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## Greenway Bikes and Peds Are 25% of Flushing Avenue Traffic

BROOKLYN, NY - New traffic counts taken on Flushing Avenue along the Brooklyn Navy Yard show how the volume of non-motorized traffic has grown in anticipation of the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway. On June 22, 2014, 2,966 bikes passed this stretch between 7:00 am and 9:00 pm. During the same period 1,030 pedestrians and runners passed and 12,046 vehicles passed. See a sampling of the counts [here](#).

Earlier counts taken by Brooklyn Greenway Initiative (BGI) in 2010 showed a tripling of bike volume between spring and fall in response to the installation of the existing Flushing Avenue bike lanes, including the protected bike lanes at the eastern end of the Navy Yard. An earlier jump in volume occurred when the protected two-way bike lane was installed by the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) on Williamsburg Street West, creating a seamless connection between Kent and Flushing Avenues in both directions.



*Rendering Courtesy: Parsons Brinkerhoff*

A major greenway capital project on Flushing Avenue will soon create a Class 1 greenway segment, physically separated from traffic, with landscaping for the entire length of the Navy Yard. See the rendering above. "Each time new improvements like this occur and new connections are made we see a jump in greenway user volumes," said Milton Puryear, Co-Founder of BGI. "We anticipate another big jump when the Flushing Avenue capital project is completed." Flushing Avenue has been referred to as the biggest bike commuting street in New York City. The Flushing Avenue counts in June were produced by the non-profit [Right of Way](#) that works to turn the streets of NYC into vibrant public spaces. Financial support was provided by Marc Agger, a longtime Brooklyn waterfront businessman and investor.

Brooklyn Greenway Initiative (BGI) is the 501c3 non-profit organization committed to the establishment, development and long-term stewardship of the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway. The Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway is a 14-mile landscaped route for pedestrians, runners and cyclists that will connect neighborhood parks and open spaces from Greenpoint to Bay Ridge.