



Corridor Vision Safety, Equity and Resiliency

Eric Adams, Mayor | Ydanis Rodriguez, Commissioner



BQE North & South Virtual Workshop

November 3, 2022



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Presentation Overview

- **Welcome – 10 min**
- **BQE North & South Overview – 25 min**
- **Q&A – 15 min**
- **Breakout Rooms – 30 min**
- **Report Out from Breakouts – 10 min**
- **Closing & Next Steps – 10 min**



Engagement Goals

Participants will:

- **Gain context** about the BQE Corridor Vision and process
- **Share** your expertise about challenges and opportunities in and around BQE Central
- **Learn** about the history of the BQE, and add to this history with your own stories



Adams Administration Strategy

A Corridor-Wide Approach

Urgency & Resiliency

Take action as necessary to ensure that City section remains safe; prioritize sustainable design



Equity

Invest in communities along the full BQE corridor, not just higher income City section



Fiscal Responsibility

Pursue federal grants; make needed repairs; focus investments on greatest impact



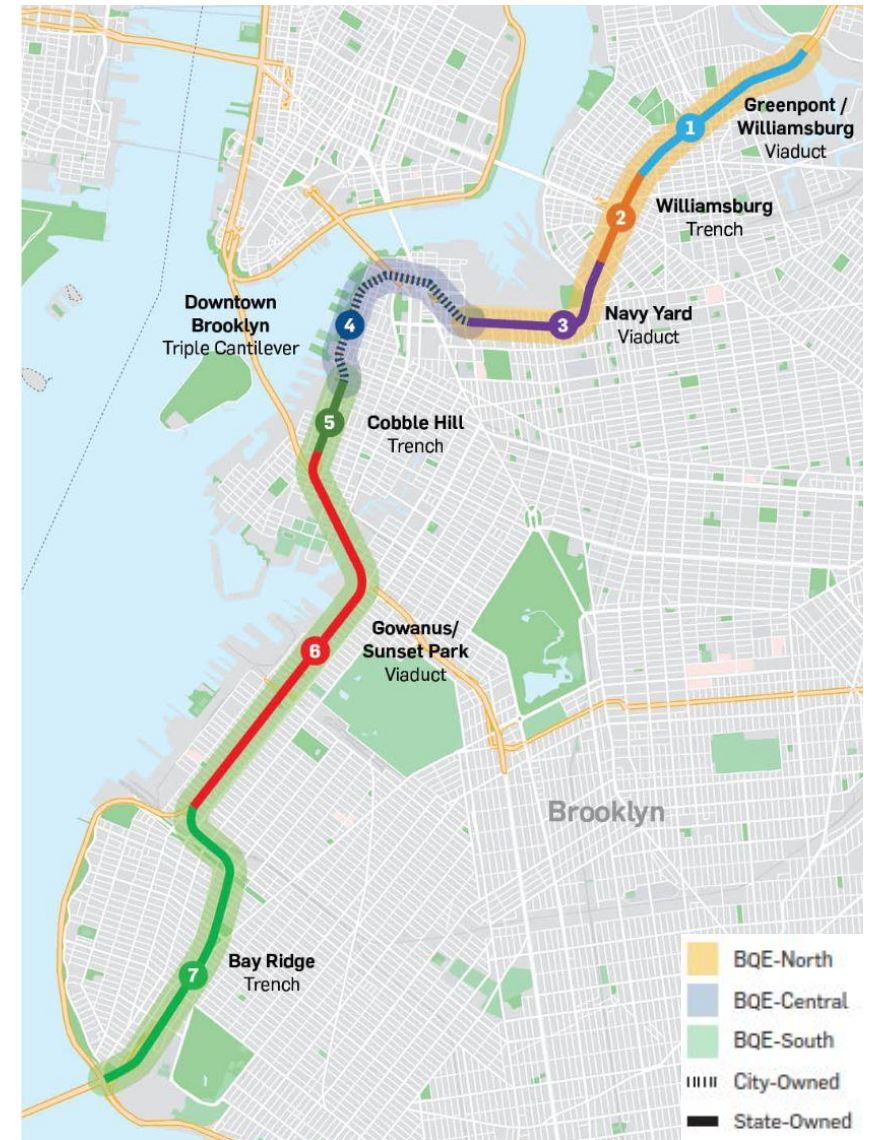
Stakeholder Involvement

Work with elected officials and communities to develop BQE vision and move projects forward

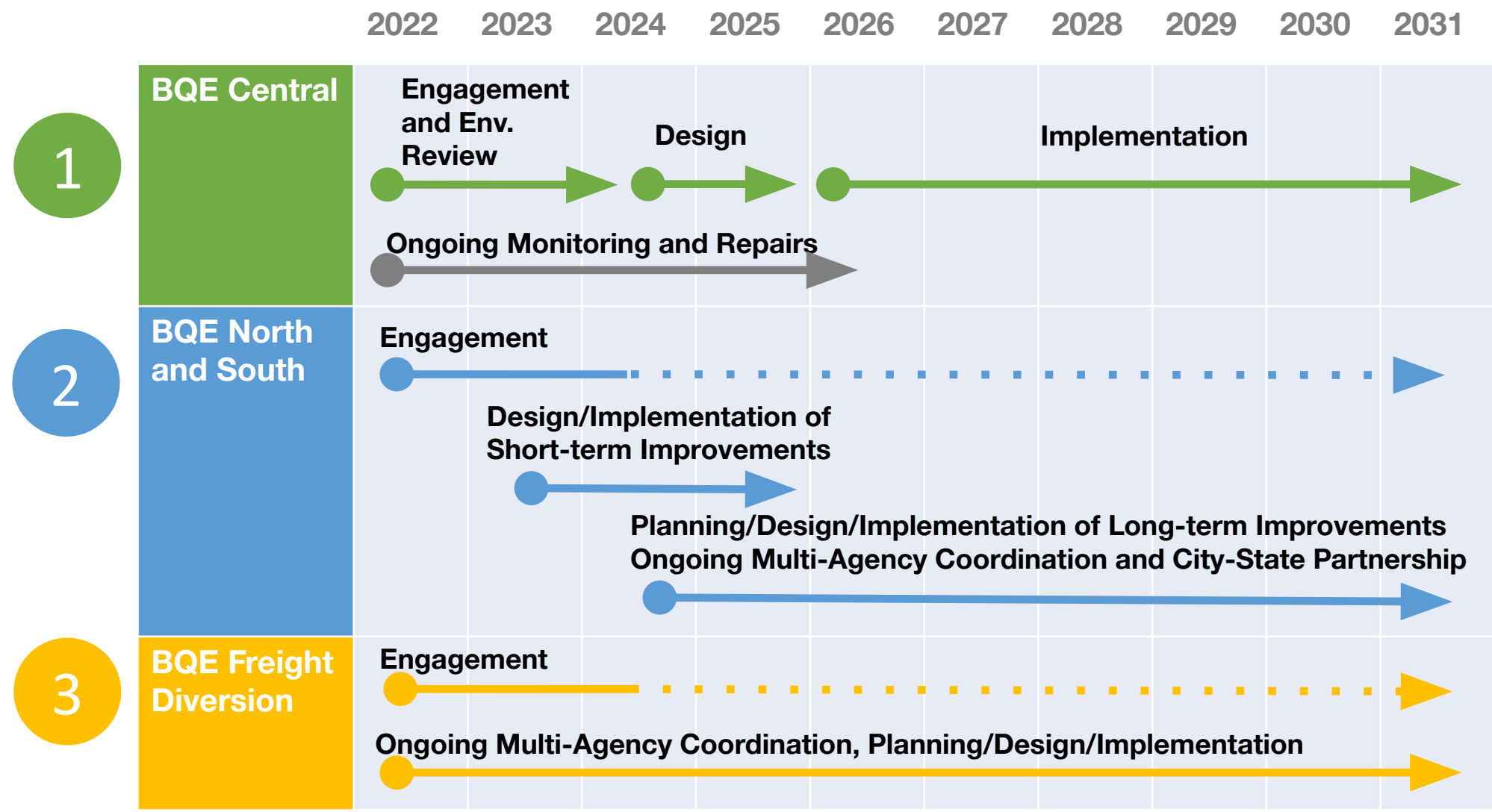


Central & Corridor-Wide Strategy

- **BQE North and South** short-term improvements and longer-term visioning
- **BQE Central** efforts will continue to focus on interim repairs, and create and implement a longer-term design concept
- **Freight Diversion** multi-agency planning



Anticipated Schedule



Engagement Approach: Inclusive, Transparent, Consistent

Community engagement will guide Mayor Adams' and DOT's decisions about the future of the full Brooklyn BQE Corridor.

We'll offer a variety of ways to provide input, including:

- **Public Workshops** (in-person, virtual options) - First round now through Nov. 10
- Regular **Community Visioning Council** Meetings
- **Online Platforms** for Community Input
- **Community Pop-Up Events**
- Collaboration with **Community Partners** – applications due 11/7, please spread the word!



Polling

BQE North & South Project Focus Areas



- 1 Greenpoint, North Williamsburg**
- 2 South Williamsburg, Navy Yard**
- 3 Cobble Hill, Carroll Gardens, Red Hook, Gowanus**
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BQE History



Sunset Park, 1930s



Red Hook, 1950



Williamsburg, 1958

Previous BQE Concepts & Ongoing Projects



BQGreen, DLANDstudio — Williamsburg



EI-Space, Design Trust for Public Space and NYC DOT – Sunset Park



Under the K Park, Public Work – Greenpoint



BQE Enhancement Study/Fix the Ditch, NYC EDC – Cobble Hill

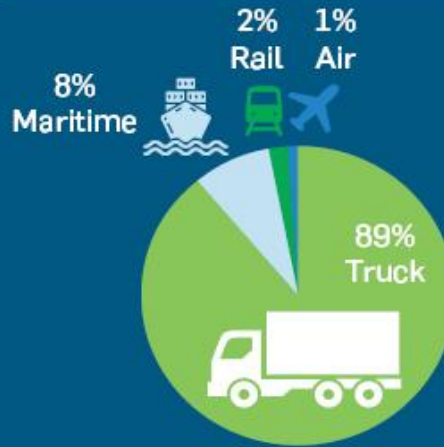
Additional Studies and Ongoing Projects

- NYC DOT Street Improvement Projects (SIPs)
 - McGuinness Blvd ped/bike improvements
 - Meeker Avenue ped/bike improvements
 - Myrtle Ave & Ryerson Ave raised crosswalk
 - Ashland Pl, Navy St, Hanson Pl bike improvements
- Regional Freight Land Use Study (MTA)
- Bus Network Redesign (MTA, NYC DOT)
- Governing Green Experiential Toolkit (Cary Institute)
- Microhubs RFEI (NYC DOT)
- BQE Tunnel 3D Feasibility Study (NYC DOT)
- Delivering Green sustainable freight report (NYC DOT, NYC EDC)
- Blue Highways Program (NYC DOT, NYC EDC)
- EI-Space Toolkit (Design Trust for Public Space, NYC DOT)
- Red Hook Brownfield area study
- Sunset Park Brownfield study
- Various studies about air quality, pollution, and health related to highways

Traffic & Freight



Daily traffic on the BQE exceeds **130,000 vehicles**, including **13,000 trucks**.

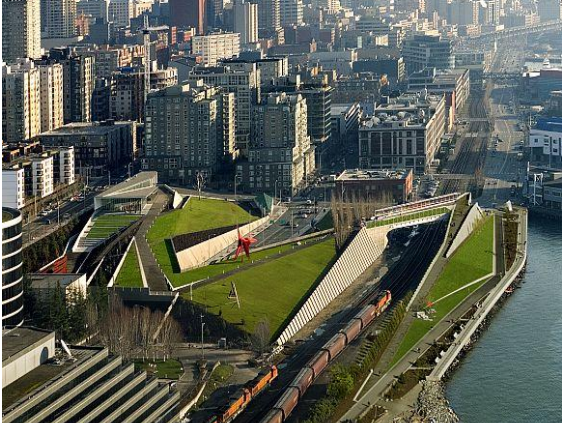


New York is **extremely reliant on trucks as a means of transporting goods**, with **almost all goods (89%)** being brought into the city **by trucks**.



The BQE connects the Tri-State Area to all five boroughs of New York city. Close to **200 million tons of freight** move into, out of, or within the five boroughs every year.

Inspiration from Other Cities



Seattle, WA



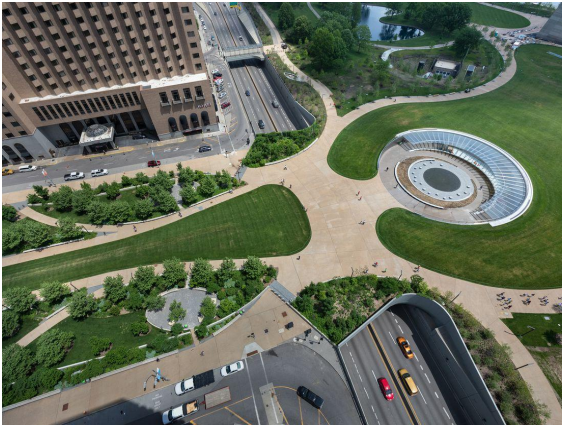
Vancouver, WA



Dallas, TX



Seoul, South Korea



St Louis, MO



Pittsburgh, PA

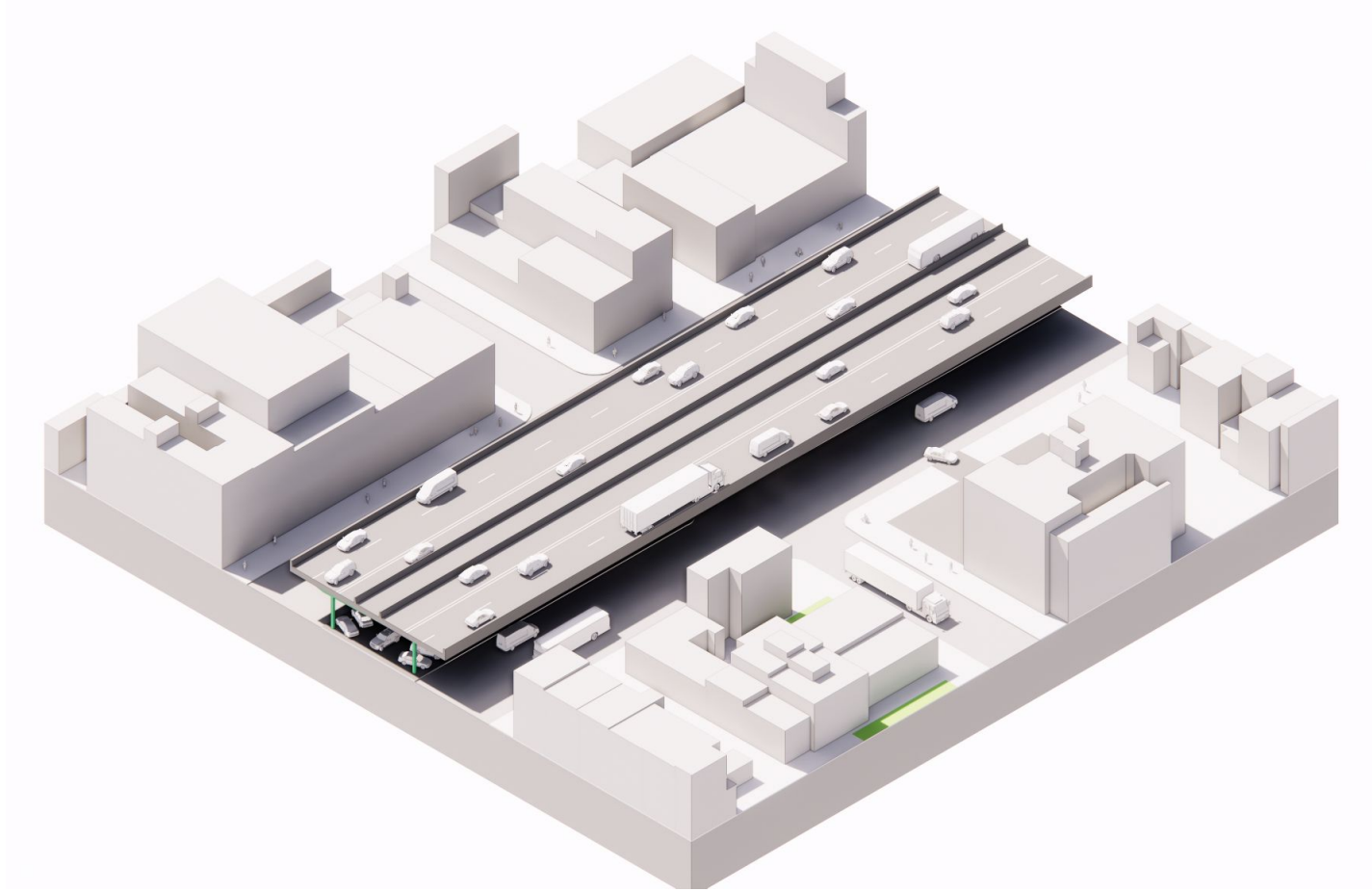


Toronto, Canada

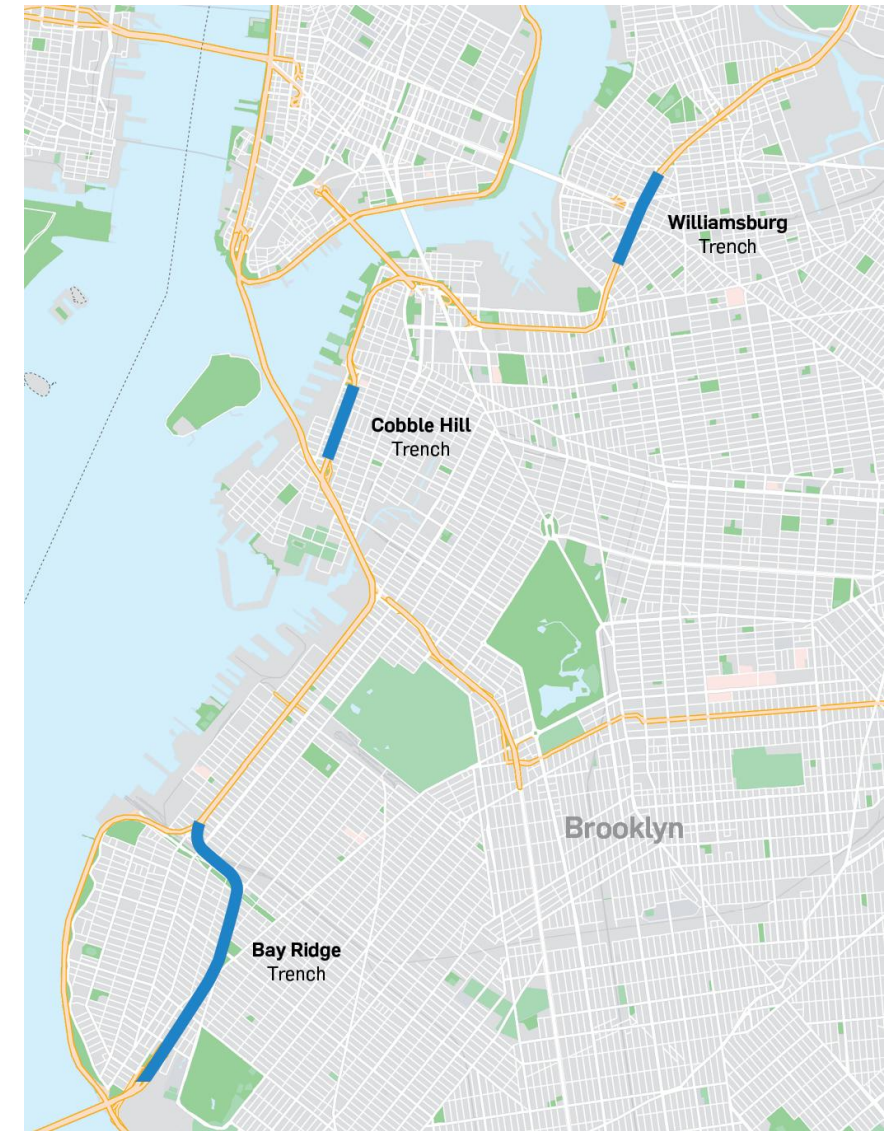
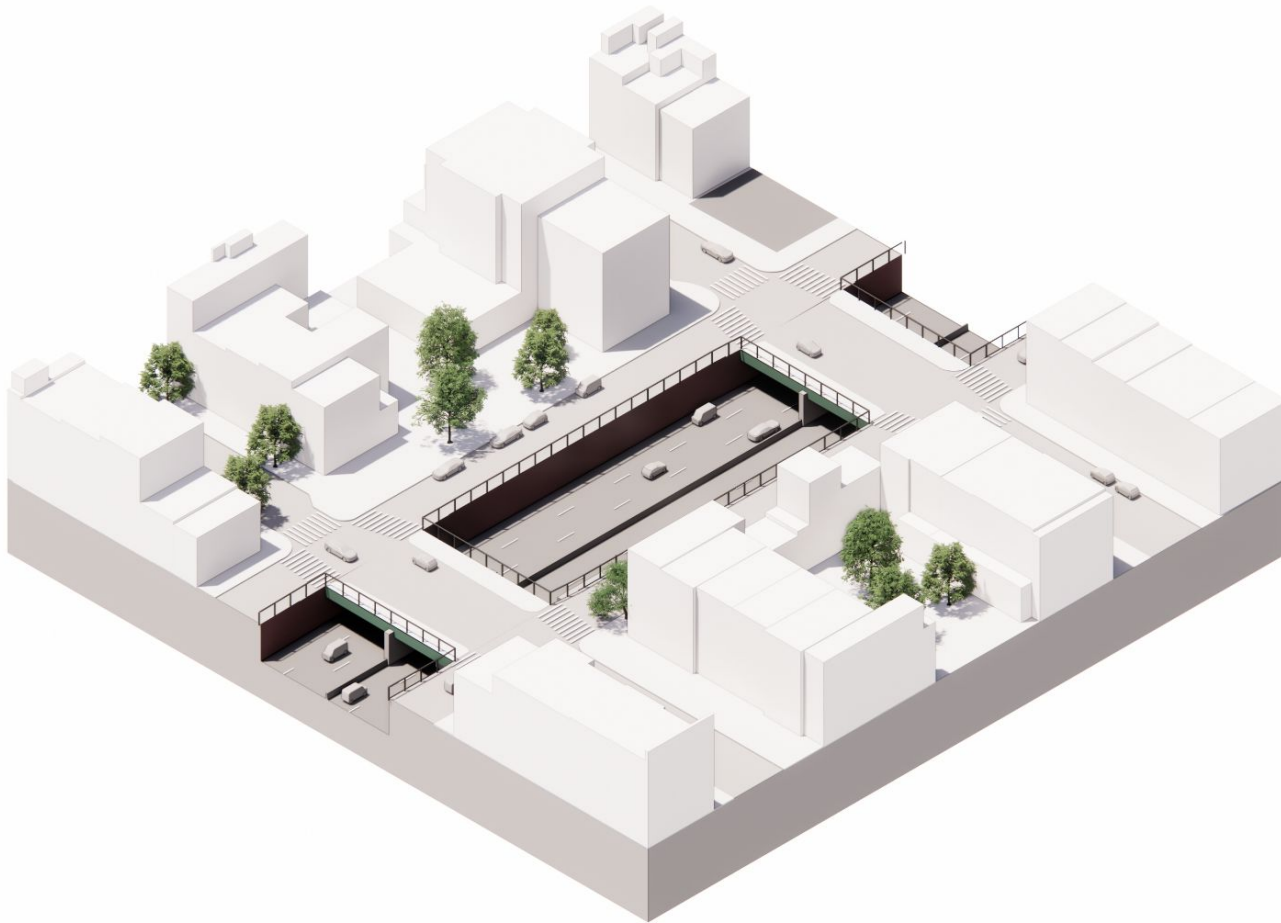


San Francisco, CA

BQE Structure — Viaduct



BQE Structure — Trench



Short Term Opportunities

Safety upgrades



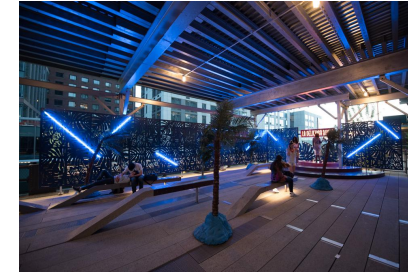
Slip Lane Closures



Protected Bike Lanes



Lighting



Lighting



Curb Extensions

Activation



Seating



Retail



Markets



Murals



Events & Performances

Amenities



Bike Share



Comfort Stations



Landscaping



Fitness Stations



Bike Repair Station



Long Term Opportunities

Big Moves



Boulevard Conversion



Trench Cover



Pedestrian Bridge



Structural Re-Use

Capital Improvements



Skate Parks & Sports Fields



Parks & Landscaping



Seasonal Programming



Retail & Plazas



Questions & Answers

- Please place questions about the project overall or tonight's run of show in the chat section of the Zoom
- We'll have opportunities for sharing specific ideas and feedback in break-out groups up next



Breakout Groups Agenda

- We will:
 - Identify key issues and opportunities in the BQE North and South project areas
 - Draw upon a menu of project ideas to identify short- and long-term interventions
 - Provide other general comments and questions based on what you have heard tonight



Workshop Community Agreements

- Be on camera and audio if possible
- Mute when you are not speaking
- Share the air-time – make room for everyone to participate
- Respect the diverse viewpoints and experiences in the group - together, we know a lot; alone, we won't know it all



Breakout Room Instructions

- Select the breakout room icon to join a room
- You may be moved to a different room for the same area to keep discussions as small as possible
- To return to main session, select “Leave”
- Change rooms any time (“Leave” → Breakouts Icon)
- If you need help, raise your hand or type into chat
- If you need translation services, type into chat

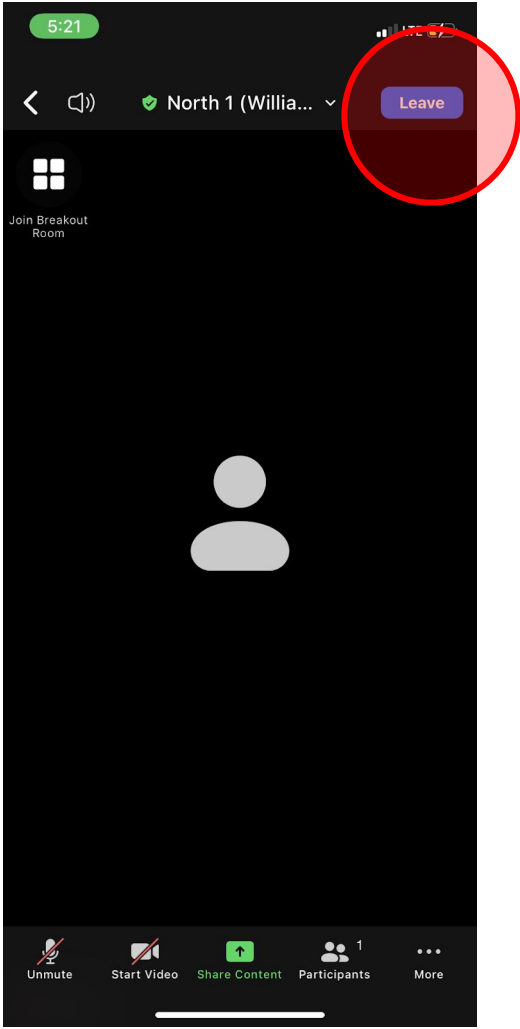
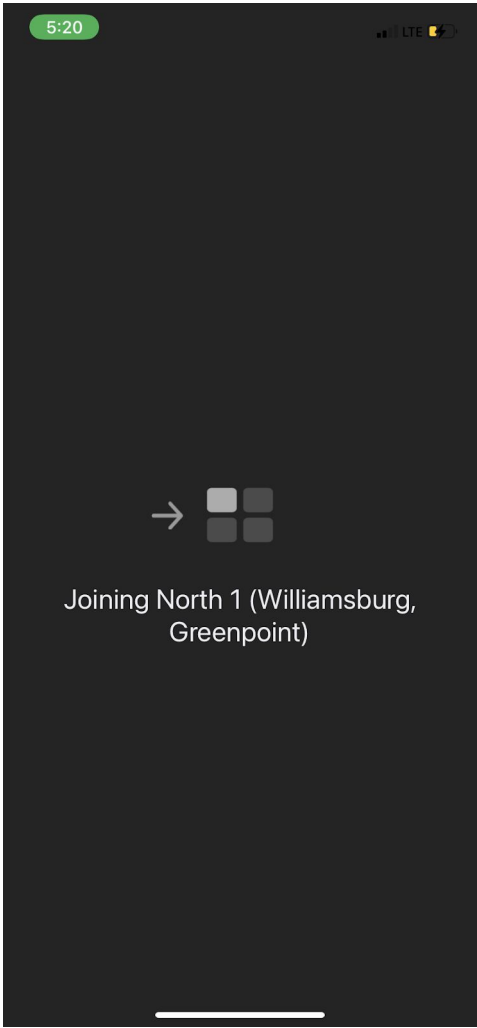
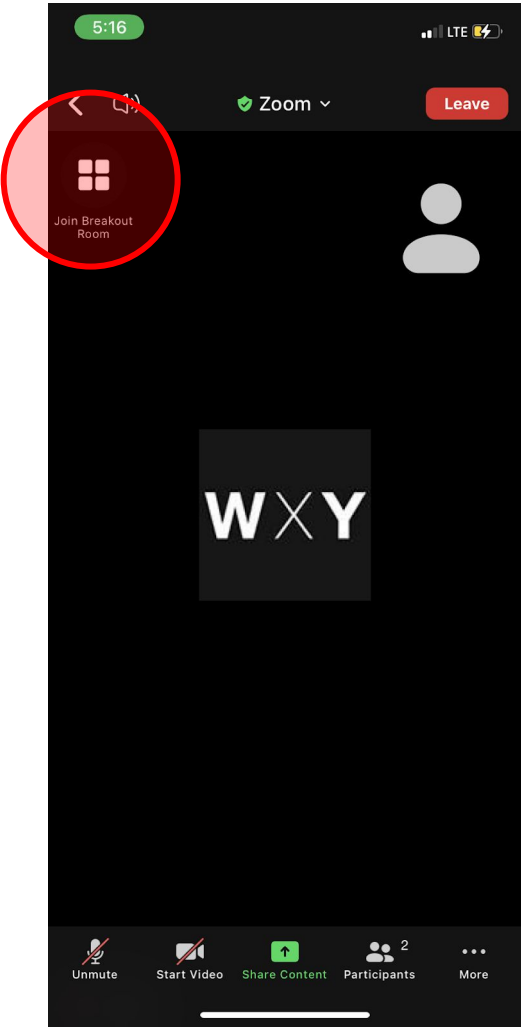


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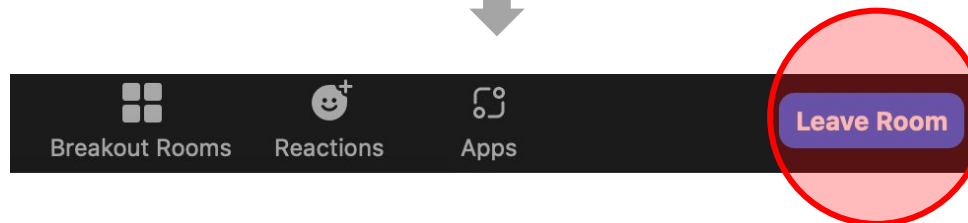
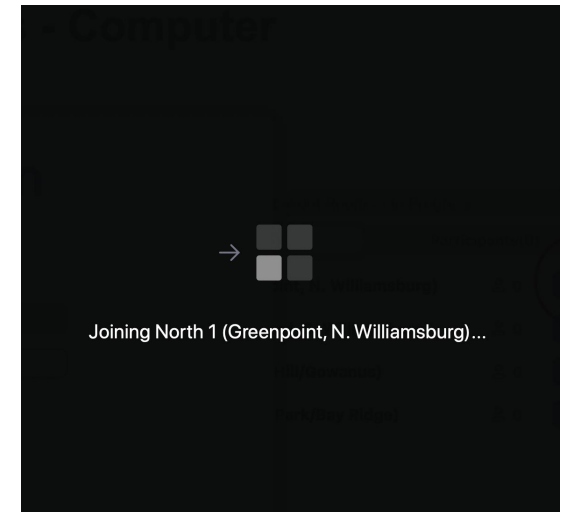


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Breakout Room Instructions - Mobile



Breakout Room Instructions - Computer



Other Upcoming Meetings and Workshops

All workshops 6:30-8:30pm

BQE North and South Round 1

Monday, 11/7/2022: BQE South Workshop (In-Person) - P.S. 371 Lillian L. Rashkis High School 355 37th Street

Thursday, 11/10/2022: BQE North Workshop (In-Person) - M.S. 126 John Ericsson Middle School 424 Leonard Street

BQE North and South Round 2

Tuesday 3/21/2023: BQE North Workshop (Virtual)

Thursday 3/23/2023: BQE South Workshop (Virtual)

Monday 3/27/2023: BQE North Workshop (In-Person)

Thursday 3/30/2023: BQE South Workshop (In-Person)

BQE Central Round 2

Tuesday, December 13: BQE Central Workshop (In-Person)

Thursday December 15: BQE Central Workshop (Virtual)



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Thank you!