



# **Penn Station Public Realm Task Force Meeting 5**

**WXY**



**Empire State  
Development**

# Agenda

Public Realm Initial Goals

Public Realm Principles

Public Realm Plan

Discussion

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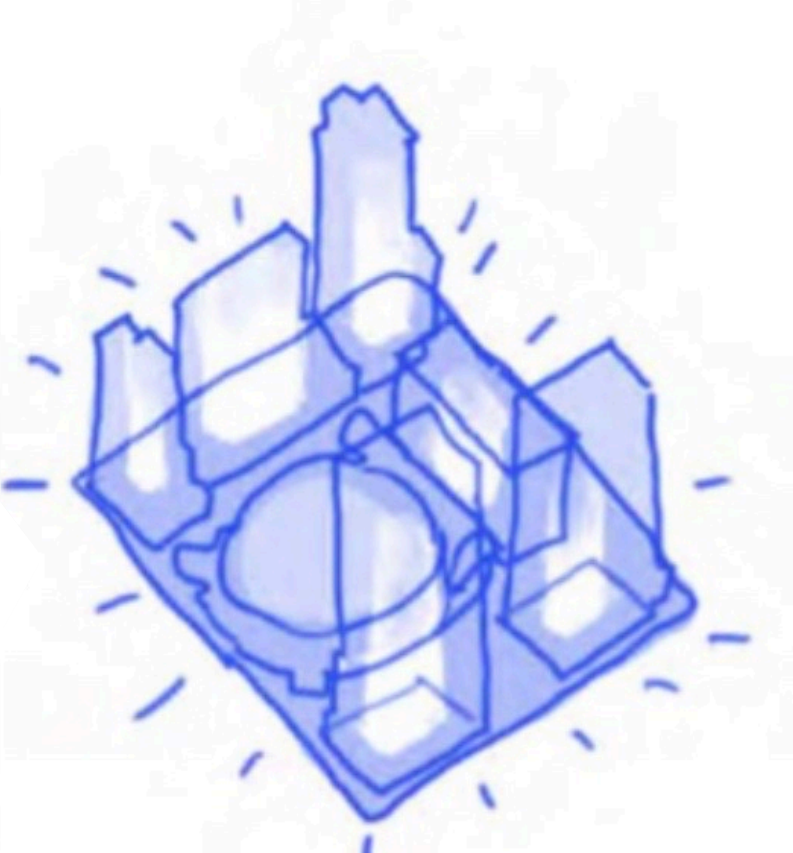
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# Public Realm Initial Goals

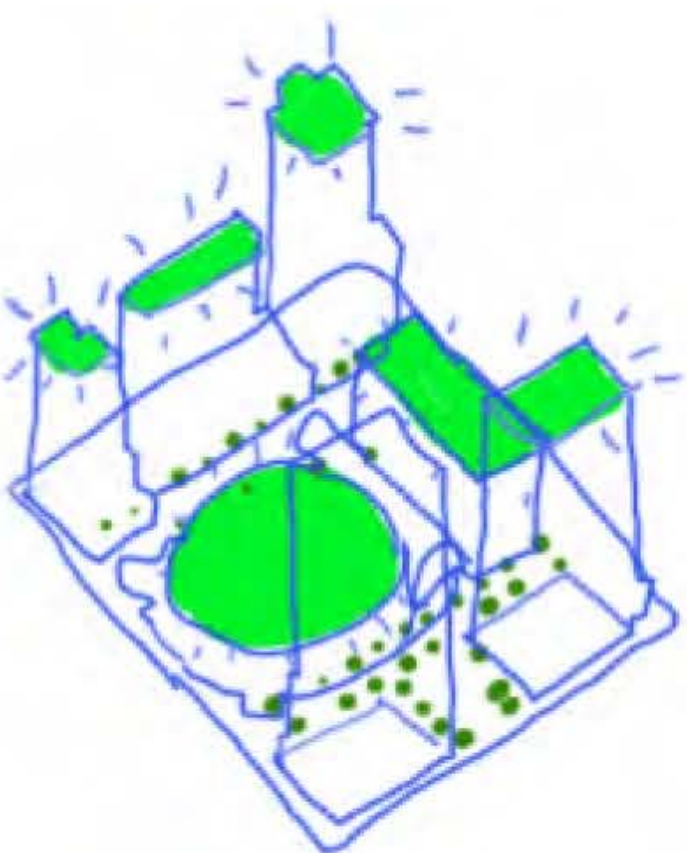


# Initial Penn Station Mobility District Goals - Pre-PRTF



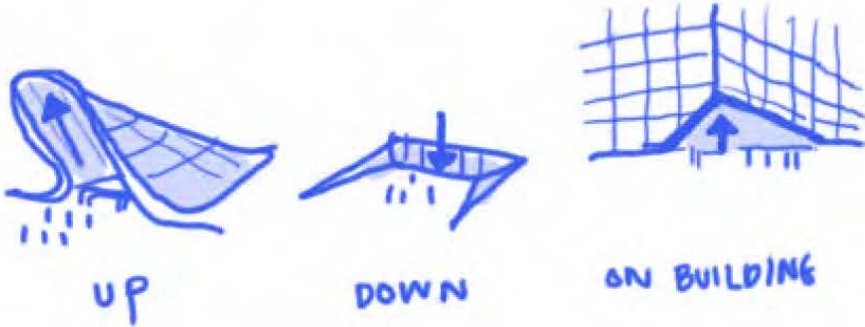
## Unified Transportation Hub

Knowing where you are and where to go, because it feels like a coherent experience.



## Green District

All the ways that pedestrian priority, creation of green roofs, and zero carbon strategies can lead the district.



## Accessibility

Welcoming and flexible, movement across the streets, blocks, and edges for people of all ages and abilities.

# Top Priorities for Penn Station Mobility District - Meeting 1



**Pedestrian Safety  
+ Experience**



**Wayfinding  
+ Legibility**



**Accessibility**



**Climate  
Responsiveness**

# **What makes a successful mobility district?**



# Pedestrian infrastructure



Almere, Netherlands



# Bike infrastructure



Rotterdam, Netherlands

# Wayfinding



London, UK



# Transit connections



Naples, Italy



# Accessibility



London, UK



# Lighting



Böblingen, Germany



# Seating



Vienna, Austria



# Programming and activation



Vienna, Austria



# Landscape



Budapest, Hungary



# Freight



Seattle, USA



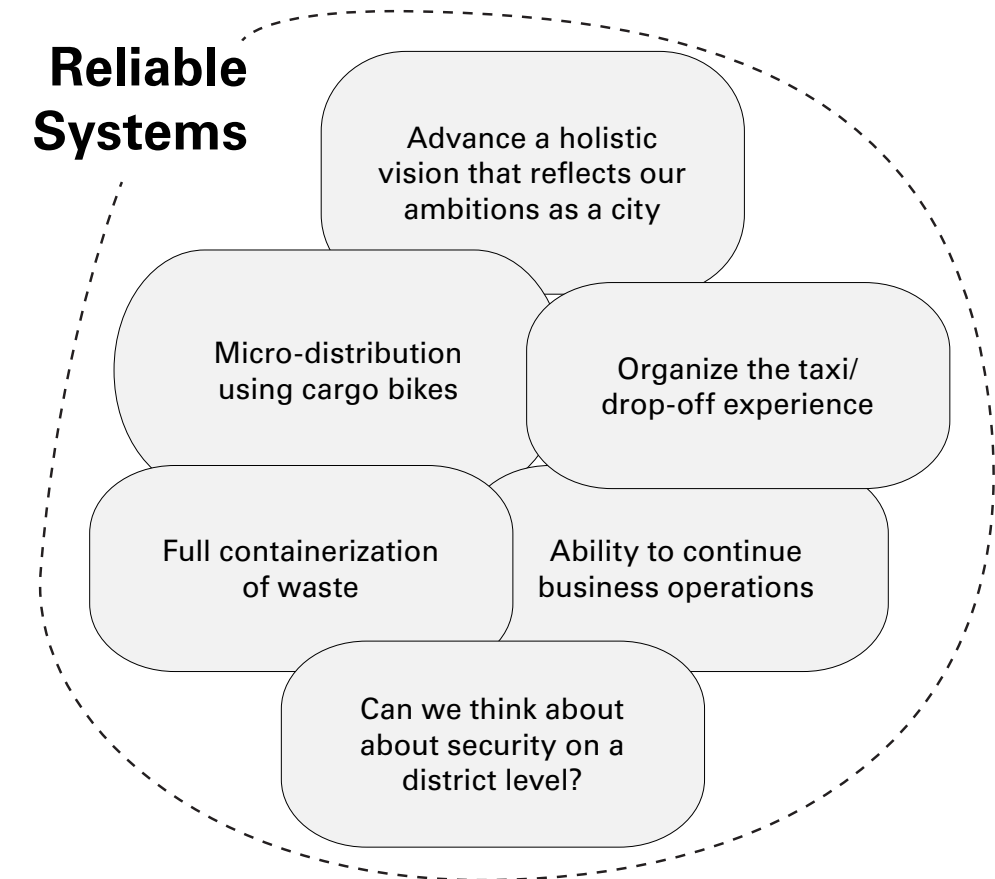
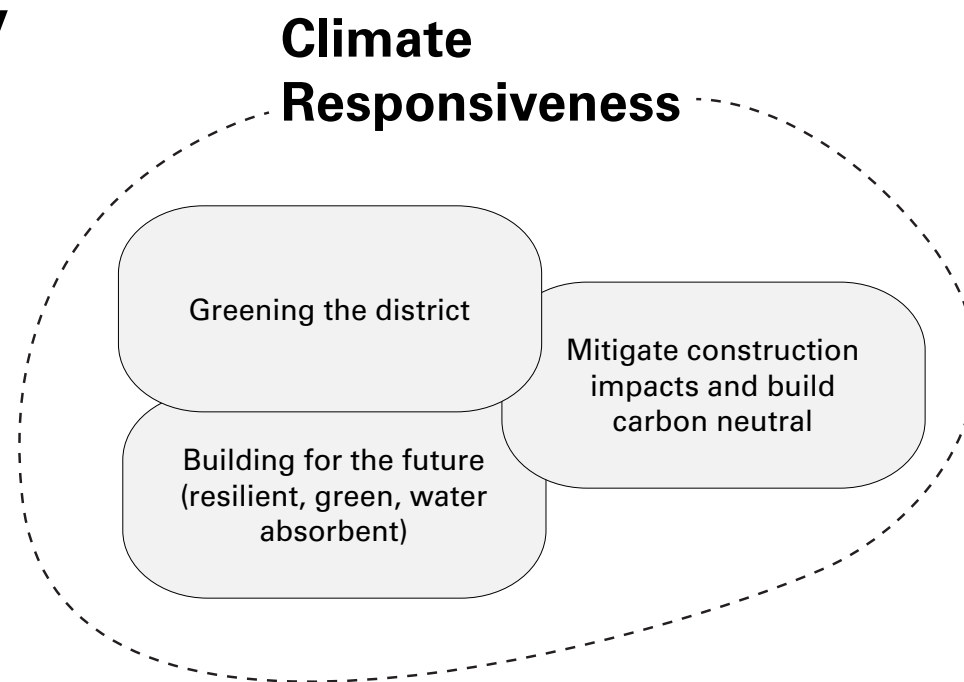
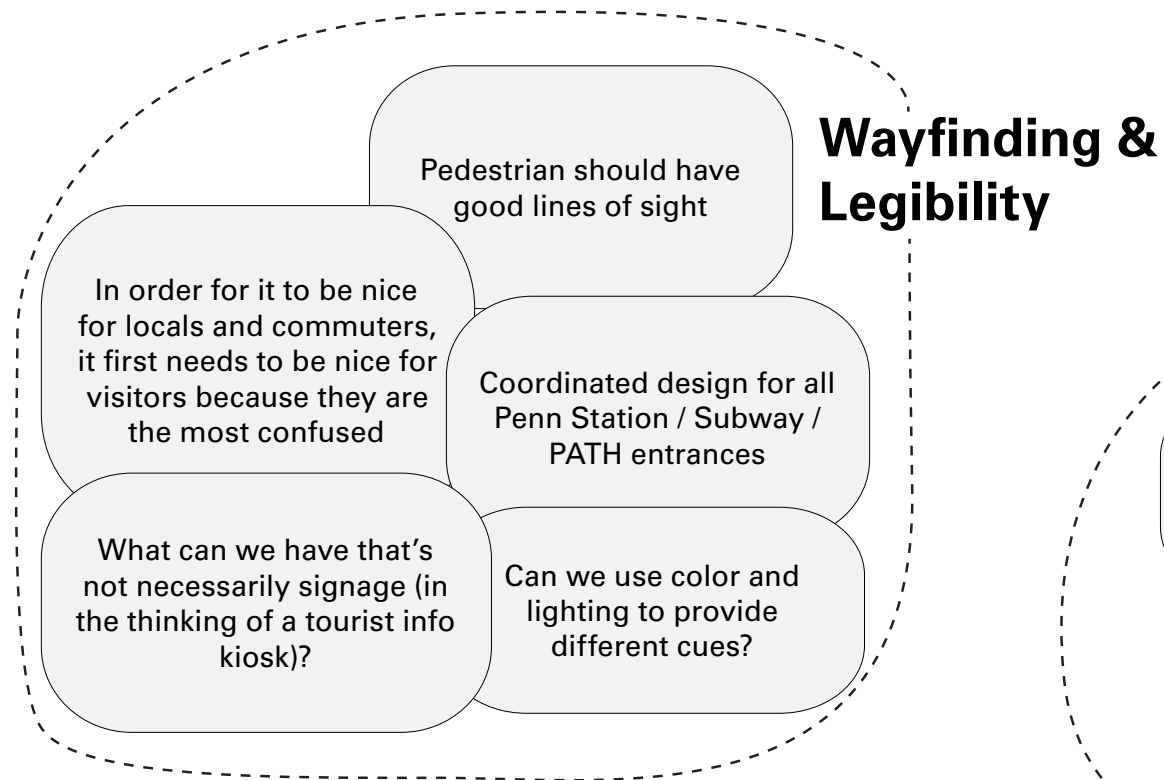
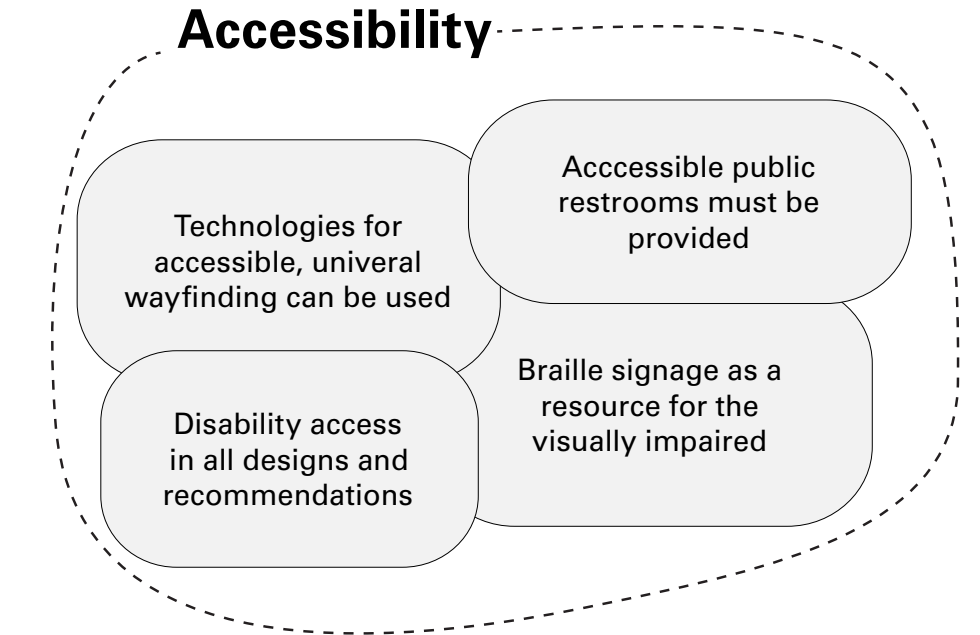
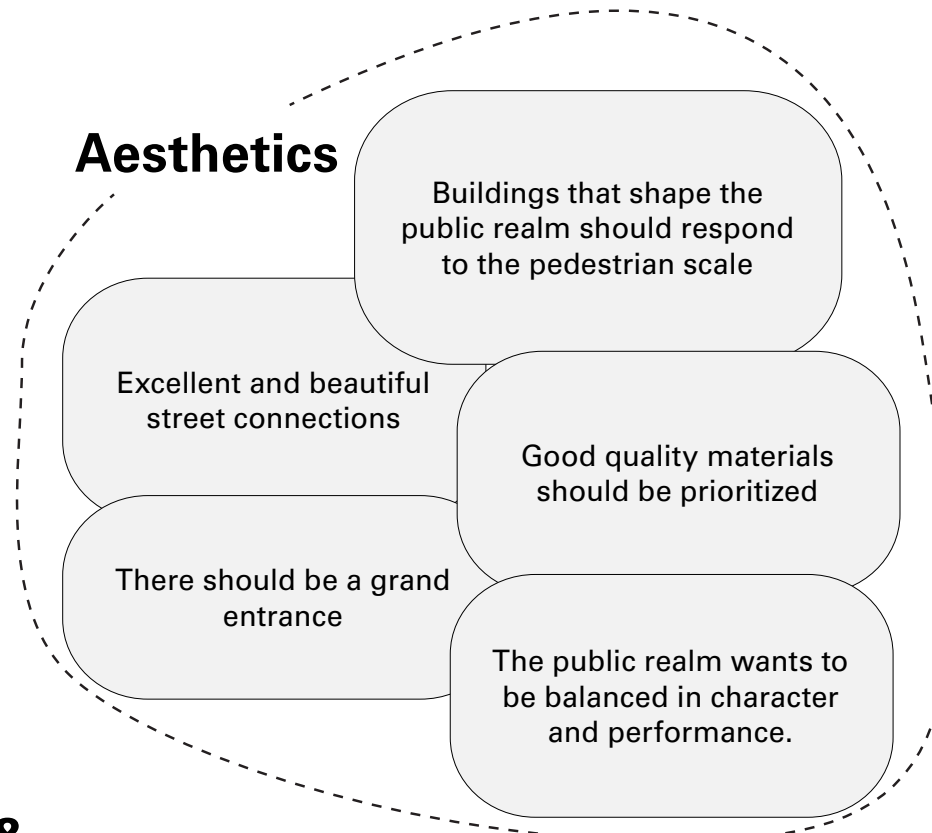
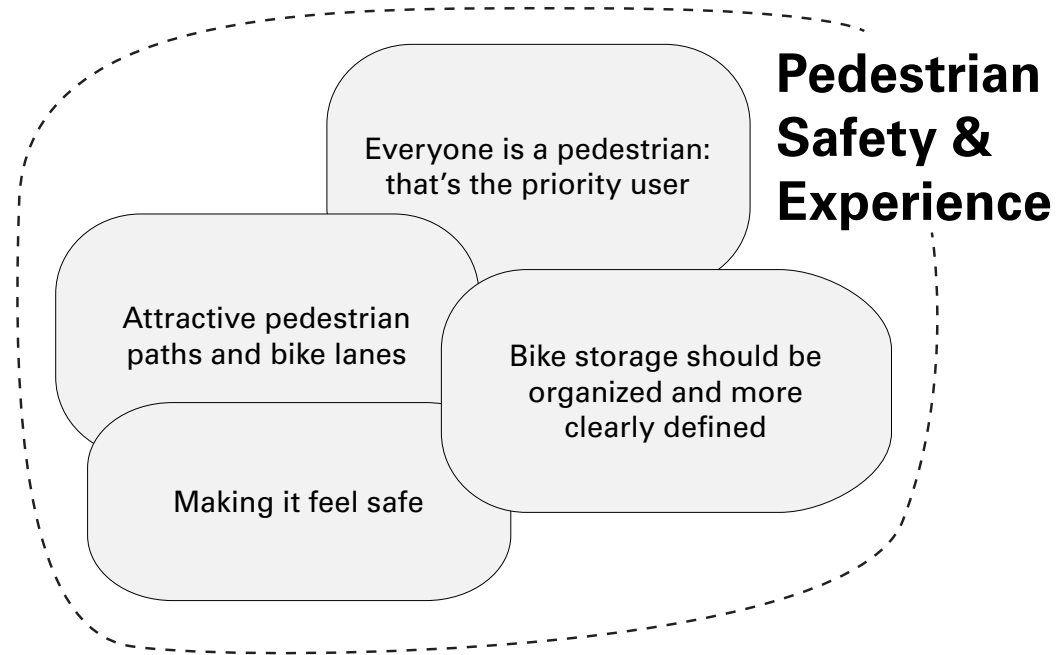
# Waste management



London, UK



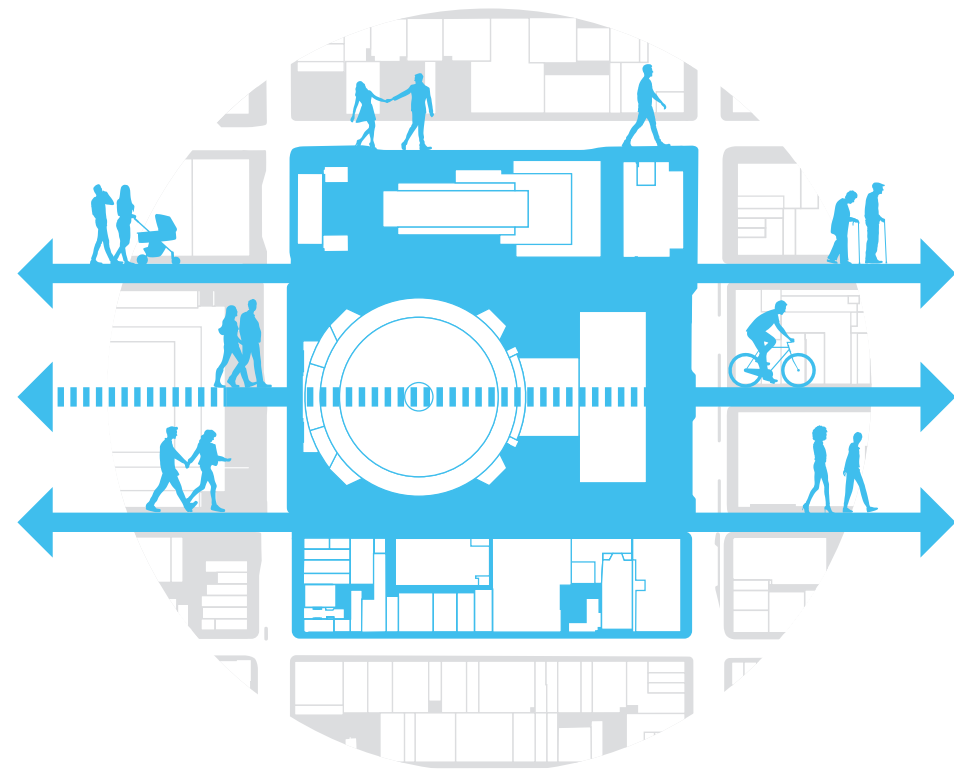
# Task Force Feedback



# Public Realm Principles



# Principle i: Pedestrian-Forward Mobility District



A distinctive public realm that appeals to pedestrians, who can move seamlessly and safely throughout the entire Penn Station area, with high-quality public spaces to enjoy and activate. An intermodal district designed for public transit users, cyclists, and new shared modes of transit that support the streetscape and connections below the street.



**Lighting**  
Almere, Netherlands



**Pedestrian-Priority Street**  
Vienna, Austria



**Bike Amenities**  
Rotterdam, Netherlands



**Curbless Street**  
Ljubljana, Slovenia



**Lighting**  
Böblingen, Germany



# Principle ii: Unified Systems Management



A unified approach to managing future systems of the Penn Station area by integrating them with the public realm plan. A safer and more comfortable place that supports national, regional and local mobility needs by central planning of maintenance, security, sanitation, vehicular access, wayfinding and information, and more.



**Sanitation Plan**  
London, United Kingdom



**Public Space Maintenance**  
Paris, France



**In-ground Heating for Winter Weather**  
Oslo, Norway



**Restricted Vehicular Access**  
New York City, USA



**Wayfinding and Signage**  
London, United Kingdom



# Principle iii: PENN Public Realm For Everyone



A district that centers the importance of Penn Station's civic identity as a regional asset. A model of access for all. A public realm that serves daily commuters and first-time visitors equally because finding where to go is intuitive and easy. A climate-aware space with trees and landscaping that responds to future needs, day and night.



**Activated Steps for Seating**  
New York City, USA



**Multi-generational Spaces**  
Boston, USA



**Supportive Services**  
Philadelphia, USA



**Accessible Pedestrian Spaces**  
London, United Kingdom



**Programming**  
Tokyo, Japan

# Public Realm Plan











# Penn Public Realm: Existing

- General Project Plan Boundary
- ▨ Development Site
- ◀ Station Access





# Penn Public Realm: Existing

-  Heat Island Effect / Lack of Trees
-  Lack of Open Space
-  Inadequate Space for Volume of People
-  Lack of Wayfinding
-  Freight Competing for Pedestrian Space
-  Inadequate Bike Parking
-  Bike Lane
-  General Project Plan Boundary
-  Development Site
-  Station Access



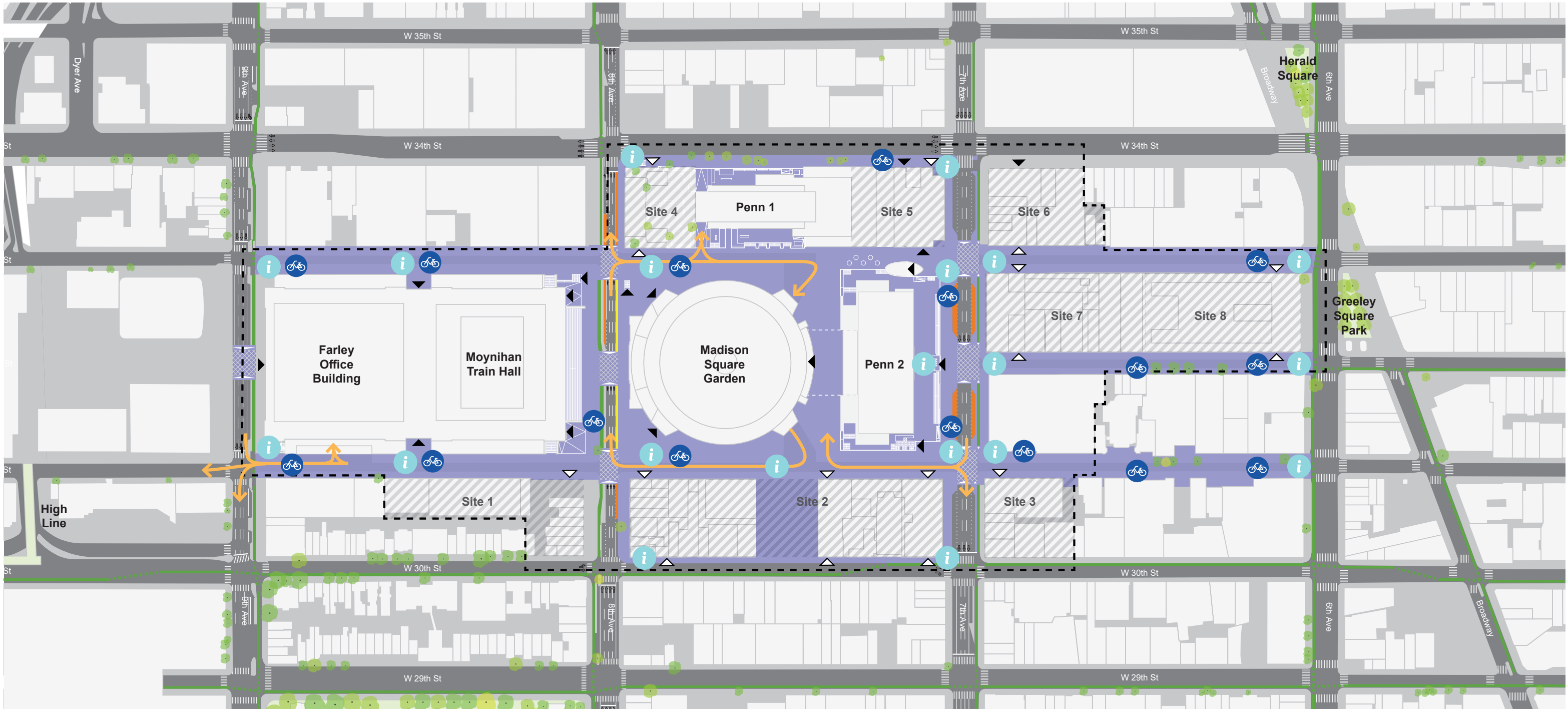
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- Pedestrian-Priority Streets
- Raised Crossings
- General Project Plan Boundary
- Development Site
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- Station Access - Planned
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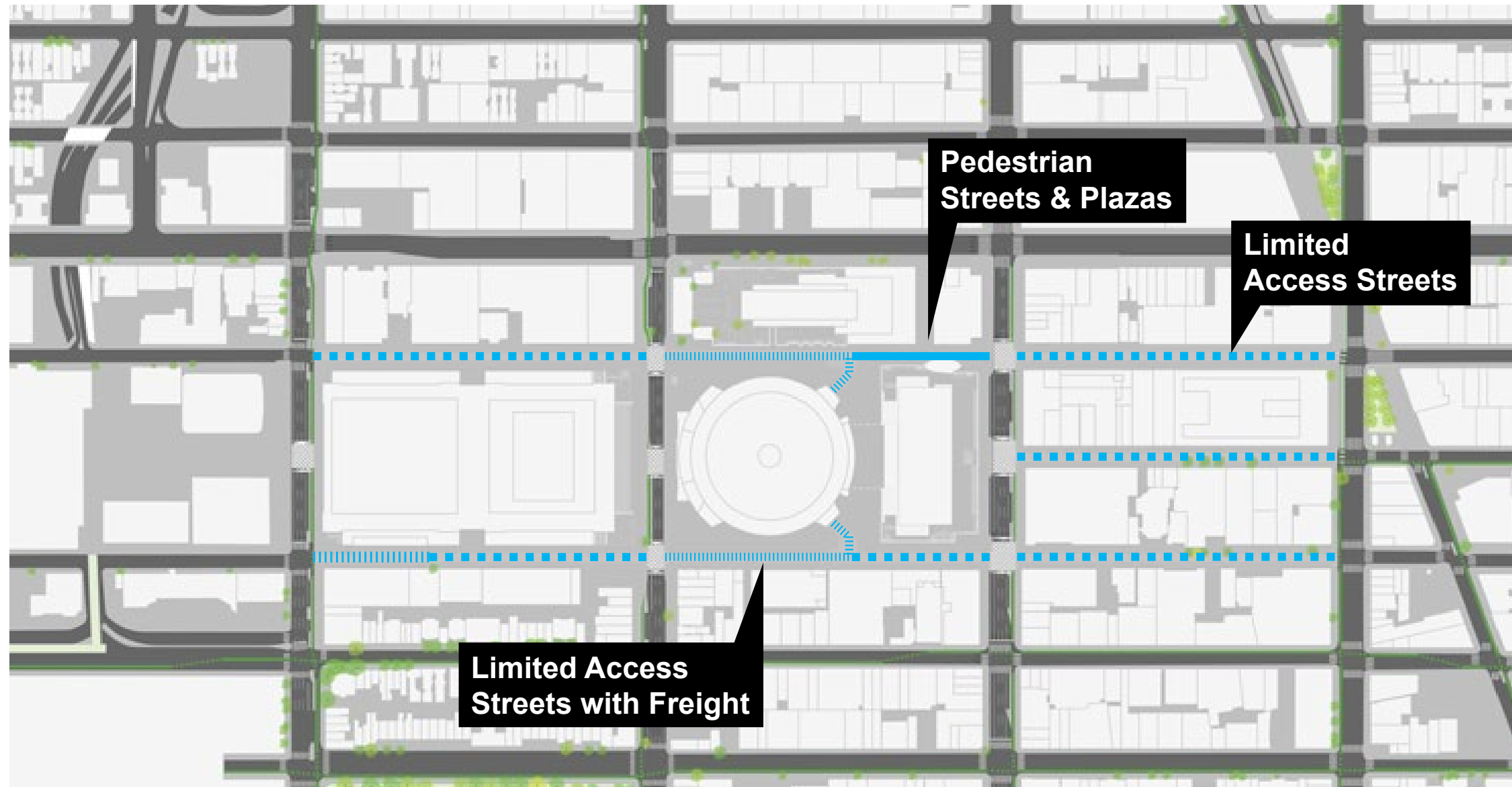
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- Taxi Stand Pick-up
- Taxi, Uber/Lyft Pick-up/drop-off
- i Wayfinding
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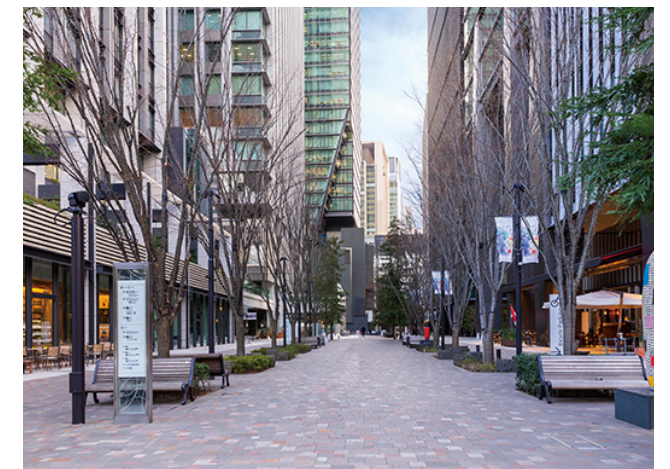
# Penn Public Realm: Pedestrian-Priority Street Types



— Pedestrian Streets & Plazas



--- Limited Access Streets



..... Limited Access Streets with Freight





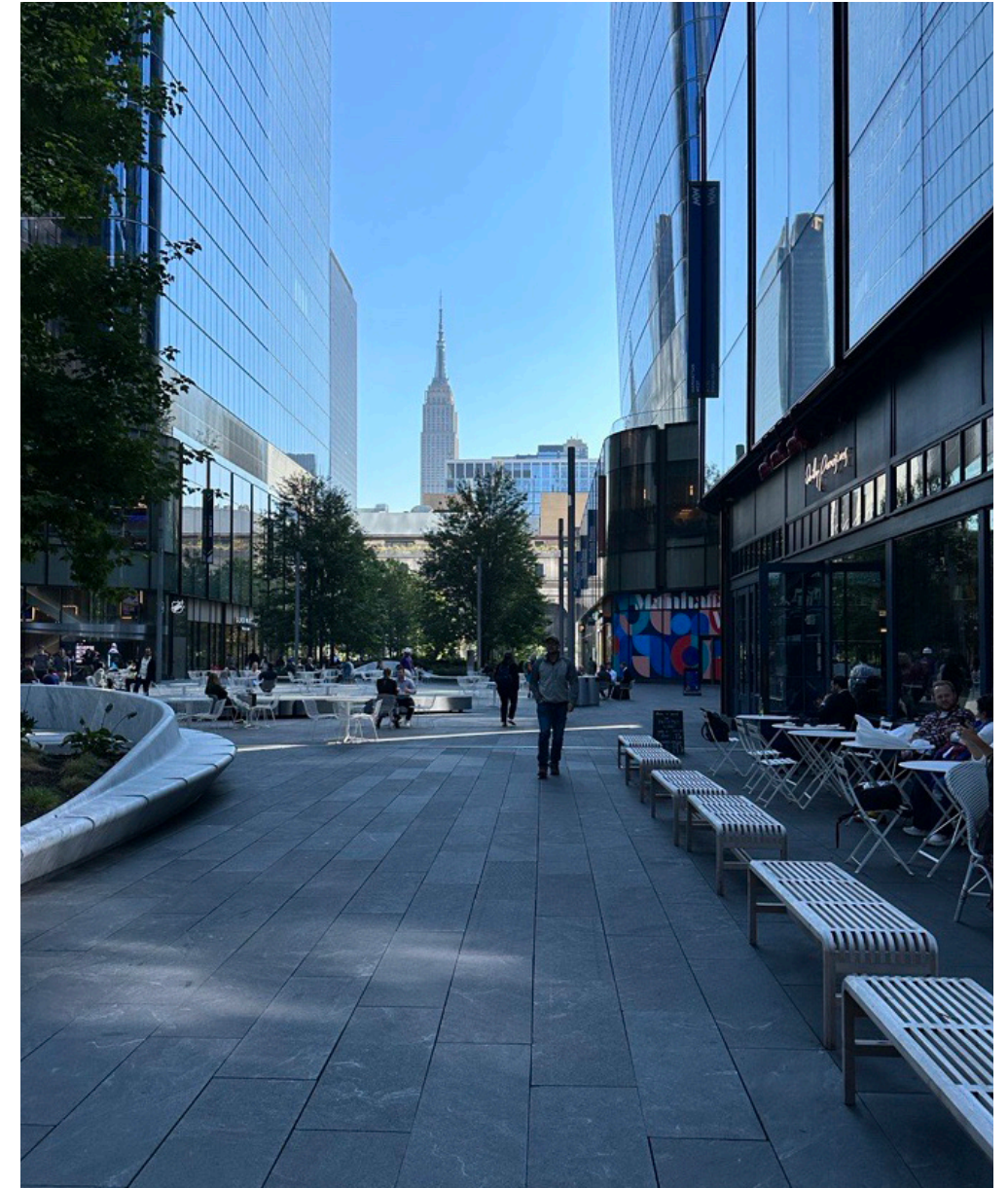
# Penn Public Realm: Construction Updates



High Line—Moynihan Connector



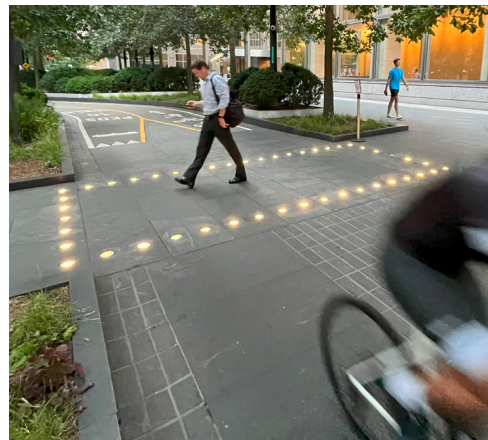
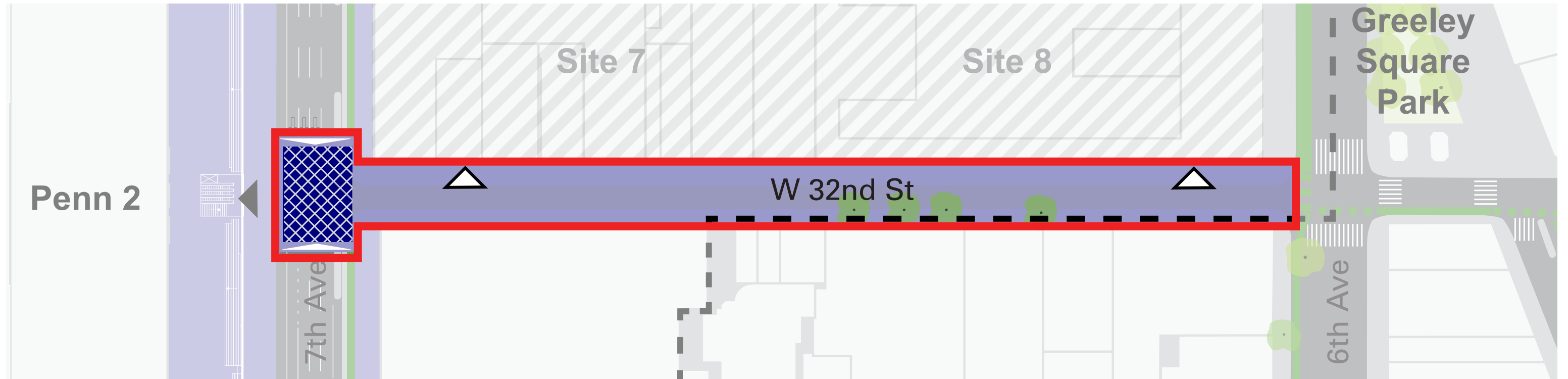
Penn Concourse + 7th/33rd Entrance



Manhattan West



# Materiality | 32nd St between 6th Ave and 7th Ave



Raised crossing



Granite pavers



Overhead lighting



Benches & seating



Wayfinding



Vehicular access



# Materiality | Ground Surface + Pavers



New York City  
World Trade Center



Brighton, UK  
New Road



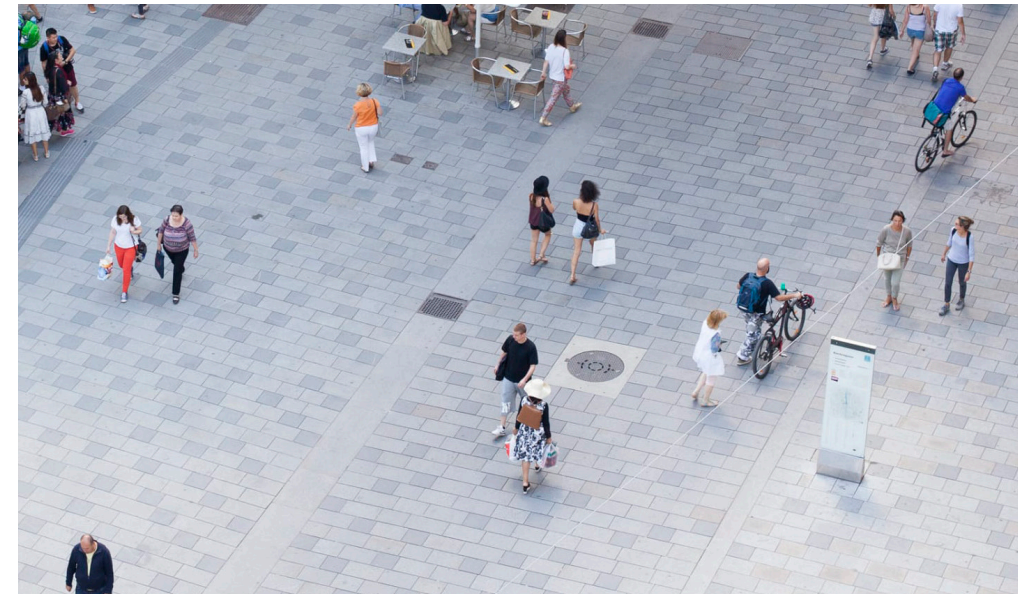
New York City  
Meatpacking District



London, UK  
Kings Cross



New York City  
Times Square



Vienna, Austria  
Mariahilfer Strasse



# Materiality | Lighting



Overhead lighting



Overhead lighting



Overhead lighting



Artistic lighting



Decorative lighting



Light poles



# Materiality | Climate Sensitive



New York City  
550 Madison



New York City  
345 W 14th St



Milan, Italy  
Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II



New York City  
Battery Park City










New York City  
West Village

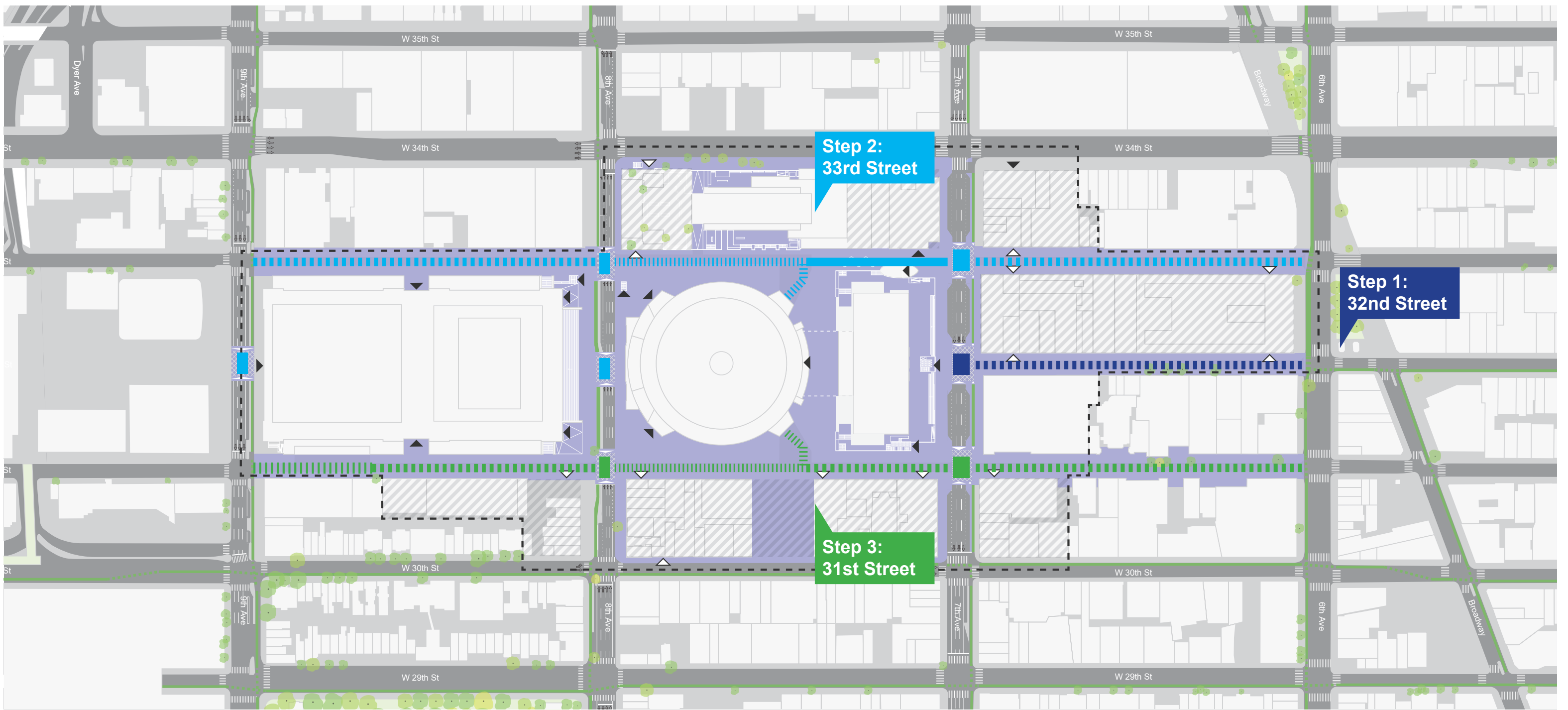


New York City  
Penn Station - rendering



# Penn Public Realm: Proposed Phasing

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# Discussion



# Next Steps

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Finalize concept plans into report document

Present draft Penn Public Realm Report at next  
Task Force meeting