

Manhattan BP Seeks 34th Scheme Review

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer added his voice of concern on City DOT's latest [foible](#) - its "Transitway" scheme to radically reconfigure 34th Street. The Borough President calls for a block by block environmental review this morning on [Fox Five's Good Day New York](#). Borough President Stringer also calls for a conversation before the agency releases its scheme. Already, the outlines of the plan remain out there for those who attended the so-called community sessions:

- ✗ removing two traffic lanes on 34th Street, from the East River to the Hudson, by creating exclusive, bus only lanes separated from other traffic by a pedestrian island,
- ✗ limiting all other traffic on 34th Street to two one-way lanes going west from Sixth Avenue, and two one-way lanes going east from Fifth Avenue, and
- ✗ excluding all vehicles other than buses from 34th Street between Fifth and Sixth Avenues,
- ✗ turning 34th Street between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, into an avenue block-long pedestrian mall.

Keep NYC Free continues to [query](#) why devote the resources – both in funding and staff and consultants on this scheme ahead of other needs across the city. Stringer noted the bus rapid transit routes on 2nd Avenue as an example of change that proved less intrusive.

Plan To Create Pedestrian Mall On 34th St.

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[MYFOXNY.COM](#) - The Department of Transportation is considering a plan to turn part of 34th Street in Manhattan into a pedestrian mall.

Not everyone is in love with the idea.

The mall would be similar to the one that exists in Times Square and would have a separate bike path and bus lane. It would also reroute traffic because 34th Street from Fifth Ave to Sixth Ave. would be closed to vehicles.

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer wants the City to slow down and do a block-by-block analysis of the plan's impact on businesses and traffic flow.

Stringer spoke with Good Day New York on Thursday about the plan.

Link to see video interview:

http://www.myfoxny.com/dpp/good_day_ny/plan-to-create-pedestrian-mall-on-34th-st-20110224