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Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10037

Daniel Scorse
Hudson Yards Hell's Kitchen Alliance
412 W 42nd Street, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10036

Re: Pedestrian Improvements to Hudson Boulevard

Dear Commissioner Pincar and Mr. Scorse,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) applauds and, at its November 6th Full Board meeting, voted with 36 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote to support the improvements to pedestrian safety proposed along Hudson Boulevard and Bella Abzug Park in Hudson Yards. The improvements consist of:

- Expanding sidewalks around each block of the park by reclaiming the parking lanes (except on the north side of 34th Street)
- Installing neck-downs at all corners not adjacent to the park
- Adding high-visibility pedestrian crossings at all intersections and a mid-block north-south pedestrian crossing at West 34th Street, on the western path of the park
- Add a stop sign at West 36th Street and Hudson Boulevard East

As the two subway entrances have opened and the Vessel is attracting 90,000 pedestrian visitors on weekends, it has become clear that additional pedestrian space and safety measures will be required on a corridor that was designed fifteen years ago with a high vehicular activity in mind.

This proposal, which has been studied by Sam Schwartz's engineers, will not affect the Hudson Boulevard's moving lanes or commercial buildings' loading lanes. It provides expanded sidewalks and additional tree plantings along the park, as well as safer crossings for commuters and parks users.

We recommend that such improvements be implemented as soon as feasible, while adjacent development is underway.

Sincerely,



Burt Lazarin
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Manhattan Community Board 4



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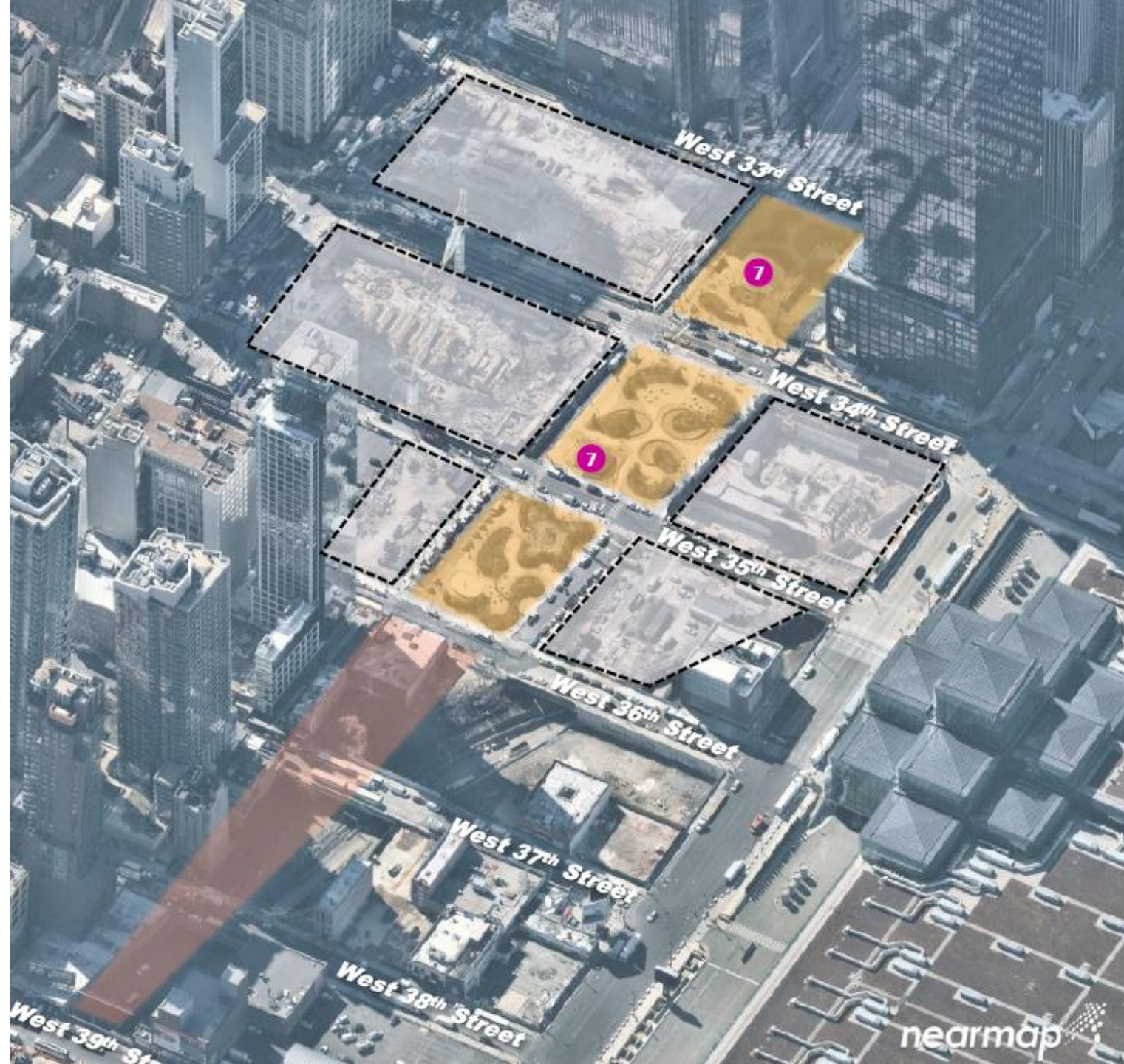
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Pedestrian Improvements Around Bella Abzug Park

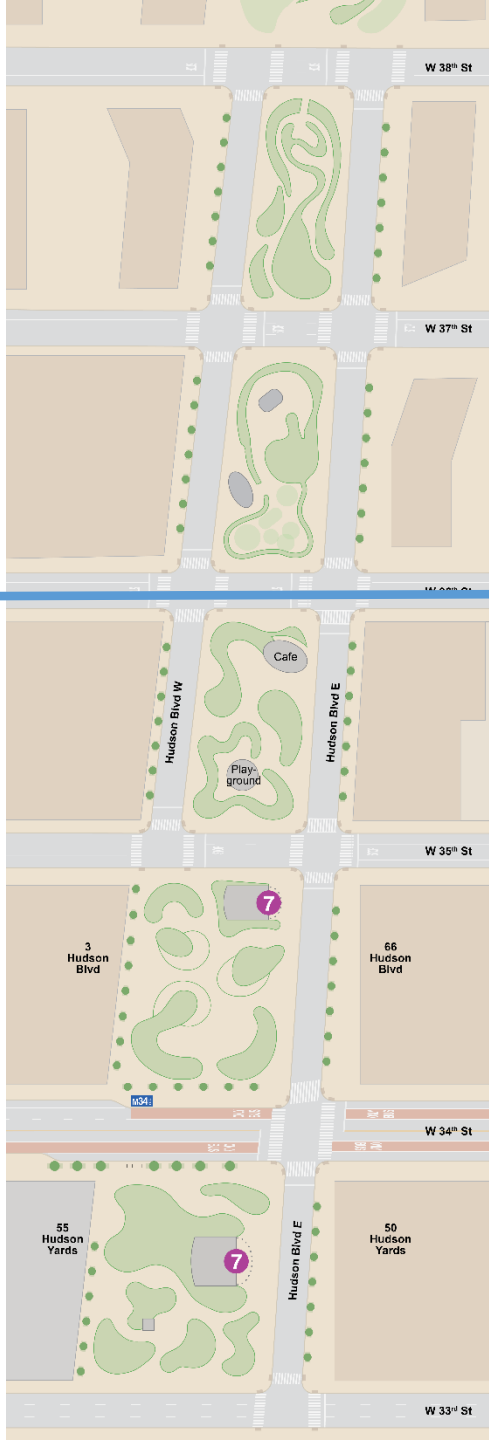
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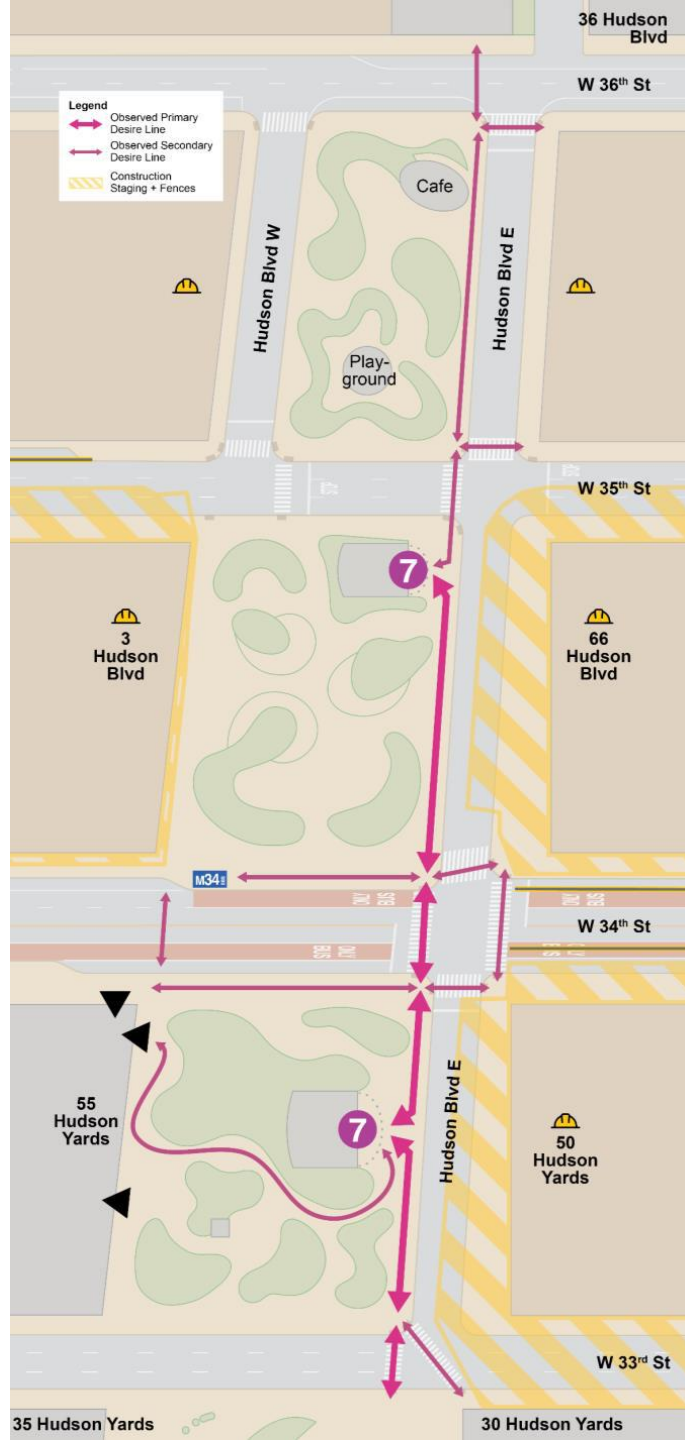




Phase 2

Phase 1 (existing)



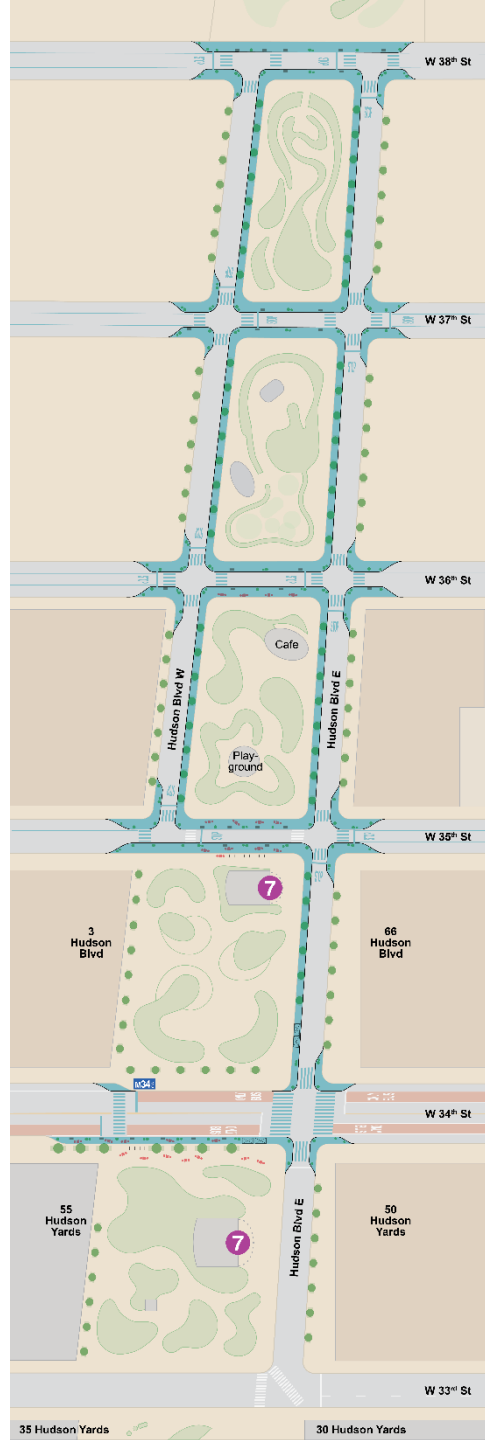


Existing Pedestrian Flow



Existing Conditions:

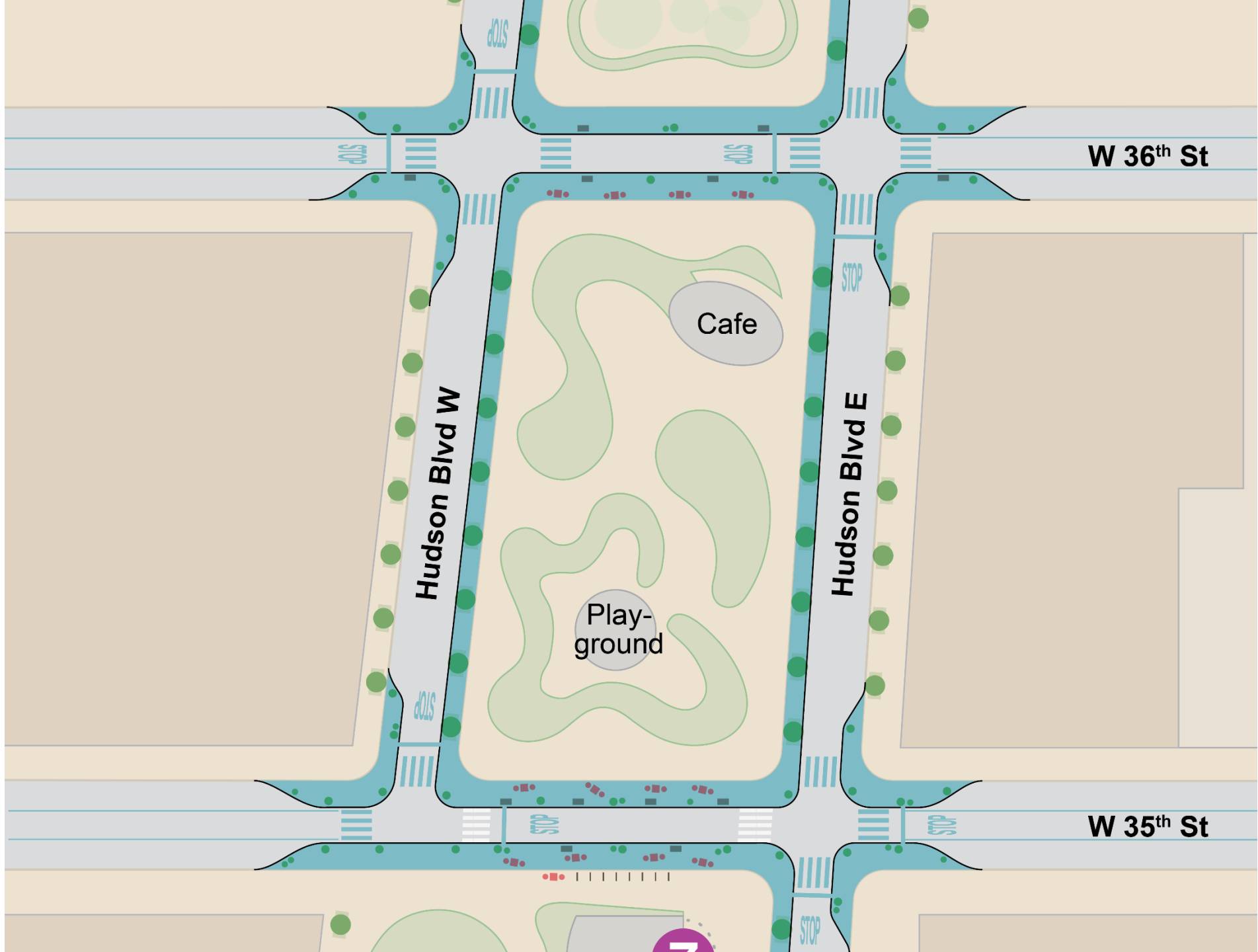
- Standard corners
- Unnecessary parking lane (around park)
- Lack of crosswalks
- Lack of street trees
- Lack of sidewalk amenities



Proposal:

- Corner bump outs
- Sidewalk widenings around park
- Additional street trees
- Additional crosswalks/stop signs
- Additional sidewalk amenities





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HYHK requests a resolution of support for improving the pedestrian environment around Bella Abzug Park using the following interventions:

- Corner bump outs (painted or permanent)
- Sidewalk widenings (painted or permanent), which would remove curbside parking along affected park sidewalks
- Additional crosswalks and stop signs
- Additional street trees and/or sidewalk amenities



Thank You