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Subject: news from local papers

I had to get to a grocery store because I am having a quick visit from my nieces who are doing a cancer walk tomorrow and picked up some of the local papers. Besides some interesting mostly anti-bike Letters to the Editor, I thought these were particularly interesting and in the first one, especially ironic due to the street between the park and PPW not being apparently under Landmarks jurisdiction/protection. This and the PPW bikelane seems like an odd set of projects for Lander to be supporting. I particularly like the phrase "to create a coherent streetscape and a distinct sense of place".

The second is about more neighborhood push back to DOT claims about bike lanes for "traffic calming", etc. Seems DOT has only one script. Does anyone have time to work on a small project that summarizes the growing list of neighborhoods where DOT has installed bike lanes over neighborhood protests? We have a list, but no time.

Shanah tova to those who are celebrating the new year.

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Lock in the past?

City moves ahead on Slope historic district expansion

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*By Andy Campbell
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The city is moving forward with a controversial plan to add roughly 600 buildings to the Park Slope historic district.

The existing 34-block zone, which covers a thin swath between Seventh Avenue and Prospect Park West, is already the largest historic district in the city with 1,975 apartment buildings and houses.

But the new proposal — a wider area that would go all the way from Prospect Park West to Fifth Avenue and from Flatbush Avenue to 15th Street — would add 564 more buildings, some of them historic, some not so much.

The boundary was drawn up last year, and presented to the Landmarks Preservation Commission, which has scheduled hearings and analysis for sometime this fall, the first step in a months- or years-long process.

It's one that the local councilman thinks is worth doing — mostly because the plan would include city loans for landowners who want to renovate their historic buildings, a costly venture.

"The original district is 30-plus years old and there's a lot it doesn't cover," Councilman Brad Lander (D-Park Slope) said on Wednesday. "This would be fair for owners — if you apply to do some work