Department of Public Works Has Made Plans for Elevated Sidewalks and for Tunnels to Relieve Congestion.

T he Department of Public Works has just taken a step to the relief of the congestion of our streets and thoroughfares. The plans are in the hands of the engineers of the Department, and show a complete system of elevated sidewalks and tunnels, which, when completed, will make the streets of the city much more convenient for the public.

The proposed elevations will be on the outside of the present sidewalks, and will be about 12 feet above the level of the street. They will consist of a raised sidewalk, 8 feet wide, with a railing on the top, and a gutter on the bottom. The sidewalks will be continuous, and will extend from one end of the city to the other.

The tunnels will be located under the streets, and will be about 12 feet wide and 15 feet high. They will be divided into two parts, one for pedestrians and the other for vehicles.

The Department of Public Works has already begun the construction of the first section of the elevated sidewalks, on Broadway, from 42nd Street to 44th Street. The work will be completed within the next six months.

The cost of the project is estimated at $2,500,000, and the funds are to be raised by the issuance of bonds.

The public is cordially invited to take part in the celebration of the completion of the project, which will be held on the last day of the year.