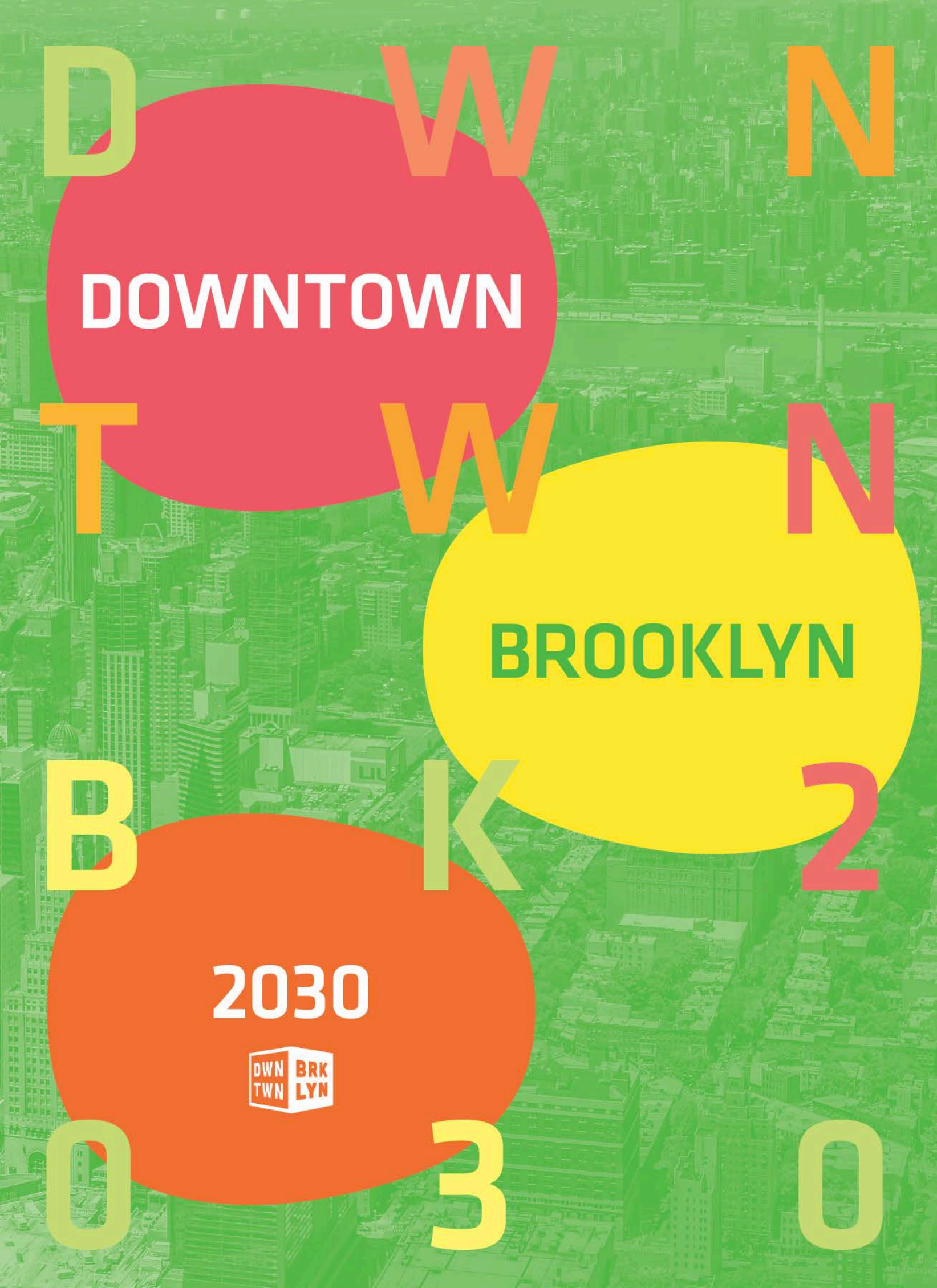
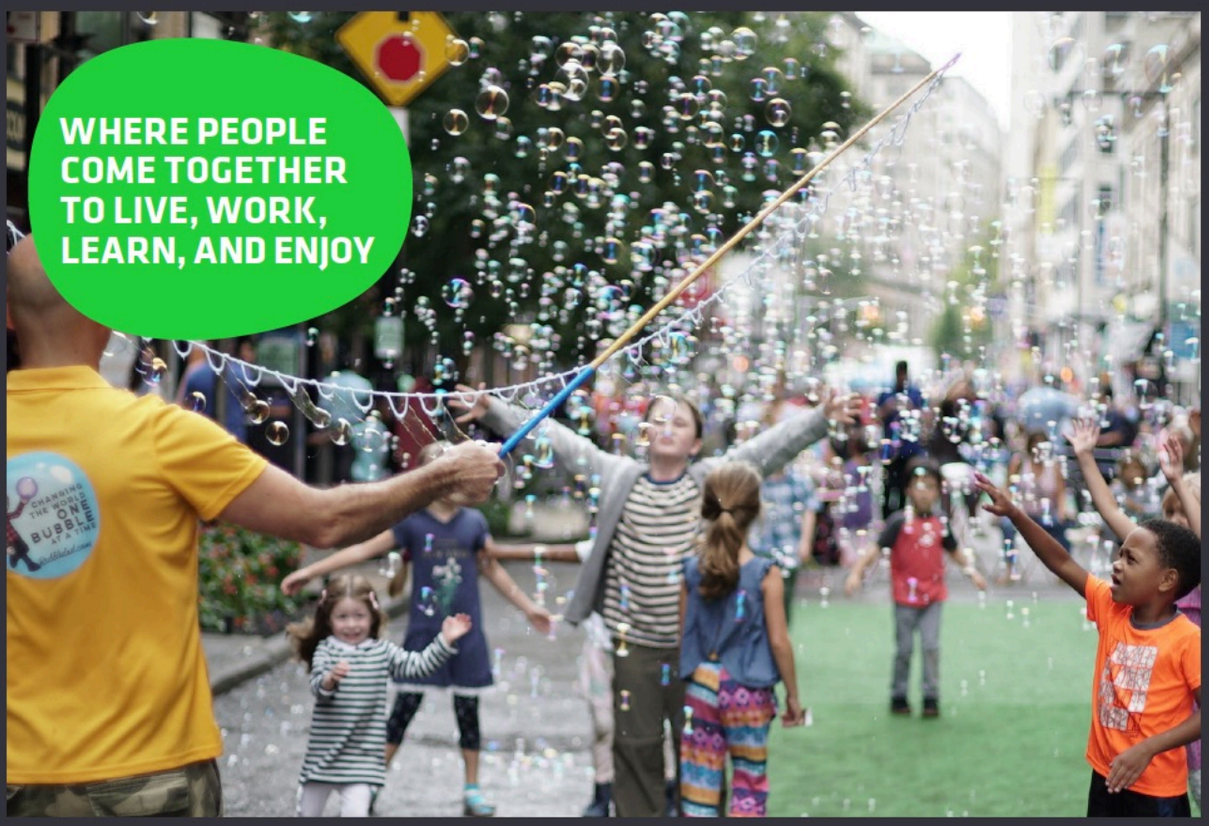

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DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN TODAY



51,900+
RESIDENTS

5,800+
BUSINESSES

5,500+
K-12 STUDENTS

74,500+
WORKERS

1,600
ENTREPRENEURS

10
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

34.0
AVERAGE RESIDENT AGE



+24%
POPULATION
+10K NEW RESIDENTS

+19%
BUSINESSES
+930 NEW FIRMS

+16%
JOBS
+10K NEW JOBS

HOW CAN WE TACKLE EXISTING CHALLENGES AND PREPARE THE DISTRICT FOR THE NEXT DECADE?

- → LACK OF GREEN SPACE
- → MULTI-MODAL CONFLICT AND VEHICULAR CONGESTION
- → NARROW AND SUBSTANDARD SIDEWALKS
- → PLACARD PARKING ABUSE
- → DISORIENTING STREET GRIDS
- → INCONSISTENT STREETSCAPE AND IDENTITY

DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN VISION



A PEOPLE-FOCUSED DOWNTOWN

INCLUSIVE AND DYNAMIC NEIGHBORHOOD THAT CATERS TO ALL USERS

INVITING OUTDOOR SPACES FOR RESPITE, WELLNESS, AND RECREATION



A HUB FOR JOBS & BUSINESSES

COMMERCIAL CENTER THAT LEADS BROOKLYN'S ECONOMY

SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT HUB, WITH A FOCUS ON BIKE CONNECTIVITY AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



FOR BROOKLYN BY BROOKLYN

VIBRANT DOWNTOWN EXPERIENCE THAT CELEBRATES OUR DIVERSITY

DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN IDENTITY THAT INTEGRATES THE ARTS THROUGHTOUT THE STREETSCAPE

INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PEOPLE



Upgrade infrastructure to create safe and efficient commutes that strengthen our economy by improving bike connectivity, streamlining the bus network, and enhancing the pedestrian experience.

REIMAGINED FULTON MALL

SHARED STREET NETWORK




FULTON
HOTDOG
KING
FRESH FRUIT
DRINKS
ONE WAY
Prioritize pedestrians over cars by widening sidewalks and creating a network of curbless shared streets throughout Downtown Brooklyn's core.
ELM SHARED STREET

INCREASE BIODIVERSITY

Plant 1,000 new trees and maximize green infrastructure wherever possible using in-ground and raised planters and raingardens to create a greener and healthier downtown.

EXPANDING ALBEE SQUARE AND FLEET STREET

BOLD BROOKLYN

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Establish a vibrant downtown experience with stunning, inviting public spaces that prioritize people and the environment.

TRANSFORMING COLUMBUS PARK

VISION FOR DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN

ALBEE SQUARE AND FLEET STREET



Maximize street trees and plantings on Fleet Street and re-envision Albee Square as a green and inviting public space

ADAMS STREET MULTI-MODAL CORRIDOR



Reimagine Adams Street as a signature multi-modal corridor that connects to the Brooklyn Bridge, creating a continuous protected bicycle network for safe travel between Brooklyn and Manhattan

FULTON BUS AND BIKE NETWORK



Reevaluate the Fulton-Livingston bus network and adjust routes to maximize efficiency, alleviate congestion, and improve pedestrian and cyclist safety

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UNIVERSITY PLACE



Transform University Place and Columbus Park into inviting public spaces for respite, wellness, and recreation*

4TH AV AND FLATBUSH AV



Increase safety at the 4th/ Atlantic/Flatbush intersection by creating a curbless shared street at Ashland Place and Hanson Place, while adding street trees and plantings along the sidewalks and plazas.

DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN SHARED STREET NETWORK



Pedestrianize the Downtown Brooklyn cross streets between Willoughby and Livingston Streets by widening sidewalks and creating a network of curbless shared streets

FLATBUSH AVENUE

BOND STREET

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The Plan was developed in close collaboration with NYC DOT, NYC Parks, and a 50+ member steering committee including local resident associations, cultural organizations, educational institutions, businesses, property owners, and houses of worship. DBP thanks the members of our steering committee below for their input during the two-year process of creating the Downtown Brooklyn Public Realm Plan.

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