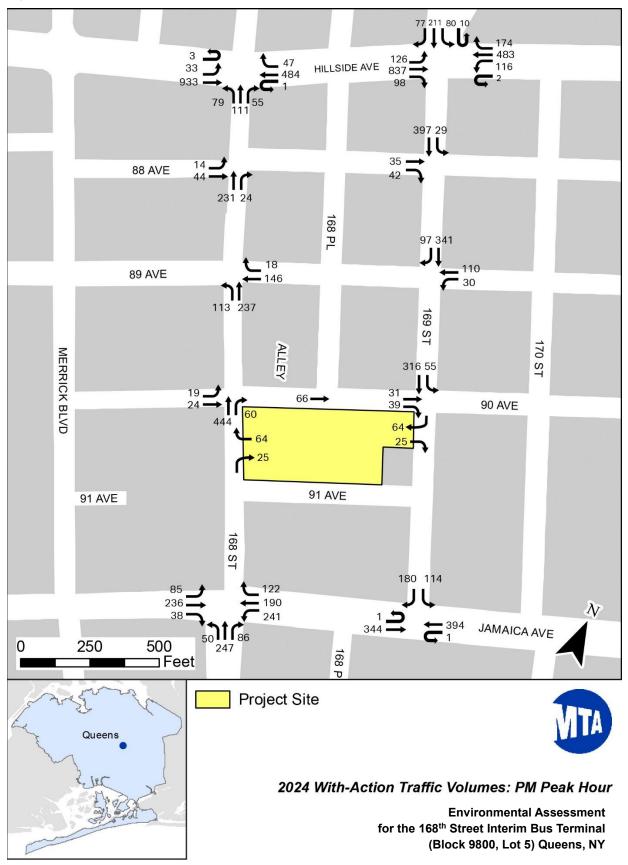


#### Figure 5-3: 2024 With-Action Traffic Volumes – Midday Peak Hour





#### Figure 5-4: 2024 With-Action Traffic Volumes – PM Peak Hour





# 5.1.3 Capacity Analysis

Using the Future With-Action Condition traffic volumes, intersection capacity analyses were conducted using the Synchro traffic analysis model. The models were updated in the With-Action condition to reflect higher heavy vehicle percentages as a result of the additional buses on the network, and the increase in pedestrians in crosswalks. The Future With-Action LOS are shown in **Table 5-3**. As shown, all of the lane groups at the study intersections are projected to continue to operate at LOS D or better, except for the following:

#### Hillside Avenue @ 169th Street:

- The southbound through movement is projected to continue operating at LOS F during the AM and PM peak hours, and at LOS E during the Midday peak hour.
- The southbound left turn movement is projected to continue operating at LOS E during the PM peak hour.
- The southbound right turn movement is projected to operate at LOS E during the AM and PM peak hours.

#### Jamaica Avenue @ 169<sup>th</sup> Street:

• The southbound right turn movement is projected to operate at LOS E during the AM and PM peak hours.

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#### Table 5-3: 2024 With-Action V/C, Delay, and LOS

				AM (7:30 - 8	3:30 AM	)		MD (13:15 -	14:15 PI	И)	PM (16:45 - 17:45 PM)				
	Intersection	Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	
		EBL	0.41	15.4	В	50	0.23	9.6	А	51	0.25	8.8	А	55	
		EBT	0.36	15	В	143	0.32	14.5	В	140	0.54	16.6	В	265	
		EBR	0.15	13.2	В	60	0.18	13.5	В	63	0.21	13	В	67	
		WBL	0.53	12.8	В	29	0.27	7.2	А	35	0.72	34.6	С	#64	
	1: 169 St & Hillside Ave &	WBT	0.6	8	А	63	0.3	10	А	98	0.29	8	А	59	
1	Homelawn St	WBR	0.29	5.4	А	23	0.39	12.5	В	86	0.38	9.9	А	51	
		SBL	0.44	52.1	D	125	0.41	48.9	D	133	0.57	58.6	Е	128	
		SBT	0.92	87.7	F	#340	0.74	61.6	Е	#267	0.88	84.7	F	#318	
		SBR	0.51	56	Е	118	0.44	50.4	D	116	0.51	56.1	Е	111	
		Overall		21.6	с			21.7	С			24.5	С		
		EBL	0.1	13.8	В	8	0.06	12.3	В	5	0.15	13.6	В	13	
	-	EBT	0.1	13.8	В	8	0.06	12.3	В	5	0.15	13.6	В	13	
		NBT	0.22	0	А	0	0.16	0	А	0	0.16	0	А	0	
2*	2: 168 St & 88 Ave	NBR	0.02	0	А	0	0.02	0	А	0	0.02	0	А	0	
		NBTR (Bus Lane)	0.05	0	A	0	0.04	0	A	0	0.06	0	А	0	
		Overall		1.4	Α			1.3	Α			2.7	Α		
		EBT	0.2	17.6	С	18	0.14	14.5	В	12	0.28	19.4	С	28	
		EBR	0.2	17.6	С	18	0.14	14.5	В	12	0.28	19.4	С	28	
3*	3: 169 St & 88 Ave	SBL	0.04	0.4	А	3	0.03	0.3	А	2	0.03	0.3	А	2	
		SBT	0.04	1.1	А	3	0.03	0.9	А	2	0.03	0.8	А	2	
		Overall		3.1	Α			2.6	Α			3.9	Α		
	4: 168 St & 89 Ave	WBT	0.6	26.4	С	140	0.24	22.5	С	94	0.45	22.8	С	102	
4	4. 100 JL & 03 AVE	NBL					0.18	12.2	В	69					



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				AM (7:30 - 8	B:30 AM	)		MD (13:15 - <sup>-</sup>	14:15 PI	М)	PM (16:45 - 17:45 PM)				
	Intersection	Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	
		NBT (NBLT)	0.53	5.6	А	62	0.25	16.8	В	110	0.44	4.6	А	38	
		NBT (Bus Lane)	0.14	3.6	A	m10	0.1	10.5	В	30	0.16	3.3	A	m10	
		Overall		12.3	в			17	в			10.1	в		
		WBT	0.37	13.9	В	100	0.17	11.8	В	51	0.22	12.2	В	65	
_	5: 400 Ot 8 00 Aug	SBT(SBTR)	0.54	18.3	В	m240	0.28	19.3	В	171	0.79	23.7	С	m293	
5	5: 169 St & 89 Ave	SBR	0.2	12.3	В	m64									
		Overall		15.9	в			17.6	в			20.7	С		
		EBLT	0.17	20.8	С	43	0.14	20.2	С	34	0.14	20.2	С	36	
6	6: 168 St & 90 Ave	NBTR	0.73	14.6	В	263	0.61	11	В	186	0.66	12.2	В	206	
		Overall		15.1	в			11.8	В			12.9	в		
		EBT	0.09	8.3	А	0	0.11	7.9	А	0	0.11	8.2	А	0	
		EBR	0.09	8.3	А	0	0.11	7.9	А	0	0.11	8.2	А	0	
7*	7: 169 St & 90 Ave	SBL	0.57	13.4	В	0	0.43	10.7	В	0	0.5	11.9	В	0	
		SBT	0.57	13.4	В	0	0.43	10.7	В	0	0.5	11.9	В	0	
		Overall		12.8	в			10.1	в			11.2	в		
		EBL	0.35	13.3	В	18	0.11	3.6	А	6	0.13	5.3	А	10	
		EBT	0.4	9	А	60	0.37	3.9	А	30	0.57	8.4	А	76	
		WBT(WBTR)	0.53	17	В	264	0.37	13.1	В	152	0.38	15.7	В	164	
		WBR	0.15	12.7	В	60									
8	8: 168 St & Hillside Ave	NBLT (NBL for AM)	0.29	34.3	с	118	0.57	47.2	D	232	0.48	35.6	D	175	
		NBR (NBTR for AM)	0.51	39	D	237	0.24	40.2	D	77	0.17	30.9	С	66	
		NBTR (Bus Lane)	0.42	44.3	D	89	0.38	47.4	D	72	0.5	45.1	D	95	

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			AM (7:30 - 8:30 AM)					MD (13:15 - <sup>-</sup>	Л)	PM (16:45 - 17:45 PM)				
	Intersection	Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%
		Overall		18.3	в			15.2	в			14.4	В	
		EBL	0.28	10.2	В	36	0.23	7.2	А	14	0.28	6.2	А	58
		EBT	0.29	9.2	А	44	0.25	6.5	А	24	0.27	4.4	А	168
		EBR	0.05	6.8	А	9	0.08	4.8	А	7	0.06	1.3	А	1
	9: 168 St & Jamaica Ave	WBL	0.45	18.5	В	167	0.42	20.3	С	134	0.53	19.8	В	201
		WBT	0.41	17.2	В	168	0.34	18.1	В	124	0.31	14.2	В	127
9		WBR	0.18	13.3	В	71	0.27	17	В	94	0.28	14.3	В	86
		NBL	0.17	33.7	С	54	0.11	28.2	С	48	0.19	32.5	С	64
		NBT (NBTR)	0.58	39.9	D	214	0.42	32.1	С	166	0.57	40.3	D	291
		NBR									0.31	35.3	D	100
		Overall		22.6	С			19.8	в			19.7	в	
		EBT	0.23	11.2	В	83	0.23	13.5	В	90	0.25	11.4	В	93
		WBT	0.29	3.4	А	117	0.22	7.4	А	28	0.24	7.2	А	36
10	10: Jamaica Ave & 169 St	SBL	0.37	41.2	D	126	0.26	34.7	С	101	0.41	42.2	D	138
		SBR	0.72	58.5	Е	201	0.65	48.1	D	228	0.83	70.3	Е	#268
		Overall		19	в			20.8	С			24.4	С	

\*Unsignalized intersections

\*\*Control Delay for unsignalized intersections



# 5.1.4 Site Driveways

Two bus entry and exit driveways located on 168<sup>th</sup> and 169<sup>th</sup> Streets between 91<sup>st</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> Avenues will be unsignalized and will allow right turns in, and right turns out only. **Table 5-4** shows the projected levels of service at the two driveways during the AM, Midday and PM peak hours. As shown, both driveways are projected to operate at LOS B or better during all peak hours.



#### Table 5-4: 2024 Driveway With-Action V/C, Delay, and LOS

Interpretien	Movement									PM (16:45 - 17:45 PM)				
Intersection	Movement	v/c Ratio	Control Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	Control Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	Control Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	
	WBR	0.24	20.6	С	23	0.11	16.7	В	9	0.22	19.8	С	21	
168th Street Entrance/Exit	NBTR	0.34	0	А	0	0.3	0	А	0	0.3	0	А	0	
	Overall		1.9	Α			1	Α			1.9	Α		
	EBR	0.08	14.5	В	6	0.04	14.9	В	3	0.08	16.3	С	6	
169th Street Entrance/Exit	SBTR	0.22	0	А	0	0.21	0	А	0	0.23	0	А	0	
	Overall		0.9	Α			0.5	Α			0.8	Α		



# 5.2 Parking

The 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal will not generate any new or additional parking demand for employees/bus operators. However, the Proposed Project will displace vehicles currently parked within the existing commercial parking lot. It is expected that these vehicles would prefer to use another paid, public parking facility when the current paid parking lot is converted to the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal. In addition, as stated before, on-street parking is already over-utilized in the Existing and No-Action Conditions.

Therefore, the 2024 No-Action hourly parking accumulation at the project site was added to the 2024 hourly parking accumulation for the three off street parking facilities surveyed (see **Table 5-5**) to determine the 2024 With-Action cumulative hourly parking accumulation with the project site. As shown, the combined capacity of the three off-street parking facilities in the parking survey study area would be sufficient to accommodate the displaced demand from the project site, and with excess capacity still available. Even with the parking demand from the project site added to the three off-street facilities, the peak demand will be at only 83 percent in the highest hour (12 noon to 1 PM), and 192 spaces would still be available.

The Proposed Project will also displace two *legal* parking spaces on the west side of 169<sup>th</sup> Street between 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue to accommodate the driveways. Based on the current parking regulations "*No Parking 8 AM to 7 PM, Except Sunday*," these spaces would be displaced between 7 PM and 8 AM on weekdays, Saturday, and all day on Sunday. The wide turns that would be required for buses to enter and leave the driveways at the project site would require that curbside portions of the east and west sides of 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 169<sup>th</sup> Street between 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue remain clear of parked vehicles. These curbsides are already regulated by "*No Parking Anytime*" or "*No Standing Anytime*" signs, so there will be no additional displacement of *legal* parking.

The 2024 No-Action on-street parking capacity was reduced by the two displaced on-street parking spaces between 5 AM and 8 AM. As shown in **Table 5-5** and **Table 5-6**, these two spaces would be adequately accommodated by available on-street parking spaces during these hours. On street parking demand and capacities for the remaining hours in the 2024 With-Action conditions would be the same as the 2024 No-Action Condition, with utilization exceeding parking capacity for several hours of the day.

Therefore, the Proposed Project will not have any adverse effects on parking in the area.



# Table 5-5: On-Street Parking Demand vs. Parking Capacity – 2024 Future With-Action Condition

Time	Capacity	Utilization	% Utilization	Available Spaces
5-6 AM	1,485	1,182	80%	303
6-7 AM	1,494	1,397	94%	97
7-8 AM	1,310	1,248	95%	62
8-9 AM	1,227	1,343	109%	-116
9-10 AM	1,329	1,518	114%	-189
10-11 AM	1,305	1,365	105%	-60
11-12 noon	1,328	1,444	109%	-116
12-1 PM	1,274	1,528	120%	-254
1-2 PM	1,256	1,408	112%	-152
2-3 PM	1,274	1,366	107%	-92
3-4 PM	1,274	1,546	121%	-272
4-5 PM	1,238	1,352	109%	-114
5-6 PM	1,256	1,336	106%	-80
6-7 PM	1,328	1,400	105%	-72



Table 5-6: Off-Street Parking Facilities Parking Demand vs. Parking Capacity – 2024 Future With-Action Condition

Time	Capacity	No-Action Utilization	% No-Action Utilization	Displaced Site Parking	With-Action Utilization	% With- Action Utilization	With-Action Available Spaces
5 AM	1,156	179	15%	37	216	19%	940
5-6 AM	1,156	349	30%	30	379	33%	777
6-7 AM	1,156	511	44%	32	543	47%	613
7-8 AM	1,156	589	51%	38	627	54%	529
8-9 AM	1,156	671	58%	62	733	63%	423
9-10 AM	1,156	743	64%	86	829	72%	327
10-11 AM	1,156	772	67%	101	873	76%	283
11-12 noon	1,156	846	73%	118	964	83%	192
12-1 PM	1,156	789	68%	125	914	79%	242
1-2 PM	1,156	766	66%	130	896	78%	260
2-3 PM	1,156	651	56%	137	788	68%	368
3-4 PM	1,156	567	49%	131	698	60%	458
4-5 PM	1,156	411	36%	104	515	45%	641
5-6 PM	1,156	276	24%	94	370	32%	786
6-7 PM	1,156	186	16%	85	271	23%	885

# 5.2.1 Parking Enforcement

Illegal on-street parking in *No-Parking/No-Standing* zones and on sidewalks were frequently observed around the project site and throughout the overall parking survey study area. In particular, double, illegal and parking on sidewalks were observed on the north sidewalk on 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 169<sup>th</sup> Street; the east sidewalk of 168<sup>th</sup> Street between 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and the south sidewalk of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 169<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 169<sup>th</sup> Street and 169<sup>th</sup>

For the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal to operate safely and efficiently, especially for buses to be able to turn in and out of the terminal without being blocked by illegally parked vehicles, more robust and stringent parking enforcement practices would be needed. Parking enforcement is also needed to eliminate illegal parking on sidewalks so that pedestrians can safely access and depart the terminal without incurring unnecessary and unsafe vehicular-pedestrian conflicts.

While MTA does not have jurisdiction related to the enforcement of parking or curbside uses, the use of sidewalks for parking by the NYPD 103<sup>rd</sup> Precinct, located at the corner of 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 168<sup>th</sup> Street, it has been recognized as



an issue and was considered in the Proposed Project's site plan. Accordingly, the Proposed Project includes approximately 13 parallel parking spaces for Precinct parking on the south side of the project site to provide some relief and accommodation for the Precinct.

# 5.3 Transit

Except for the rerouting of buses from the existing 165<sup>th</sup> Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal to the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal, transit operations in the With-Action Condition will remain the same as in the No-Action Condition. Bus ridership, peak load points, and other operations parameters are not expected to change as a result of the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal. The potential impacts of the incremental bus volumes on traffic operations in the study area have been addressed in the preceding sections.

# 5.4 Pedestrians

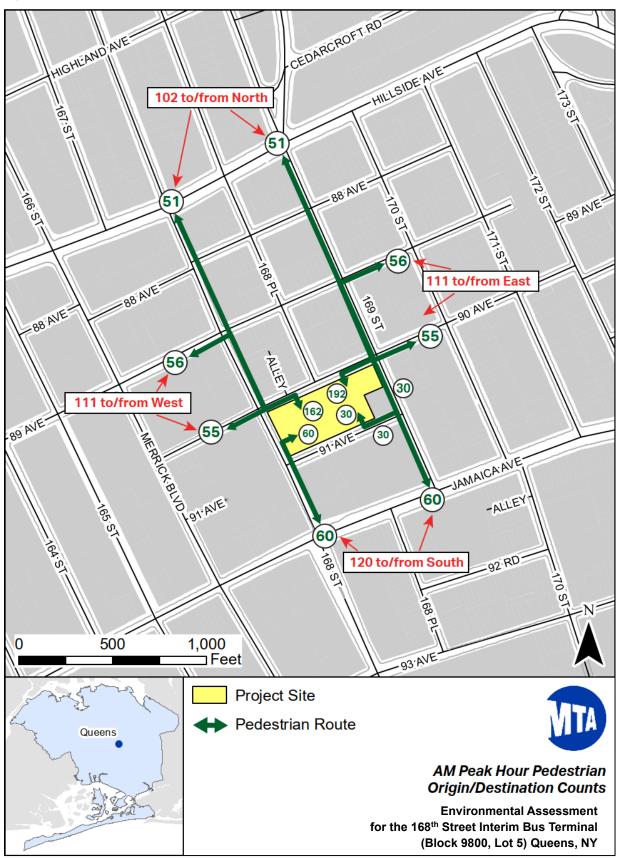
The 2024 With-Action incremental pedestrian volumes are shown in **Figure 5-5**, **Figure 5-6**, and **Figure 5-7** for the AM, Midday and PM peak hours, respectively. These volumes were added to the 2024 No-Action pedestrian volumes to yield the 2024 With-Action pedestrian volumes.

# 5.4.1 Capacity Analyses

Pedestrian LOS analyses for the two sidewalks and one corner were repeated for the 2024 With-Action condition.

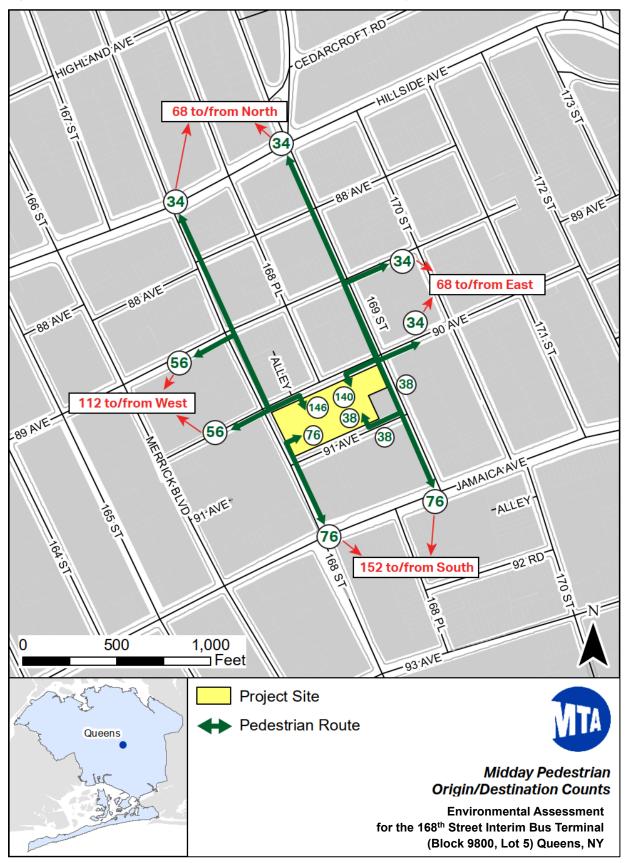
The results of the pedestrian sidewalk and corner LOS analysis under the 2024 With-Action Condition are shown in **Table 5-7**. As shown, the south sidewalk of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Place and 169<sup>th</sup> Street, and the 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue/168<sup>th</sup> Street southeast corner are projected to continue operating at LOS A during all three peak hours. However, the south sidewalk on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Place is projected to operate at LOS C during all three peak hours under the With-Action condition.





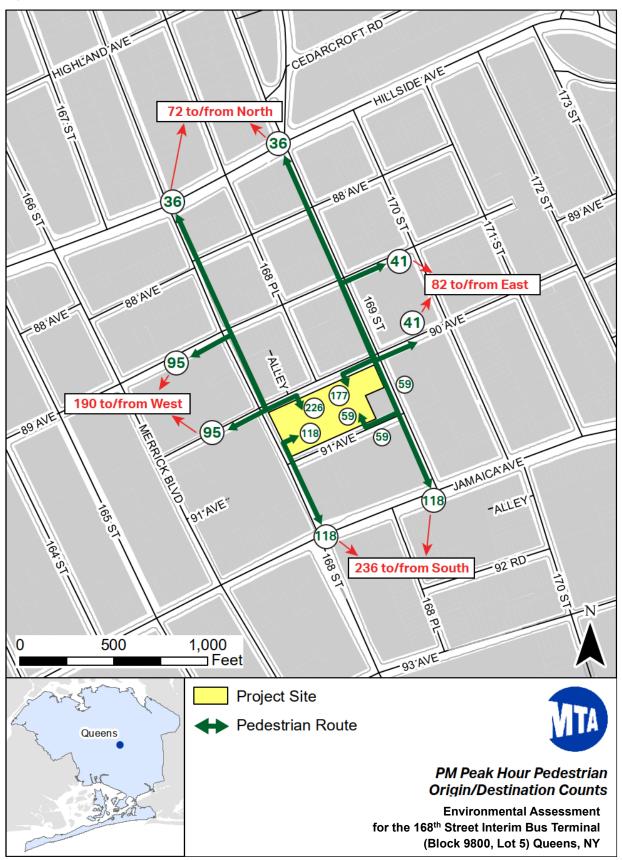
#### Figure 5-5: 2024 With-Action Incremental Pedestrian Volumes – AM Peak Hour





#### Figure 5-6: 2024 With-Action Incremental Pedestrian Volumes – Midday Peak Hour





#### Figure 5-7: 2024 With-Action Incremental Pedestrian Volumes – PM Peak Hour



#### Table 5-7: Pedestrian LOS Summary – 2024 With-Action Condition

		AM Peak Hour		MD Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour	
	Location	Circulation Area (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)	LOS	Circulation Area (ft²/ped)	LOS	Circulation Area (ft²/ped)	LOS
With-Action Condition	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave/168 <sup>th</sup> St SE Corner	158.8	А	186.0	A	125.1	А
	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> St and 168 <sup>th</sup> Pl south sidewalk	31.2	С	35.1	С	28.6	С
	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> Pl and 169 <sup>th</sup> St south sidewalk	68.2	A	61.8	A	52.3	В

# 6. Determination of Significant Impacts

### 6.1 Traffic

#### 6.1.1 Traffic Impact Criteria

According to the thresholds established in the *CEQR Technical Manual*, the following situations represent significant traffic impacts for signalized intersections:

- 1. If a lane group under the With-Action condition is within acceptable LOS A, B C, or D (average control delay less than or equal to 55.0 seconds/vehicle), the impact is not considered significant.
- 2. For a lane group with LOS E under the With-Action condition, an increase in projected delay of 5.0 or more seconds compared to the No-Action Condition should be considered significant.
- 3. For a lane group with LOS F under the With-Action condition, an increase in projected delay of 4.0 or more seconds compared to the No-Action Condition should be considered significant.

For unsignalized intersections the same criteria as for signalized intersections would apply. For the minor street to trigger a significant impact, a total approach volume of 90 PCEs must be identified in the Future With-Action Condition in any peak hour.

The criteria described above ensures that the LOS for individual turning movements at each intersection does not degrade significantly under the Future With-Action Condition. In contrast, movements that are projected to operate relatively well under the Future No-Action Condition can accommodate additional volumes and marginally increased delays under the Future With-Action without experiencing a significant adverse impact, provided the additional volume does not significantly degrade intersection operations.

# 6.1.2 Potential Traffic Impacts

**Table 6-1**, **Table 6-2**, and **Table 6-3** compare the Future No-Action Condition LOS and delays with the Future With-Action Condition LOS and delays for the AM, Midday and PM peak hours, respectively. The intersection lane groups that are projected to experience significant adverse traffic impacts are identified. Based on the *CEQR Technical Manual* criteria described above, the following significant adverse traffic impacts are projected to occur as a result of the additional buses on the roadway network:

• <u>Hillside Avenue @ 169<sup>th</sup> Street</u>: The southbound *through* movement is projected to be significantly impacted during the PM peak hour.



• Jamaica Avenue @ 169<sup>th</sup> Street: The southbound right turn movement is projected to be significantly impacted during the AM and PM peak hours.

#### Table 6-1: 2024 No-Action vs. With-Action Conditions LOS Comparison – AM Peak Hour

				Year 2024 No-	Action			Year 2024 With	-Action		
	Intersection 1: 169 St & Hillside Ave & Homelawn S	Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	Impact
		EBL	0.44	17.9	В	50	0.41	15.4	В	50	
		EBT	0.36	15	В	143	0.36	15	В	143	
		EBR	0.15	13.2	В	60	0.15	13.2	В	60	
		WBL	0.19	3.8	А	12	0.53	12.8	В	29	
		WBT	0.68	10.2	В	127	0.6	8	А	63	
1	1: 169 St & Hillside Ave & Homelawn St	WBR	0.29	5.4	А	23	0.29	5.4	А	23	
		SBL	0.44	52.1	D	125	0.44	52.1	D	125	
		SBT	0.92	87.7	F	#340	0.92	87.7	F	#340	
		SBR	0.48	54	D	117	0.51	56	Е	118	
		Overall		22.1	С			21.6	С		
		EBL	0.1	14	В	8	0.1	13.8	В	8	
		EBT	0.1	14	В	8	0.1	13.8	В	8	
		NBT	0.22	0	А	0	0.22	0	А	0	
2*	2: 168 St & 88 Ave	NBR	0.02	0	А	0	0.02	0	А	0	
		NBTR (Bus Lane)	0.02	0	A	0	0.05	0	A	0	
		Overall		1.4	Α			1.4	Α		
		EBT	0.16	14.9	В	14	0.2	17.6	С	18	
		EBR	0.16	14.9	В	14	0.2	17.6	С	18	
3*	3: 169 St & 88 Ave	SBL	0.04	0.4	А	3	0.04	0.4	А	3	
		SBT	0.04	1.2	А	3	0.04	1.1	А	3	
		Overall		3	Α			3.1	Α		
		WBTR	0.6	26.4	С	140	0.6	26.4	С	140	
4	4: 168 St & 89 Ave	NBLT	0.55	5.2	А	46	0.53	5.6	А	62	



				Year 2024 No-	Action			Year 2024 With	-Action		
	Intersection	Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	Impact
		NBT (Bus Lane)	0.04	2.8	А	m2	0.14	3.6	А	m10	
		Overall		11.9	в			12.3	в		
		WBLT	0.36	13.8	В	99	0.37	13.9	В	100	
-	E: 400 C4 8 90 Ave	SBT	0.37	15.5	В	m208	0.54	18.3	В	m240	
5	5: 169 St & 89 Ave	SBR	0.19	12.6	В	m72	0.2	12.3	В	m64	
		Overall		14.4	В			15.9	В		
		EBLT	0.17	20.8	С	43	0.17	20.8	С	43	
6	6: 168 St & 90 Ave	NBTR	0.66	11.7	В	220	0.73	14.6	В	263	
		Overall		12.5	в			15.1	В		
		EBT	0.09	8.1	А	0	0.09	8.3	А	0	
		EBR	0.09	8.1	А	0	0.09	8.3	А	0	
7*	7: 169 St & 90 Ave	SBL	0.44	10.6	В	0	0.57	13.4	В	0	
		SBT	0.44	10.6	В	0	0.57	13.4	В	0	
		Overall		10.2	В			12.8	В		
		EBL	0.39	15.3	В	18	0.35	13.3	В	18	
		EBT	0.47	9.6	Α	64	0.4	9	Α	60	
		WBT	0.61	18.9	В	306	0.53	17	В	264	
		WBR	0.15	12.7	В	60	0.15	12.7	В	60	
8	8: 168 St & Hillside Ave	NBL	0.29	33.7	С	120	0.29	34.3	С	118	
		NBTR	0.51	38.1	D	240	0.51	39	D	237	
		NBTR (Bus Lane)	0.18	37.2	D	m27	0.42	44.3	D	89	
		Overall		19	В			18.3	В		
9	9: 168 St & Jamaica Ave	EBL	0.27	9.8	А	33	0.28	10.2	В	36	
Ĺ	St 100 St & Jamaica Ave	EBT	0.3	9.4	А	50	0.29	9.2	А	44	

				Year 2024 No-	Action			l			
	Intersection	Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	Impact
		EBR	0.05	6.8	А	9	0.05	6.8	А	9	
		WBL	0.45	18.5	В	167	0.45	18.5	В	167	
		WBT	0.35	16.1	В	144	0.41	17.2	В	168	
		WBR	0.19	13.5	В	77	0.18	13.3	В	71	
		NBL	0.17	33.7	С	54	0.17	33.7	С	54	
		NBTR	0.58	39.6	D	213	0.58	39.9	D	214	
		Overall		22.4	С			22.6	С		
		EBT	0.23	11.1	В	83	0.23	11.2	В	83	
		WBT	0.3	3.5	А	120	0.29	3.4	А	117	
10	10: Jamaica Ave & 169 St	SBL	0.39	41.7	D	130	0.37	41.2	D	126	
		SBR	0.49	44.8	D	155	0.72	58.5	Е	201	yes
		Overall		15.9	в			19	в		

\*\*Control Delay for unsignalized intersections

#### Table 6-2: 2024 No-Action vs. With-Action Conditions LOS Comparison – Midday Peak Hour

				Year 2024 No-	Action			Year 2024 With	-Action		
	Intersection	Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	Impact
		EBL	0.24	9.8	Α	51	0.23	9.6	А	51	
		EBT	0.32	14.5	В	140	0.32	14.5	В	140	
		EBR	0.18	13.5	В	63	0.18	13.5	В	63	
		WBL	0.13	5.3	А	24	0.27	7.2	А	35	
	1. 100 Ct 9. Lilleide Aug 9. Lleve elevus Ct	WBT	0.34	10.3	В	105	0.3	10	А	98	
1	L 1: 169 St & Hillside Ave & Homelawn St	WBR	0.39	12.5	В	86	0.39	12.5	В	86	
		SBL	0.41	48.9	D	133	0.41	48.9	D	133	
		SBT	0.74	61.6	Е	#267	0.74	61.6	Е	#267	
		SBR	0.42	49.5	D	115	0.44	50.4	D	116	
		Overall		21.8	С			21.7	с		
		EBL	0.06	12.3	В	5	0.06	12.3	В	5	
		EBT	0.06	12.3	В	5	0.06	12.3	В	5	
		NBT	0.16	0	А	0	0.16	0	А	0	
2*	2: 168 St & 88 Ave	NBR	0.02	0	А	0	0.02	0	А	0	
		NBTR (Bus Lane)	0.01	0	А	0	0.04	0	A	0	
		Overall		1.3	Α			1.3	Α		
		EBT	0.12	13.4	В	11	0.14	14.5	В	12	
		EBR	0.12	13.4	В	11	0.14	14.5	В	12	
3*	3: 169 St & 88 Ave	SBL	0.03	0.3	А	2	0.03	0.3	А	2	
		SBT	0.03	0.9	А	2	0.03	0.9	А	2	
		Overall		2.6	Α			2.6	Α		
		WBTR	0.24	22.5	С	94	0.24	22.5	С	94	
4	4: 168 St & 89 Ave	NBL	0.22	13.1	В	78	0.18	12.2	В	69	
		NBT	0.25	16.8	В	110	0.25	16.8	В	110	



Intersection				Year 2024 No-	Action		Year 2024 With-Action					
		Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	Impact	
		NBT (Bus Lane)	0.03	9.8	А	13	0.1	10.5	В	30		
		Overall		17.1	В			17	В			
		WBLT	0.17	11.8	В	51	0.17	11.8	В	51		
5	5: 169 St & 89 Ave	SBTR	0.25	19.8	В	165	0.28	19.3	В	171		
		Overall		17.8	В			17.6	В			
		EBLT	0.14	20.2	С	34	0.14	20.2	С	34		
6	6: 168 St & 90 Ave	NBTR	0.6	10.5	В	181	0.61	11	В	186		
		Overall		11.3	В			11.8	В			
		EBT	0.15	8	А	0	0.11	7.9	А	0		
	7: 169 St & 90 Ave	EBR	0.15	8	А	0	0.11	7.9	А	0		
7*		SBL	0.38	10	А	0	0.43	10.7	В	0		
		SBT	0.38	10	А	0	0.43	10.7	В	0		
		Overall		9.4	Α			10.1	в			
		EBL	0.11	3.7	А	6	0.11	3.6	А	6		
		EBT	0.42	4.3	А	32	0.37	3.9	А	30		
		WBTR	0.4	13.6	В	164	0.37	13.1	В	152		
8	8: 168 St & Hillside Ave	NBLT	0.56	47	D	231	0.57	47.2	D	232		
0	6. 106 St & Hillside Ave	NBR	0.24	40	D	77	0.24	40.2	D	77		
		NBTR (Bus Lane)	0.1	38.4	D	27	0.38	47.4	D	72		
		Overall		15.2	в			15.2	в			
		EBL	0.23	7	А	13	0.23	7.2	А	14		
9	9: 168 St & Jamaica Ave	EBT	0.26	6.5	А	24	0.25	6.5	А	24		
, ,	5. 100 St & Jaillaita Ave	EBR	0.08	4.8	А	7	0.08	4.8	А	7		
		WBL	0.42	20.4	С	135	0.42	20.3	С	134		

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				Year 2024 No-							
	Intersection	Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	Impact
		WBT	0.3	17.3	В	111	0.34	18.1	В	124	
		WBR	0.31	17.6	В	107	0.27	17	В	94	
		NBL	0.11	28.2	С	48	0.11	28.2	С	48	
		NBTR	0.41	31.9	С	165	0.42	32.1	С	166	
		Overall		19.7	в			19.8	в		
	-	EBT	0.23	13.5	В	90	0.23	13.5	В	90	
		WBT	0.23	7.3	А	30	0.22	7.4	А	28	
10	10: Jamaica Ave & 169 St	SBL	0.31	35.8	D	121	0.26	34.7	С	101	
		SBR	0.53	41.9	D	200	0.65	48.1	D	228	
		Overall		19.3	в			20.8	С		
	s: ignalized intersections ntrol Delay for unsignalized intersections										

#### Table 6-3: 2024 No-Action vs. With-Action Conditions LOS Comparison – PM Peak Hour

				Year 2024 No-	Action			Year 2024 With	-Action	l	Impact
	Intersection		v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	
		EBL	0.27	9.2	А	55	0.25	8.8	Α	55	
		EBT	0.54	16.6	В	265	0.54	16.6	В	265	
		EBR	0.21	13	В	67	0.21	13	В	67	
		WBL	0.24	4.9	А	11	0.72	34.6	С	#64	
1	1: 169 St & Hillside Ave & Homelawn St	WBT	0.36	8.2	А	65	0.29	8	А	59	
1	1: 169 St & Hillside Ave & Homelawn St	WBR	0.38	9.8	А	50	0.38	9.9	А	51	
		SBL	0.57	58.6	Е	128	0.57	58.6	Е	128	
		SBT	0.88	80.2	F	#318	0.88	84.7	F	#318	yes
		SBR	0.48	54.7	D	111	0.51	56.1	Е	111	yc3
		Overall		22.5	С			24.5	С		
		EBL	0.15	13.6	В	13	0.15	13.6	В	13	
		EBT	0.15	13.6	В	13	0.15	13.6	В	13	
		NBT	0.16	0	А	0	0.16	0	А	0	
2*	2*: 168 St & 88 Ave	NBR	0.02	0	А	0	0.02	0	А	0	
		NBTR (Bus Lane)	0.01	0	А	0	0.06	0	А	0	
		Overall		2.7	Α			2.7	Α		
		EBT	0.24	16.6	С	23	0.28	19.4	С	28	
		EBR	0.24	16.6	С	23	0.28	19.4	С	28	
3*	3*: 169 St & 88 Ave	SBL	0.03	0.3	А	2	0.03	0.3	А	2	
		SBT	0.03	0.9	А	2	0.03	0.8	А	2	
		Overall		3.8	Α			3.9	Α		
4	1. 169 St 9 00 Ava	WBTR	0.45	22.9	С	102	0.45	22.8	С	102	
4	4: 168 St & 89 Ave	NBLT	0.5	5.2	А	45	0.44	4.6	А	38	



				Year 2024 No-	Action		Year 2024 With-Action					
	Intersection		v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	Impact	
		NBT (Bus Lane)	0.03	2.9	A	m2	0.16	3.3	A	m10		
		Overall		10.3	В			10.1	В			
		WBLT	0.22	12.2	В	65	0.22	12.2	В	65		
5	5: 169 St & 89 Ave	SBTR	0.62	14	В	m121	0.79	23.7	С	m293		
		Overall		13.5	в			20.7	С			
		EBLT	0.14	20.2	С	36	0.14	20.2	С	36		
6	6: 168 St & 90 Ave	NBTR	0.57	10	А	167	0.66	12.2	В	206		
		Overall		10.9	в			12.9	в			
		EBT	0.15	8.2	А	0	0.11	8.2	А	0		
	* 7*: 169 St & 90 Ave	EBR	0.15	8.2	А	0	0.11	8.2	А	0		
7*		SBL	0.4	10.2	В	0	0.5	11.9	В	0		
		SBT	0.4	10.2	В	0	0.5	11.9	В	0		
		Overall		9.7	Α			11.2	в			
		EBL	0.14	5.4	А	10	0.13	5.3	А	10		
		EBT	0.64	9.9	А	151	0.57	8.4	А	76		
		WBTR	0.45	17	В	193	0.38	15.7	В	164		
8	8: 168 St & Hillside Ave	NBLT	0.48	35	С	167	0.48	35.6	D	175		
Ů	0. 100 St & Hillside Ave	NBR	0.17	30.1	С	63	0.17	30.9	С	66		
		NBTR (Bus Lane)	0.09	35.3	D	m27	0.5	45.1	D	95		
		Overall		15.4	в			14.4	в			
		EBL	0.28	6	А	57	0.28	6.2	А	58		
9		EBT	0.27	4.5	А	168	0.27	4.4	А	168		
, ,	9: 168 St & Jamaica Ave	EBR	0.06	1.3	А	1	0.06	1.3	А	1		
		WBL	0.53	19.8	В	201	0.53	19.8	В	201		

				Year 2024 With-Action							
	Intersection	Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	Impact
		WBT	0.25	13.3	В	108	0.31	14.2	В	127	
		WBR	0.29	14.4	В	89	0.28	14.3	В	86	
		NBL	0.19	32.5	С	64	0.19	32.5	С	64	
		NBT	0.57	40.2	D	291	0.57	40.3	D	291	
		NBR	0.28	34.3	С	97	0.31	35.3	D	100	
		Overall		19.6	В			19.7	в		
		EBT	0.24	11.3	В	93	0.25	11.4	В	93	
		WBT	0.25	7.2	А	36	0.24	7.2	А	36	
10	10: Jamaica Ave & 169 St	SBL	0.49	44.3	D	161	0.41	42.2	D	138	
		SBR	0.58	48	D	191	0.83	70.3	Е	#268	yes
		Overall		20.3	С			24.4	С		
	s: ignalized intersections ntrol Delay for unsignalized intersections	-									



# 6.1.3 **Potential Traffic Impact Mitigations**

Mitigations have been applied to the following intersections in AM and PM peak hour to mitigate the potential traffic impacts. **Table 6-4** and **Table 6-5** compare the Future No-Action Condition LOS and delays with the Future With-Action Without Mitigation and Future With Action With Planter Mitigation LOS and delays for the AM and PM peak hours at the intersections with potential traffic impacts, respectively. With the proposed signal timing mitigation, the potential traffic impacts would be fully mitigated.

- <u>Hillside Avenue @ 169<sup>th</sup> Street</u>. Reallocate one (1) second of green time from the eastbound and westbound approaches on Hillside Avenue to the southbound movement on 169<sup>th</sup> Street during the PM peak hour.
- Jamaica Avenue @ 169<sup>th</sup> Street: Reallocate two (2) seconds of green time from the eastbound and westbound approaches on Jamaica Avenue to the southbound movement on 169<sup>th</sup> Street during the AM peak hour, and four (4) seconds during PM peak hour.

Intersection Movement			Year 2024 No-Action				Year 2024 With-Action Without Mitigation				Year 2024 With-Action With Mitigation				
		v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	after Mitigation	
		EBT	0.23	11.1	В	83	0.23	11.2	В	83	0.23	12.1	В	87	
		WBT	0.3	3.5	А	120	0.29	3.4	А	117	0.3	4.5	А	123	
10	10: Jamaica Ave & 169 St	SBL	0.39	41.7	D	130	0.37	41.2	D	126	0.35	39	D	123	
		SBR	0.49	44.8	D	155	0.72	58.5	Е	201	0.67	52.7	D	196	
		Overall		15.9	в			19	в			18.5	в		

#### Table 6-4: 2024 No-Action vs. With-Action Conditions Without Mitigation vs With-Action Conditions With Mitigation LOS Comparison – AM Peak Hour

#### Table 6-5: 2024 No-Action vs. With-Action Conditions Without Mitigation vs With-Action Conditions With Mitigation LOS Comparison – PM Peak Hour

				Year 2024 N	lo-Actio	on	Year 2024	With-Action	Without	Mitigation	Year 202	24 With-Actio	n With I	Vitigation	Impact
	Intersection	Movement	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	v/c Ratio	**Total Delay	LOS	Queue 95%	after Mitigation
		EBL	0.27	9.2	А	55	0.25	8.8	А	55	0.26	9.3	Α	57	
		EBT	0.54	16.6	В	265	0.54	16.6	В	265	0.55	17.3	В	271	
		EBR	0.21	13	В	67	0.21	13	В	67	0.21	13.6	В	69	
		WBL	0.24	4.9	А	11	0.72	34.6	С	#64	0.73	36.6	D	#66	
1	1: 169 St & Hillside Ave & Homelawn	WBT	0.36	8.2	А	65	0.29	8	А	59	0.3	8.5	А	61	
	St	WBR	0.38	9.8	А	50	0.38	9.9	А	51	0.39	10.5	В	52	
		SBL	0.57	58.6	Е	128	0.57	58.6	Е	128	0.53	55.4	Е	126	
		SBT	0.88	80.2	F	#318	0.88	84.7	F	#318	0.84	75.4	Е	#307	
		SBR	0.48	54.7	D	111	0.51	56.1	E	111	0.48	53.6	D	110	
		Overall		22.5	С			24.5	С			23.9	С		
		EBT	0.24	11.3	В	93	0.25	11.4	В	93	0.26	13.3	В	102	
		WBT	0.25	7.2	Α	36	0.24	7.2	А	36	0.26	8.5	А	44	
10	10: Jamaica Ave & 169 St	SBL	0.49	44.3	D	161	0.41	42.2	D	138	0.36	37.6	D	131	
		SBR	0.58	48	D	191	0.83	70.3	E	#268	0.72	54	D	226	
		Overall		20.3	С			24.4	С			22.2	С		



# 6.2 Parking

## 6.2.1 Parking Shortfall Criteria

For projects located in Parking Zones 1 and 2, the inability of the project or the surrounding area to accommodate a project's future parking demands is considered a parking shortfall, but is generally not considered significant due to the magnitude of available alternative modes of transportation

For projects located in residential or commercial areas not designated as Parking Zones 1 and 2, a project's parking shortfall that exceeds the available on-street and off-street parking spaces within 0.25 mile of the site when compared to the No-Action Condition, can be considered significant.

## 6.2.2 Potential Parking Shortfall

As discussed earlier, there are sufficient off-street parking spaces within a 0.25-mile radius of the site to accommodate the parking that would be displaced from the project site, and two spaces that will be displaced on 169<sup>th</sup> Street between 90<sup>th</sup> and 91<sup>st</sup> Avenues to allow buses to turn into, and out of the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal. Therefore, there will be no parking shortfall as a result of the Proposed Project.

## 6.3 Transit

The Proposed Project will not change the line haul capacity or maximum load point of any MTA NYCT Bus or NICE bus route. Accordingly, there will be no impacts on transit service due to the Proposed Project.

## 6.4 **Pedestrians**

## 6.4.1 Pedestrian Impact Criteria

Determination of significant impacts for *sidewalks* in a non-CBD area is summarized as follows:

- If the average pedestrian space under the No-Action Condition is greater than or equal to 44.3 ft<sup>2</sup>/ped:
  - Then a reduction in average pedestrian space under the With-Action condition to 40.0 ft<sup>2</sup>/ped or less (LOS D or worse) should be considered a significant impact.
  - If the average pedestrian space under the With-Action condition is greater than or equal to 40.1 ft<sup>2</sup>/ped (LOS C or better), the impact should not be considered significant.
- If the average pedestrian space under the No-Action Condition is between 6.4 and 44.2 ft<sup>2</sup>/ped, inclusive, then a reduction in pedestrian space under the With-Action Condition should be considered significant using the sliding scale formula in Equation 16-8 below or using Table 16-14: in the CEQR Technical Manual.

Determination of significant impacts for *corners and crosswalks* in a non-CBD area is summarized as follows:

- If the average pedestrian space under the No-Action Condition is greater than or equal to 26.6 ft<sup>2</sup>/ped:
  - Then a reduction in average pedestrian space under the With-Action Condition to 24.0 ft<sup>2</sup>/ped or less (LOS D or worse) should be considered a significant impact.
  - If the average pedestrian space under the With-Action Condition is greater than or equal to 24.1 ft<sup>2</sup>/ped (LOS C or better), the impact should not be considered significant.
- If the average pedestrian space under the No-Action Condition is between 5.1 and 26.5 ft<sup>2</sup>/ped, inclusive, then a reduction in pedestrian space under the With-Action Condition should be considered significant according to the sliding scale formula in Equation 16-7 or using Table 16-12 in the *CEQR Technical Manual*.



## 6.4.2 Potential Pedestrian Impacts

Based on the pedestrian impact criteria above, significant impacts are projected to occur on the south sidewalk of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 168<sup>th</sup> Place during the AM, Midday and PM peak hours. The comparison between the 2024 No-Action and 2024 With-Action LOS are shown in **Table 6-6**, **Table 6-7**, and **Table 6-8**, for the AM, Midday and PM peak hours, respectively.

		No-Action		With-Action		
	Location	Circulation Area (ft²/ped)	LOS	Circulation Area (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)	LOS	Impact
Without Mitigation	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave/168 <sup>th</sup> St SE Corner	449.0	А	158.8	А	No
5	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> St and 168 <sup>th</sup> Pl south sidewalk	164.0	A	31.2	С	Yes
	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> PI and 169 <sup>th</sup> St south sidewalk	396.0	A	68.2	A	No

#### Table 6-6: 2024 No-Action vs. With-Action Pedestrian LOS Comparison – AM Peak Hour

#### Table 6-7: 2024 No-Action vs. With-Action Pedestrian LOS Comparison – Midday Peak Hour

		No-Action		With-Action		
	Location	Circulation Area (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)	LOS	Circulation Area (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)	LOS	Impact
Without Mitigation	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave/168 <sup>th</sup> St SE Corner	558.3	А	186.0	А	No
0	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> St and 168 <sup>th</sup> Pl south sidewalk	153.8	A	35.1	С	Yes
	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> PI and 169 <sup>th</sup> St south sidewalk	302.8	A	61.8	A	No

#### Table 6-8: 2024 No-Action vs. With-Action Pedestrian LOS Comparison – PM Peak Hour

		No-Action		With-Action		
	Location	Circulation Area (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)	LOS	Circulation Area (ft²/ped)	LOS	Impact
Without Mitigation	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave/168 <sup>th</sup> St SE Corner	373.0	А	125.1	А	No
	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> St and 168 <sup>th</sup> Pl south sidewalk	153.8	A	28.6	С	Yes
	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> PI and 169 <sup>th</sup> St south sidewalk	343.2	A	52.3	В	No



## 6.4.3 Potential Pedestrian Impacts Mitigations

The project site would include the placement of concrete planters along the sidewalks on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue to beautify the urban streetscape, enhance the pedestrian experience, and provide pedestrian access, mobility and safety to the sidewalks. These planters would provide pedestrian safety and mobility by preventing vehicles from encroaching/occupying the sidewalks, and therefore would also mitigate the projected pedestrian impact. The planters would be located on the sidewalks to allow for maximum pedestrian access and would be in compliance with the NYCDOT *Street Design Manual*. The comparison between the 2024 No-Action and 2024 With-Action with mitigation LOS are shown in **Table 6-9**, **Table 6-10**, and **Table 6-11**, for the AM, Midday and PM peak hours, respectively.

#### Table 6-9: 2024 No-Action vs. With-Action with Mitigation Pedestrian LOS Comparison – AM Peak Hour

		No-Action		With-Action		
	Location	Circulation Area (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)	LOS	Circulation Area (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)	LOS	Impact
With Mitigation	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave/168 <sup>th</sup> St SE Corner	449.0	А	407.8	А	No
<u>j</u>	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> St and 168 <sup>th</sup> Pl south sidewalk	164.0	A	264.5	A	No
	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> PI and 169 <sup>th</sup> St south sidewalk	396.0	A	277.2	A	No

#### Table 6-10: 2024 No-Action vs. With-Action with Mitigation Pedestrian LOS Comparison – Midday Peak Hour

		No-Action		With-Action		
	Location	Circulation Area (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)	LOS	Circulation Area (ft <sup>2</sup> /ped)	LOS	Impact
With Mitigation	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave/168 <sup>th</sup> St SE Corner	558.3	А	470.6	А	No
·····galieli	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> St and 168 <sup>th</sup> Pl south sidewalk	153.8	A	295.9	A	No
	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> PI and 169 <sup>th</sup> St south sidewalk	302.8	А	251.4	A	No

#### Table 6-11: 2024 No-Action vs. With-Action with Mitigation Pedestrian LOS Comparison – PM Peak Hour

		No-Action		With-Action		
	Location	Circulation Area (ft2/ped)	LOS	Circulation Area (ft2/ped)	LOS	Impact
With Mitigation	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave/168 <sup>th</sup> St SE Corner	373.0	А	319.9	А	No
	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> St and 168 <sup>th</sup> Pl south sidewalk	153.8	A	243.6	A	No
	90 <sup>th</sup> Ave between 168 <sup>th</sup> PI and 169 <sup>th</sup> St south sidewalk	343.2	A	213.3	A	No



# 6.5 During Construction

Since construction (or site preparation) is expected to last for less than two years, a detailed traffic analysis was not performed. In addition, staging of construction equipment and construction worker parking would be accommodated on-site thus not affecting City's streets. No roadway or lane closures are anticipated to occur during construction of the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal. In addition, no sidewalk closures are anticipated. Accordingly, the Proposed Project will not have any adverse impacts to transportation services during construction.

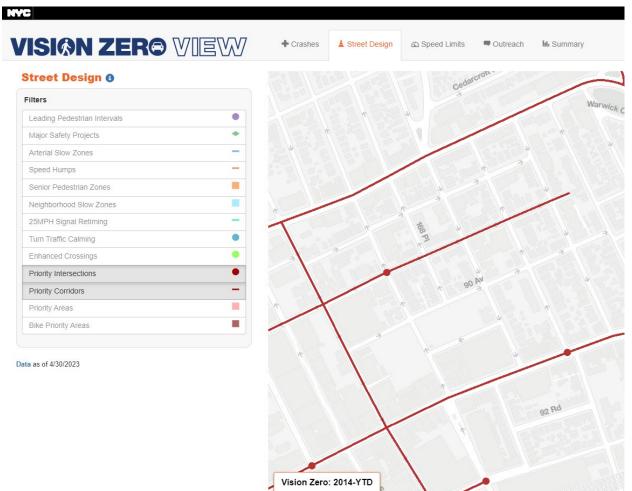
## 6.6 Transportation Safety Assessment

Crash data for the ten study intersections were obtained from NYCDOT for the three-year period 2017-2019. **Table 6-**7 presents a summary of the pedestrian and bicycle crashes for the three-year period. NYCDOT defines a high crash location as "a Vision Zero priority intersection, or a location with five or more pedestrian/bicyclist injury crashes in any consecutive 12 months of the most recent three-year period for which data is available. In addition, any location along a Vision Zero priority corridor with three or more pedestrian/bicyclist injury crashes in any most recent three-year period for which data is available should be identified as a high crash location."

## 6.6.1 Priority Intersections and Priority Corridors

Within the study area, the intersection of 89th Avenue @ 168th Street has been identified as a priority intersection based on the NYC Vision Zero View (https://vzv.nyc/) data of April 30, 2023. In addition, Hillside Avenue, 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Jamaica Avenue have been defined as Priority Corridors (see **Figure 6-1**).

#### Figure 6-1: Priority Intersections and Priority Corridors in the Study Area





As shown in **Table 6-12**, for the three-year period from 2017 to 2019, the number of pedestrian and bicycle injury crashes at the corridors of 168<sup>th</sup> Street @ Hillside Avenue, 169<sup>th</sup> Street @ Jamaica Avenue, and 169<sup>th</sup> Street @ Hillside Avenue are three or higher. According to the criteria for a high crash location, these three locations are determined to be high crash locations.

During the 2017-2019 period, there were no crashes reported at 169<sup>th</sup> Street @ 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Also, there were no fatal crashes reported at any of the ten study intersections.



#### Table 6-12: Intersection Crashes by Year (2017-2019)

#	Intersections	Pedestrian Injury Crashes			Bicycle Injury Crashes			Total strian/ Crash	Bicyc	Vision Zero Priority Intersection/Corridor		High Crash Location	
		2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	Intersection	Corridor	
37124	168 STREET / JAMAICA AVENUE	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	No	Yes	No
37126	168 STREET / 88 AVENUE	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	No	No	No
37127	168 STREET / 89 AVENUE	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	Yes	Yes	No
37129	168 STREET / 90 AVENUE	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	No	No	No
37133	168 STREET / HILLSIDE AVENUE / QUEENS BOULEVARD LINE	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	No	Yes	Yes
37140	169 STREET / 88 AVENUE	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	No	No	No
37212	169 STREET / JAMAICA AVENUE	1	4	1	0	0	0	1	4	1	No	Yes	Yes
37218	169 STREET / 90 AVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No
82001	169 STREET / HOMELAWN STREET	8	3	3	1	1	1	9	4	4	No	Yes	Yes
	Total =	15	15	8	1	1	2	16	16	10			

#### 6.6.2 Effects on Road User Safety

The Proposed Project will result in an increase in bus volume at the ten study intersections, three of which have been determined to be high crash locations. However, as shown in **Table 5-1**, at most of the intersections, the additional buses will be going "*straight*" through the intersections, and therefore would not conflict with pedestrians and bicycles in crosswalks.

All of the three high crash locations will experience an increase in right or left turning bus volumes:

- Hillside Avenue @ 169<sup>th</sup> Street: The westbound left-turn movement from Hillside Avenue onto southbound 169th Street will experience an increase of 67 buses in the AM peak hour, 31 buses in the Midday peak hour and 60 buses in the PM peak hour. Although, the westbound left turn from Hillside Avenue has a protected plus permitted left turn, pedestrians, and bicycles on the south crosswalk of the intersection would have increased exposure to and conflict with added bus volumes which may compromise safety. Since this intersection is located along a Vision Zero Priority Corridor, therefore as part of the Traffic Monitoring Plan, pedestrian and bicycle safety on the south crosswalk will be monitored and appropriate measures will be recommended if any safety issues are identified.
- Hillside Avenue @ 168<sup>th</sup> Street: The right-turn movement from northbound 168th Street onto eastbound Hillside Avenue will experience an increase of 49 buses in the AM peak hour, 33 buses in the Midday peak hour, and 64 buses in the PM peak hour. However, there is a 10 second Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) for the east and west crosswalks. East and west crosswalks receive the Walk indication before vehicular traffic



on the northbound approach receives the green signal. Since this intersection is located along a Vision Zero Priority Corridor, therefore as part of the Traffic Monitoring Plan, pedestrian and bicycle safety on the east crosswalk will be monitored and appropriate measures will be recommended if any safety issues are identified.

Jamaica Avenue @ 169<sup>th</sup> Street: The right-turn movement from southbound 169th Street onto westbound Jamaica Avenue will experience an increase of 29 buses in the AM peak hour, 15 buses in the Midday peak hour, and 25 buses in the PM peak hour. However, there is a seven seconds LPI for east and west crosswalks. East and west crosswalks across Jamaica Avenue receive the Walk indication before vehicular traffic on the southbound approach receives the green signal. Since this intersection is located along a Vision Zero Priority Corridor, therefore as part of the Traffic Monitoring Plan pedestrian and bicycle safety on the east crosswalk will be monitored and appropriate measures will be recommended if any safety issues are identified.

Overall, the Proposed Project will result in an increase in bus volume for some intersection movements, and reduction in bus volumes for others. Where buses are added to the roadway network, they would be traveling *"through"* the intersection and would therefore not conflict with pedestrians or bicyclists in the parallel crosswalks. At the two intersection approaches where the additional buses will be making right turns, both approaches already have LPIs to provide priority for pedestrians crossing in the conflicting crosswalks. On one intersection approach where buses will be added to a left-turn movement, that left turn is already operating with a protected plus permitted left-turn phase which reduces the conflicts between turning vehicles and pedestrians in conflicting crosswalk. Therefore, the Proposed Project is not expected to affect road user safety at the study locations.

## 6.7 Access Management

The purpose of access management is to provide access to land development—via driveways and associated curb cuts—in a manner that preserves the safety and efficiency of the transportation system. Access management is defined as: The coordinated planning, regulation, and design of access between roadways and land development. It involves the systematic control of the location, spacing, design, and operation of driveways, median openings, interchanges, and street connections to a roadway, as well as roadway design applications that affect access, such as median treatments and auxiliary lanes, and the appropriate separation of traffic signals.

The guidance in the *CEQR Technical Manual* was prepared to incorporate access management concepts and methods into the site planning process in a manner that is consistent with NYCDOT's Mission Statement: "...to provide for the safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible movement of people and goods in the City of New York and to maintain and enhance the transportation infrastructure crucial to the economic vitality and quality of life of our primary customers, City residents."

The site plan for the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal was developed by MTA NYCT Bus in close coordination with NYCDOT. The plan was developed based on appropriate access management principles, and NYCDOT's guidelines to minimize vehicular-vehicular and vehicular-pedestrian conflicts, at and near the proposed terminal.

The proposed bus terminal will be accessed via new driveways to be located on 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 169<sup>th</sup> Street. The existing driveways serving the parking lot, located on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue, will be closed. There will be three east-west oriented travel aisles providing five lanes for bus circulation in the terminal, with adjacent designated bus layover areas and passenger boarding platforms and bus shelters for passengers.

The 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal will also include three east-west passenger boarding platforms with bus shelters for passengers. Pedestrians will enter and leave the terminal and access the passenger boarding platforms via ingress and egress points located on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 169<sup>th</sup> Street, 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Figures 4, 5, and 6 in Appendix A show the site plan with Auto Turn swept paths for standard and articulated buses entering and exiting the terminal, and for the right turn onto eastbound 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue from northbound 168<sup>th</sup> Street. Pedestrian ingress and egress point into and out of the bus terminal are also shown.

The following access management principles and design guidelines have been incorporated into the site plan:

 Minimizing the number of driveways/curb cuts: Buses will enter and leave the terminal via driveways located on 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 169<sup>th</sup> Street. Only right turns in and right turns out will be permitted at the driveways. Entrance and exit driveways on each street were separated to the extent geometrically possible, based on



Auto Turn analyses. The bus entrance driveway on 168<sup>th</sup> Street will be located just north of 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue; the exit driveway on 168<sup>th</sup> Street will be located closer to 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The bus entrance driveway on 169<sup>th</sup> Street will be located just south of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue; the exit driveway will be located adjacent to the entrance driveway, but separated by a concrete curb.

- Minimizing the Widths of Curb Cuts: The configurations and widths of the curb cuts were based on Auto Turn analyses which were performed for both standard buses as well as articulated buses. The vast majority of buses expected to use the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal are standard buses although there are a few articulated buses operated by NICE. Every effort was made to keep the driveways as narrow as possible and minimize the width of the curb cuts, but they had to be sufficiently wide to accommodate the "wide" turns that buses would need to make to enter and exit the terminal. At the 169<sup>th</sup> Street entrance/exit, the existing residential building, which is not part of the terminal development and would remain on site, posed some physical constraints to the 169<sup>th</sup> Street driveway configuration.
- Optimizing Internal Circulation for Buses: Bus flows within the terminal will be oriented east-west. Buses
  entering from 168<sup>th</sup> Street would travel through the center and northernmost travel aisles, load, and unload
  passengers from designated bus layovers, and exit via 169<sup>th</sup> Street. Similarly, buses entering from 169<sup>th</sup> Street
  would occupy the northernmost, center, and southernmost bypass lanes and exit the terminal from 168<sup>th</sup>
  Street. This pattern of internal bus flows will eliminate the need for buses to make U-turns in the terminal, thus
  eliminating conflicts with other buses and pedestrians.
- Optimizing Pedestrian Access: The terminal will provide three east-west oriented passenger boarding
  platforms furnished with bus shelters where pedestrians would wait before boarding, or after departing from
  their buses. These passenger boarding platforms will be accessed from a number of pedestrian access points
  that have been optimally located to minimize conflicts between buses and pedestrians. Two designated northsouth oriented pedestrian walkways will connect all three passenger boarding platforms.

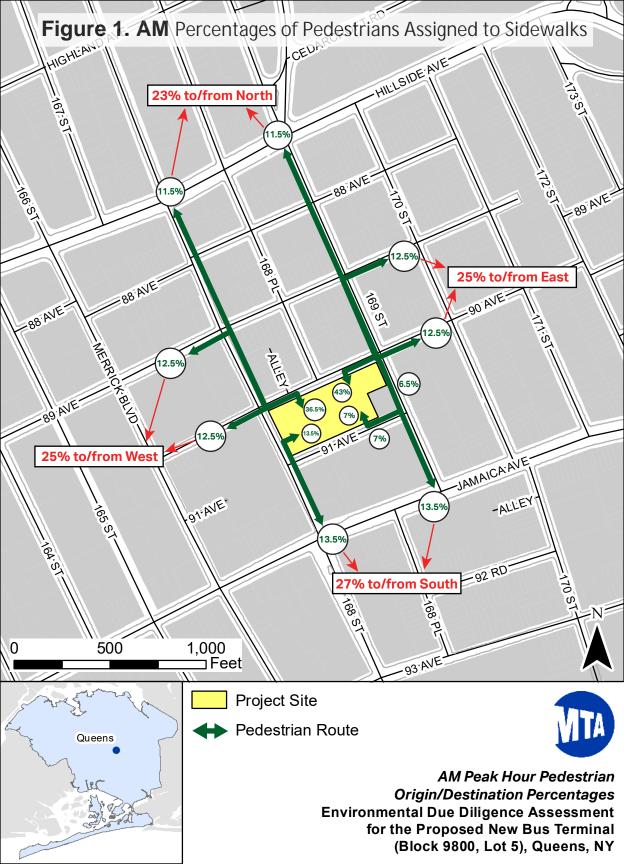
The pedestrian access point on 168<sup>th</sup> Street is located south of the bus entrance driveway, so pedestrians are not in conflict with buses turning into the terminal. Pedestrians entering from this location would easily access the southerly pedestrian entrance protected by planters, and use the designated walkway to access the center and northerly passenger boarding platform.

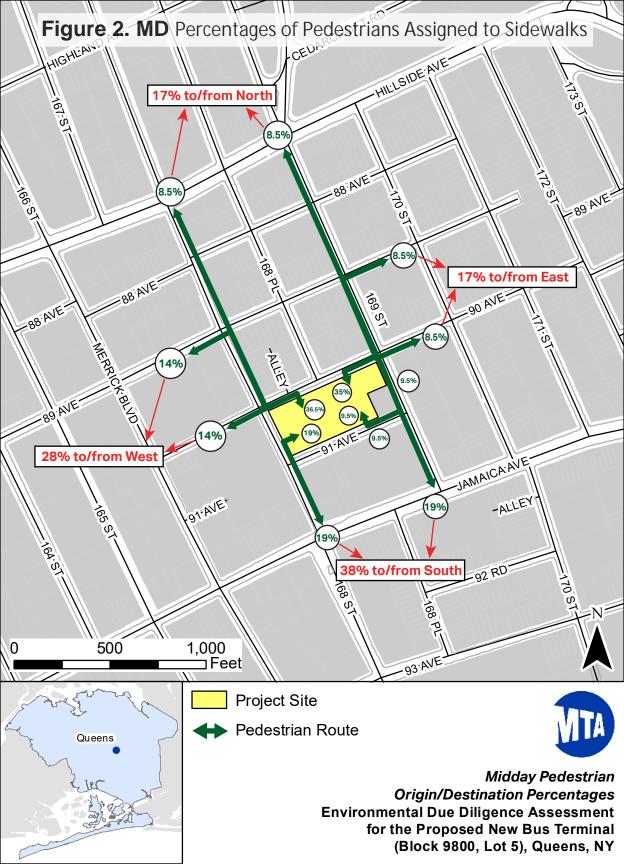
There will be two pedestrian access points on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue: one between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 168<sup>th</sup> Place; and the other between 168<sup>th</sup> Place and 169<sup>th</sup> Street. Pedestrians entering leaving the terminal via these locations will not be in conflict with any vehicular traffic, since the existing driveways on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue serving the existing parking lot will be closed.

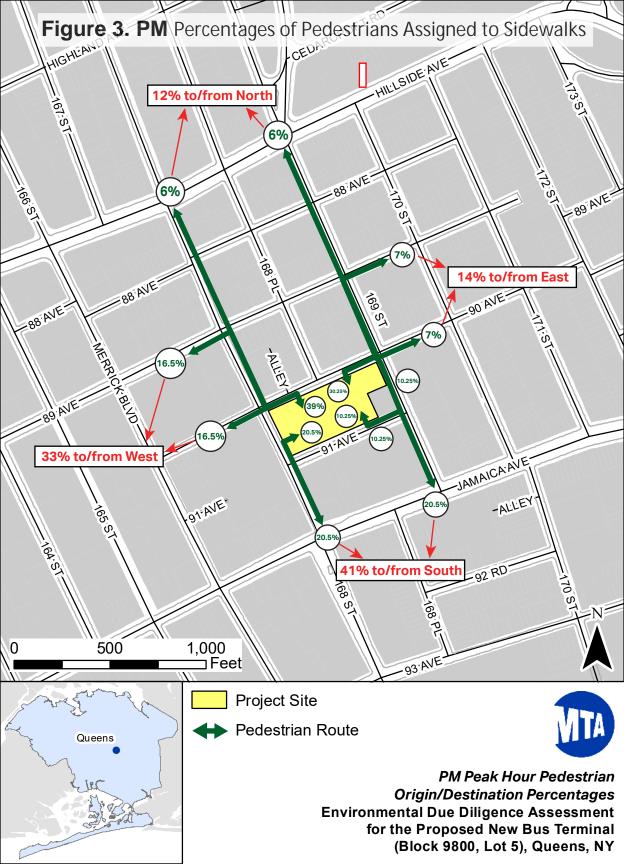
Another pedestrian access point will be located on 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue, just west of the existing residential building. Pedestrians entering leaving the terminal via this location will also not be in conflict with any vehicular traffic.

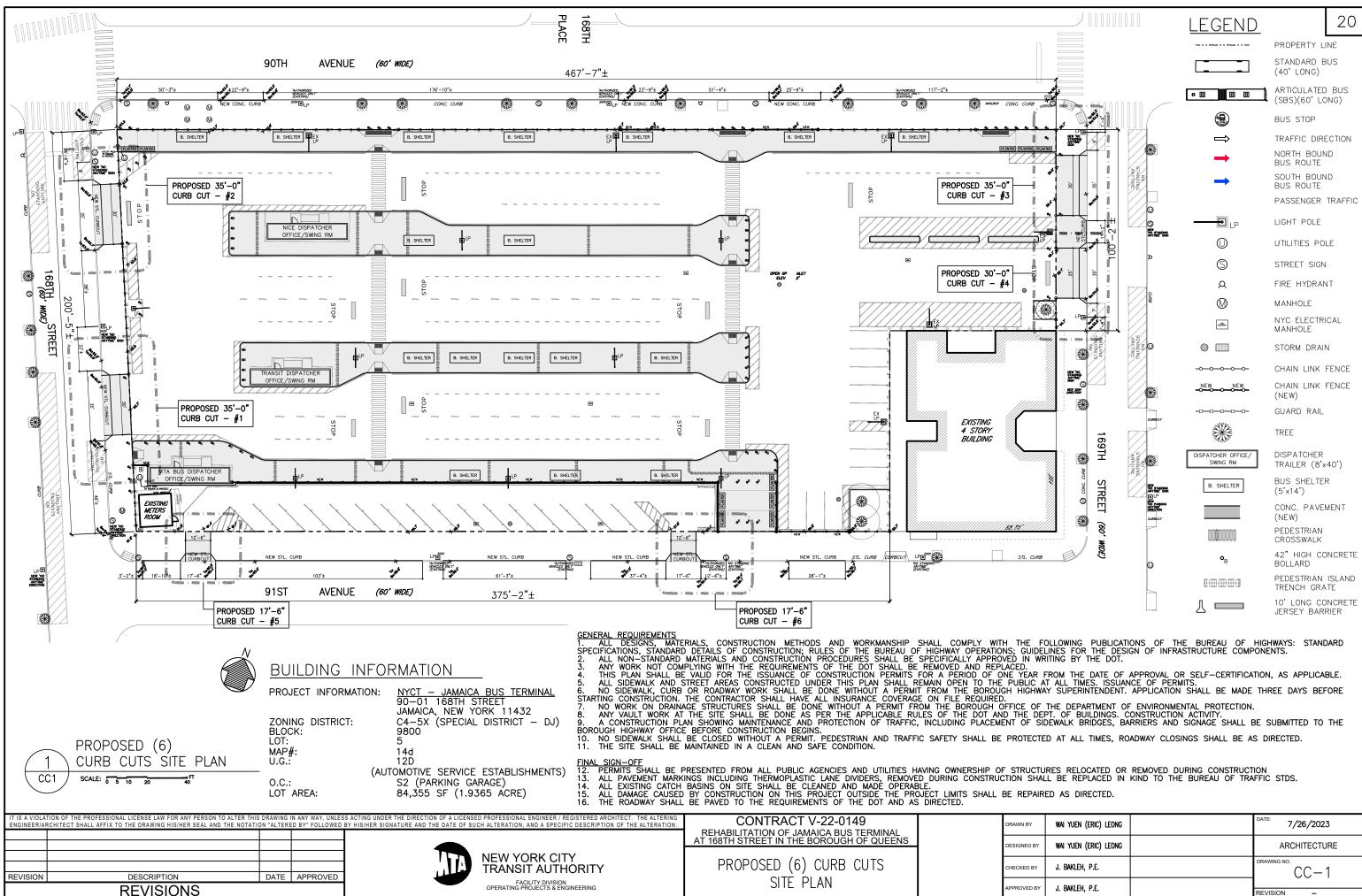
Overall, the 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal would allow for the separation and organization of buses and
pedestrians to optimize bus flows into, within and out of the terminal, while reducing conflicts with other buses
and pedestrians. This 168<sup>th</sup> Street Interim Bus Terminal would therefore not only result in increased transit
efficiency at the terminal but would also improve safety for all terminal users.

# **Appendix A**

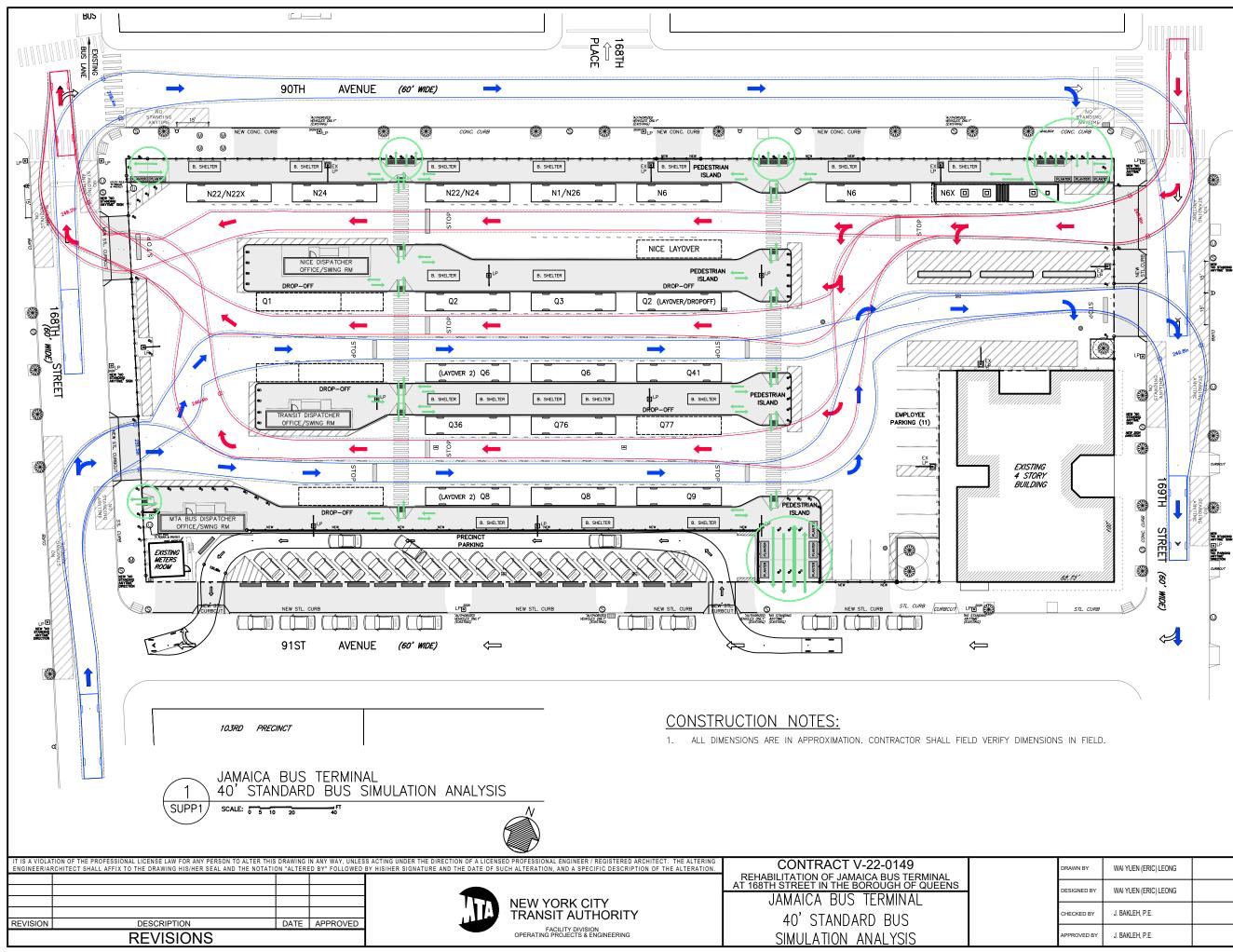








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STANDARD BUS (40' LONG)

ARTICULATED BUS (SBS)(60' LONG)

BUS STOP

TRAFFIC DIRECTION NORTH BOUND BUS ROUTE

SOUTH BOUND BUS ROUTE

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

LIGHT POLE

UTILITIES POLE

STREET SIGN

FIRE HYDRANT

MANHOLE

NYC ELECTRICAL MANHOLE

STORM DRAIN

CHAIN LINK FENCE

CHAIN LINK FENCE (NEW)

GUARD RAIL

TREE

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BUS SHELTER (5'x14')

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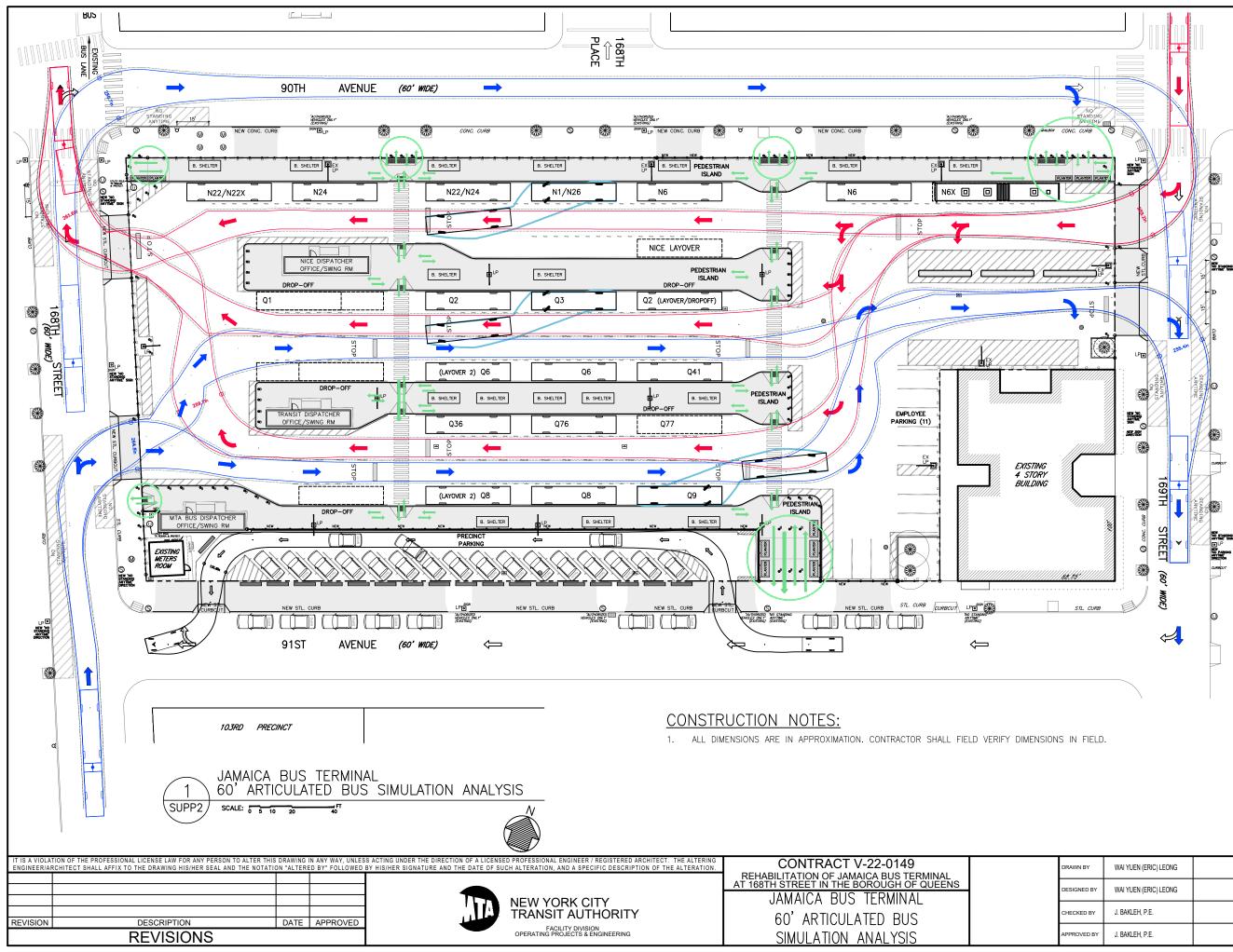
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PEDESTRIAN ISLAND TRENCH GRATE

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