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For this project, I decided to observe the intersection of Suydam Street and Wyckoff Avenue in Bushwick, Brooklyn, by the Jefferson L train stop. This area is right by my apartment, and just in this intersection alone that I walk by multiple times a day are a plethora of infrastructural components. I was able to observe electricity poles, satellite dishes, 5g/cell towers, a 5g LinkNYC hub, security cameras, and a Citibike hub. Throughout my time observing this area, I only ever noticed one person interacting with the infrastructure. An old man used to LinkNYC 5g hub for a few minutes next to the grocery store. It was quite shocking to me how so few people used the LinkNYC hub, as I would assume that they are extremely expensive to build & maintain. This makes me wonder if LinkNYC hubs in less busy and more residential areas have substantially less user traffic than LinkNYC hubs in downtown Manhattan. Nearly every time I pass a LinkNYC hub in Manhattan, it is being used, but this is just not the case in Bushwick.



















