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FOR NYC MAYOR

PUBLIC SPACE & TRANSPORTATION

Smart, effective transportation strategy means we can bring new jobs closer to where New Yorkers live, learn and play. Too many New Yorkers faced long, unreliable commutes to work and school even before COVID. A safe, reliable and efficient transportation system is critical to our recovery.

Our streets and sidewalks today are a losing battle between competing uses, and we must ensure that our public spaces serve the public first. Incremental change isn't going to cut it. Building on the success of open streets and outdoor dining, we have an unprecedented opportunity to redefine our streetscape and create vibrant outdoor spaces that will attract tourism and drive our recovery.

As Mayor, Kathryn will:

Ensure our public spaces serve the public first

- Create **permanent Open Streets** that prioritize pedestrians and public use over cars, while preserving access for emergency services and deliveries.
- **Create Complete Streets** in all five boroughs that prioritize pedestrians, bicyclists and public transit riders--alongside sustainable infrastructure and community uses.
- **Regulate delivery companies** like Amazon to reduce congestion, improve safety and protect workers--and provide incentives to support micro-mobility options for the first/last mile of multimodal transit trips.
- Pilot **residential parking permits** for low emissions vehicles to make on-street parking a privilege, not a right, and reward traffic law compliance.

Take a bold approach to sidewalk and curbside use to improve quality of life

- Use **curbside space for public amenities** to improve New Yorkers' experience of their city, integrate sustainable infrastructure (bluebelts, rain gardens), create new sources of opportunity for small businesses, and in turn provide a boost to New York's economy.
- Expand the Clean Curbs program for **containerized trash and recycling setout**--to keep our sidewalks clean and passable.
- Expand **bike parking infrastructure**, seating, arts and culture uses and other community-based amenities.

- Make our permanent Open Streets and Complete Streets **beautiful, safe and enjoyable** with retractable bollards, planters and community-driven programming in partnership with BIDs and block associations.
- **Accelerate street and sidewalk construction** by reinstating a fast capital project program at DOT and ensuring the agency has blanket CP approvals for bread and butter projects.

Speed up buses and expand and better maintain our protected bike lane network

- Create new **dedicated busways and bus lanes**, expand **offboard payment and all-door boarding**, give our buses **priority at intersections**, and grow the **Express Bus network and Select Bus Service** to cut down commuting times.
- Expand the protected bike lane network to be more equitable and interconnected by **adding 250 miles of protected lanes**, prioritizing connectivity.
- Better maintain the bike lanes we already have: procure badly needed **small equipment to clean and plow bike lanes**.
- Better **integrate CitiBike** into the existing transit network and subsidize expansion into communities that have been underserved by the existing program.

Expand and strengthen our public transit system for all New Yorkers

- Work with state and federal governments to fully fund the **Fast Forward program** and press for real reform at the MTA
- Prioritize installation and maintenance of elevators throughout the MTA to move toward a **fully accessible public transit system**, and make intersections safer with **fully accessible pedestrian ramps citywide.**
- **Better integrate transit systems**: Work with MTA to create a one-swipe in-city transportation network that integrates LIRR and MetroNorth service. Explore Citibike and NYC Ferry fare integration and OMNY fare integration.
- **Invest our public transit dollars wisely** to advance equity and serve more New Yorkers: reallocate ferry subsidy toward and **expand Fair Fares**, and protect MTA Bus Company from service cuts.

- **Kickstart planning for new transit** to create opportunities for new housing and job growth, including the Utica Avenue and expanded Second Avenue subway and new ferry terminals in East Harlem, Inwood, Hunts Point and northern Queens.

Achieve safer streets by focusing on interventions that work

- Achieve Vision Zero by making **changes to the built environment to physically prevent crashes**, instead of relying only on driver behavior change.
- Leverage **automated enforcement** including speed-safety, red-light cameras and new technologies like failure-to-yield cameras.
- Bike safety is paramount: we must protect the workers for whom a safe bike lane isn't optional--it's their job to be there. That means **robust enforcement of bike lane violations** and **safety barriers that work.**
- **Align the agencies** that play a role in traffic enforcement to streamline and centralize management and accountability in one department.

Transportation x Climate

- Make it easier to **ditch diesel and switch to electric vehicles**
    - Triple the availability of **public car chargers**, and incentivize New Yorkers to install charging infrastructure at home with parking discounts and property tax rebates.
    - Electrify more than 10,000 **school buses** to protect our youngest lungs and ensure the MTA bus system is electric by 2040.
    - Develop **additional grid capacity** to be able to expand the use of electric vehicles for our heavy duty City fleet--including Sanitation vehicles.
    - Implement a zero-interest loan program to help small businesses—from ice cream trucks to florists—buy **small-scale, electric, pedestrian-safe delivery vehicles to replace diesel vans**.
- Push for the adoption of **congestion pricing**.
- Rapid **implementation of the Commercial Waste Zones plan** to realize the benefit of removing 18 million miles of Sanitation truck traffic from NYC streets every year.