



STATEN ISLAND
NORTH SHORE
BRT

Agency Coordination & Public Outreach Plan

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1. Introduction

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority New York City Transit (MTA-NYCT) has prepared this Agency Coordination and Public Outreach Plan (ACPOP) to address agency coordination and community engagement that will occur as part of the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Staten Island North Shore Bus Rapid Transit Project (the “Proposed Project”) in accordance with New York’s State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). Because MTA-NYCT anticipates potential future Federal Transit Administration (FTA) involvement in the Proposed Project (e.g., potential source of funding for project construction), public outreach and engagement activities to support the SEQRA EIS will be undertaken in a manner consistent with FTA requirements under NEPA and associated federal regulations. Additionally, this ACPPOP accounts for project-related public outreach and agency coordination (e.g., “consultation”) that has been conducted by MTA-NYCT in advance of the public Scoping process (anticipated to be initiated in the fall of 2019) including Supplemental Alternatives Analysis activities through which MTA-NYCT has determined to advance the North Shore BRT through environmental review.

Project Description

The Proposed Project will provide new and enhanced public transit service along the North and West Shores of Staten Island between South Avenue (West Shore Plaza, located near the intersection of South Avenue and Chelsea Road) and St. George (St. George Terminal, located near the intersection of Richmond Terrace and Bay Street) in Richmond County, New York. The approximately 8-mile proposed alignment would be comprised of approximately 5.3 miles of right-of-way (ROW) from the former North Shore Railroad and approximately 2.7 miles of City roadways such as Richmond



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Terrace and South Avenue. The proposed alignment includes dedicated at-grade, elevated viaduct, and below grade open-cut sections, with street-running portions along South Avenue (mixed-traffic) and Richmond Terrace (exclusive two-lane median busway). The Proposed Project would also provide improved connectivity to other modes of transit in St. George, including the Staten Island Ferry, the Staten Island Railway, and the planned NYC Ferry St. George Route.

Purpose of the ACPOP

MTA-NYCT, as Lead agency pursuant to SEQRA, has prepared this ACPOP with the guidance of the FTA. The intent of this document is to describe the process and communication methods that MTA-NYCT will follow to disseminate information about the Proposed Project, as well as to solicit and consider input from other agencies and the public. This ACPOP explains: the agency coordination and public outreach objectives, policy requirements; the mechanisms by which these objectives will be accomplished (e.g., public notices, public hearings, committees, etc.); and scheduling. The overall goal of the ACPOP is to ensure a robust, effective, and transparent agency coordination and public outreach process.

This document was developed to support the SEQRA environmental review process, and to assist MTA-NYCT in its efforts to comply with FTA early scoping guidelines, in anticipation of a potential future NEPA environmental review. According to FTA guidance, early scoping may be initiated prior to a Notice of Intent (NOI) if there is appropriate public notice and sufficient project information available so that the public and relevant agencies can participate effectively. Incorporating environmental review process considerations (e.g., purpose and need, alternatives, significant environmental issues) during project planning stage can also be referred to as early scoping when the scope of environmental issues associated with a project are being determined, as is the case with this project. Conducting preliminary data analysis and requesting input from the public and agencies on issues before NEPA begins can also be considered as early scoping. Early scoping (satisfied by data collection and outreach to support the SEQRA



scoping process) has been agreed upon by the FTA and MTA-NYCT; thus, the FTA will publish an early scoping notice in the Federal Register.¹

Key Public Involvement Strategies

The public involvement strategies identified in this ACPOP are intended to engage a broad base of stakeholders in the North Shore and West Shore using a transparent public involvement approach; manage stakeholder expectations relative to the goals of this project relative to other ongoing projects in the North and West Shores; and establish credibility with area stakeholders.

The primary goals of the public involvement process will be to:

- » Engage and inform stakeholders, civic organizations, relevant agencies and interested parties
- » Consider public preferences and integrate those into the project planning and decision-making process
- » Implement SEQRA and NEPA-related consultation requirements
- » Manage public and agency expectations, particularly regarding previous and ongoing project throughout the North and West Shores

Public Involvement & the Decision-making Process

Central to any project is the execution of the decision-making process, and its interdependency with the public process. Decision-making is not accomplished through public referendum, nor does the SEQRA process require a public consensus. However, the perspectives and needs of the public are a critical element for project success. This ACPOP identifies the forums and means of communication appropriate to informing stakeholders about the environmental review process and obtaining their input.

Organization of this Document

The ACPOP is organized in the following manner:

- » **Chapter 1: Introduction.** Introduces the reader to the ACPOP and describes the purpose of the document as well as key public involvement strategies that will be used.

¹ <https://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/docs/regulations-and-guidance/environmental-programs/55956/03-early-scoping.pdf>



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- » **Chapter 2: Alternatives Development Process.** Provides a summary of outreach activities associated with the Supplement to the Staten Island North Shore Alternatives Analysis (SINSAA) completed in June 2019.
- » **Chapter 3: SEQRA EIS Milestones & Opportunities for Agency Coordination & Public Involvement.** Provides a description of the SEQRA process and notes opportunities for agency coordination and public involvement throughout the environmental review process.
- » **Chapter 4: Agency Coordination.** Describes agency roles and responsibilities for the Proposed Project, including explanation of the IAAC formed for the Proposed Project
- » **Chapter 5: Public Involvement Activities.** Notes the means of maintaining ongoing communication with the public and also provides information on the Public Advisory Committee (PAC), as well as Public Meetings and associated comment periods (Public Scoping Meeting / Draft EIS Public Hearing).
- » **Chapter 6: NEPA Public Engagement & Agency Consultation.** Defines the studies required under NEPA and associated outreach which will be undertaken for the Proposed Project, concurrent with the SEQRA review process.
- » **Chapter 7: Document/Information Management.** Provides details regarding digital access to information and project document repositories, as well as the ACPOP revision history.



2. Alternatives Development Process

The identification and evaluation of a range of reasonable alternatives to the Proposed Project, including a No-Action Alternative, is a required component of an EIS under both SEQRA and NEPA. This planning process allows decision-makers to consider whether alternatives exist that would avoid or minimize significant adverse environmental impacts while satisfying the goals of the Proposed Project.

In August 2012, MTA New York City Transit (MTA-NYCT) published the NYCT Staten Island North Shore Alternatives Analysis (SINSAA), which identified and evaluated eight alternatives representing a mix of modes, routes, alignments and termini with a desired re-use of the former North Shore Railroad right-of-way for transit service. Three of the eight alternatives were advanced and further developed as part of a Short List including: Transportation Systems Management (TSM), Electric Light Rail (LRT -St. George to West Shore Plaza), and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT – St. George to West Shore Plaza). Ultimately, after extensive analysis and stakeholder/public outreach, the 2012 SINSAA identified the BRT Alternative as the recommended and preferred alternative to be advanced for environmental review based on its potential to reduce travel time, improve transit access, and attract the most riders with lower costs than the LRT Alternative.

Since the publication of the SINSAA in 2012, the portion of St. George near NYCDOT's St. George Terminal has undergone significant changes. The construction of the Empire Outlets and the New York Wheel parking garage as well as resiliency-related infrastructure measures have complicated access between Nicholas Street and St. George Terminal, precluding the



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proposed St. George BRT terminal as originally planned. Given these changes, MTA-NYCT prepared a Supplement to the 2012 SINSAA (the “Supplement”), which updated and confirmed the feasibility of the BRT and LRT alternatives to access St. George and provide a terminal station at St. George. For the Supplement, MTA-NYCT prepared updated estimated order of magnitude operations and maintenance and construction costs for the updated LRT and BRT alternatives along with the identification of potential environmental, community, and institutional issues / impacts. MTA-NYCT actively engaged the appropriate agencies and the public throughout the supplemental AA process. A public information open house was held on May 8, 2019 at Snug Harbor with 50 individuals in attendance. The intent of the open house was to provide an overview on the history of the project, share the updated analysis and explain the recommendation for the updated BRT Alternative to be advanced to environmental review as the Preferred Alternative, and to further solicit public comment on the project for consideration in preparation of the Supplement. The updated LRT alternative was not advanced due to its high capital cost, incompatibility with SIR operations, and the extensive structural modifications required to facilitate the operation of the LRT. The opportunity for the public to comment on the project began on May 8, 2019 and ended on May 15, 2019. The Alternatives Analysis phase of the Proposed Project concluded in June 2019 with the publication of the Supplement (officially known as the *Staten Island North Shore Alternatives Analysis Supplement Considering St. George Transit Access Options* (June 3, 2019). Feedback received at this meeting and from the public and local elected officials, along with the analyses presented in the SINSAA and the Supplement, reconfirmed the BRT Alternative as the Preferred Alternative (to be advanced for environmental review) for new transit service on the North Shore.



3. SEQRA EIS Milestones & Opportunities for Agency Coordination & Public Comment

The SEQRA EIS process comprises rigorous analysis and evaluation of a proposed project, conducted in a transparent and informed manner. Public disclosure, outreach, and coordination with agencies responsible for project area resources and governance are fundamental to the EIS process. A brief explanation of the key milestones throughout the SEQRA EIS process is provided below. Refer to the Public Involvement Activities chapter for detail on public meetings associated with Scoping and the Draft EIS described in this section.

Issuance of Positive Declaration

MTA-NYCT issued a Draft Scoping Document which includes: EAF forms, and a Positive Declaration, and a notice of a Public Scoping Meeting was published in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) to initiate the Scoping process on September 19, 2019. In addition to informing the public of the upcoming environmental analysis, the Positive Declaration describes how the public and other stakeholders can become involved in the EIS preparation process.

Scoping

The purpose of Scoping is to identify concerns, issues, and ideas relevant to the project so they can be appropriately studied during Draft EIS. Scoping also provides an opportunity for the public, agencies, and other stakeholders to review and recommend for consideration alternatives to be addressed in the Draft EIS. The Scoping process is intended to:



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- » ensure public participation in the EIS development process;
- » allow open discussion of issues of public concern; and
- » permit inclusion of relevant public issues in the final written scope.

The SEQRA Scoping process (e.g., manner and means of technical analysis and of public outreach and agency coordination) will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with NEPA. As of January 2019, Scoping is now required per SEQRA. The key steps, or “milestones,” of the SEQRA Scoping process are outlined as follows:

- **Initiation of the SEQRA process.** As described previously, in Section 3.1, “Identification of ‘Lead’ Agency,” the MTA-NYCT completed the SEQRA Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”), making the determination of significance for a potential environmental impact (i.e., determination that an EIS will be prepared). MTA-NYCT sent this letter (July 10, 2019), “SEQRA Lead Agency Notification for the Implementation of the MTA / NYCT Staten Island North Shore Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project,” together with Part 1 of the full EAF, to 19 contacts in 18 federal, state, and New York City agencies.
- **Notice of Public Scoping Meeting** was published in the ENB and on the project website on September 18, 2019.
- **The Positive Declaration and Draft Scoping Document** were published on the project website on September 18, 2019.
- **The Public Scoping Meeting** is scheduled occur no sooner than 30 days following publication of Notice in the NYSDEC ENB (to account for New York City agency interests), on October 17, 2019.
- **A public scoping comment period** will last a total of 60 days, per SEQRA, beginning with the published Notice of the Public Scoping Meeting and concluding 30 days following the public Scoping meeting to be allowed (per FTA guidance) for additional public input. The public comment period for Scoping will be open from September 18, 2019, and will close on November 18, 2019.
- **The Final Scoping Document** will be prepared after the public scoping comment period has ended. The document will identify comments received during the scoping period and responses to all comments will be provided. The Final Scoping Document will also include updated project information that incorporates agency and public input as well as any new project material that may become available after the publishing of the Draft Scoping Document. The Final Scoping Document will be published on the project website and a Notice of Availability of the Final Scoping Document will also be published in



the NYSDEC ENB. The SEQRA Draft EIS (DEIS) will then be prepared in accordance with the Final Scoping Document.

Draft EIS

Once MTA-NYCT, as lead agency, is satisfied that the DEIS is complete, it will be made available for public review and comment. MTA-NYCT will prepare a Notice of Completion, which will be published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin and local newspapers and distribute the DEIS. A copy of the DEIS will be posted on the MTA website consistent 6 NYCRR 617.12. In addition, MTA-NYCT may distribute it to interested agencies (e.g., Involved agencies), as well as repositories, including public libraries, community board offices, and local city planning offices within, or directly serving, the project area

Final EIS / Notice of Completion of the Final EIS

At the close of the public comment period for the DEIS, a Final EIS (FEIS) will be prepared that will respond to comments made on the DEIS, along with any revisions to the technical analyses necessary to respond to those comments. The FEIS will include a separate chapter summarizing the comments received and referencing the MTA-NYCT responses to the comments. MTA-NYCT will publish a Notice of Completion (NOC) for the FEIS in the ENB. Similar to the DEIS, the FEIS will also be published on the project website, distributed to agencies and available at repositories within the study area. Upon issuance of the FEIS, MTA-NYCT will also issue a Statement of Findings to the MTA Board of Directors for their consideration. In addition, the City of New York may utilize the SEQRA FEIS to make CEQR findings should it be determined that potential city actions are required to facilitate the Proposed Project.

Table 1. Key Milestone Dates

Coordination Point	Anticipated Completion Date
Scoping (assumes SEQRA Scoping and FTA “Early Scoping”)	December 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send Lead Agency Letter 	June 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send Project Initiation Letter to the FTA 	July 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send Invitations to Participate in SEQRA as “Involved” or “Interested” Agency 	September 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publication of Positive Declaration & Scoping Notice in ENB Publication of Early Scoping Notice in the Federal Register Publication of the Draft Scope on the project website (public comment period begins*) 	September 2019



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Scoping Meeting* (30 days following Positive Declaration) 	October 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public comment period closes (30 days following Public Scoping Meeting) 	November 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Scope prepared and published 	December 2019
SEQRA DEIS	Fall 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEQRA DEIS Public Hearing* & Comment Period* 	
SEQRA FEIS	Winter 2021
NEPA Process (pending FTA determination of NEPA class of action)	Summer 2021

*denotes opportunity for public comment

Four (4) IAAC meetings and four (4) PAC meetings will be scheduled throughout the environmental review process



4. Agency Coordination

This section has been prepared to describe the process and communication methods among the involved agencies during the environmental review process. The agencies consist of governmental entities (federal, state, and local) with an interest in or having particular expertise related to the Proposed Project and its setting. Additionally, some of the agencies listed will have jurisdiction over aspects of the Proposed Project, including funding, permitting, and approval authority. Coordination with the agencies will serve as a forum to discuss approaches to technical challenges and public concerns, to obtain data, as well as guidance on regulatory changes or clarification on new policies.

Identification of Lead Agency

MTA-NYCT issued their Lead agency letter on June 26, 2019 which served as notification to public agencies that MTA has initiated the environmental review process in accordance with SEQRA; that MTA is the Lead agency and has made a determination of significance pursuant to SEQRA; that MTA intended to prepare a Draft EIS for the Proposed Project; and that MTA will be complying with NEPA requirements. This letter, together with Part 1 of a full environmental assessment form (“EAF”) was distributed to the following agencies:

- » Federal Transit Administration
- » U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- » U.S. Coast Guard – District 1
- » Port Authority of New York and New Jersey



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- » New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- » New York State Department of State
- » New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
- » New York City Department of City Planning – Staten Island Office
- » New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
- » New York City Department of Transportation
- » New York City Department of Small Business Services
- » New York City Economic Development Corporation
- » New York City Mayor’s Office of Environmental Coordination
- » New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
- » New York City Department of Environmental Protection
- » New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services
- » New York City Law Department
- » Staten Island Borough President’s Office

SEQRA Involved & Interested Agencies

In addition to Lead agency, New York State laws (6 NYCRR § 617.2) define an “Involved” agency as one that has the jurisdiction by law to fund, approve, or directly undertake an action (or will ultimately make a discretionary decision to fund, approve or undertake an action). In addition, an “Interested” agency per SEQRA means an agency lacking such jurisdiction but wishing to participate in the review process because of its specific expertise or concern about the Proposed Project. The participation of an Interested agency in the review process is the same as that of the public. The Federal counterpart to the State “Involved” or “Interested” agency is the “Cooperating” and “Participating” agency. Refer to Chapter 6. NEPA Public Engagement & Agency Consultation for additional detail.

Mayor’s Office of Environmental Coordination

The City of New York may utilize the SEQRA FEIS to make CEQR findings should it be determined that potential city actions are required to facilitate the Proposed Project. As such, MTA-NYCT has coordinated with a number of City agencies through a series of meetings both directly prior to Scoping (e.g., Department of City Planning, NYC Parks, DCAS, Small Business Services,



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NYCDOT, etc.) and via the New York City Mayor’s Office of Environmental Coordination (MOEC). MOEC is serving as MTA-NYCT’s single point of contact for New York City agencies.

Interagency Advisory Committee (IAAC)

As part of the planning process an Interagency Advisory Committee (IAAC), which included city (local), state and federal stakeholders, was assembled by MTA-NYCT. Two Interagency Advisory Committee (IAAC) meetings were hosted by MTA-NYCT during the preparation of the Supplement to provide detailed information about the advancement of the project studies to state and City agencies, including agencies that were invited to participate in the environmental review process as “interested” or “involved” agencies. The IAAC meetings are intended to be a means of gathering input from these agencies pertaining to design and potential property acquisitions and related agency procedures. The following city, state, federal agencies and regional entities were invited by MTA-NYCT to participate in both the AA and Scoping as part of the IAAC:

IAAC Participants

City Agencies

- » NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services (NYCDCAS)
- » NYC Department of City Planning (NYCDCP)
- » NYC Department of City Planning Staten Island Borough Office (NYCDCP – SIO)
- » NYC Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP)
- » NYC Department of Transportation (NYCDOT)
- » NYC General Counsel/NYC Law Department (NYC Law)
- » NYC Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC)
- » NYC Department of Small Business Services (NYCSBS)
- » NYC Mayor’s Office of Resiliency
- » NYC Mayor’s Office of Environmental Coordination
- » New York City Fire Department (FDNY)
- » New York City Police Department (NYPD)
- » NYC Department of Parks and Recreation (NYCDPR)



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- » NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission (NYCLPC)
- » NYC Department of Cultural Affairs (NYCDCA)
- » Staten Island Borough President's Office – Land Use, Planning & Infrastructure

State Agencies

- » NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP)
- » NYS Department of State (NYSDOS)
- » NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)

Regional Authorities

- » New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC)
- » Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ)

Federal Agencies

- » US Army Corps of Engineers
- » Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Two IAAC meetings have been held to date and it is intended that IAAC meetings will continue at key milestones during the environmental review process to provide these stakeholders with the opportunity to guide the development of the technical analyses (see below).

- » IAAC Meeting 1: October 25, 2018
- » IAAC Meeting 2: May 23, 2019
- » IAAC Meeting 3: anticipated September/October 2019 (following Positive Declaration, prior to Public Scoping Meeting)
- » IAAC Meeting 4: TBD anticipated mid 2020
- » IAAC Meeting 5: TBD anticipated mid 2021 (prior to publication of Draft EIS)
- » IAAC Meeting 6: TBD anticipated 2021 (as part of NEPA process, once initiated)



5. Public Involvement Activities

The public involvement activities summarized in this document are comprised of public outreach tools designed to share information with the public as well as public input strategies used to gather feedback from the community. Public involvement activities are noted below:

Public Outreach Tools

Stakeholder Database

MTA-NYCT will develop, maintain, and update a comprehensive stakeholder database throughout the environmental review process for the Proposed Project. The stakeholder database will also be used as a repository for all outreach activities, including outreach documents, informational collateral, printed and electronic correspondence, emails, meetings, and all-other outreach-related tasks.

Public Comment Management

A comment tracking database will be created and will contain all comments submitted to the project team including formal public meeting comments (e.g. Public Scoping Meeting/DEIS Hearing), written correspondence, emails and comments received via the project website). Comments specific to the Draft Scope and the Draft EIS will only be accepted during the designated public comment period. Comments will be classified, and similar comments may be grouped (with appropriate responses provided) by issue or topic area.



Public Notification of Privacy Rights

The public will be notified of its privacy rights and the following statement (or similar) will be included in all information requesting public comment:

“Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you may request in your comment that we withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.”

Project Website

MTA-NYCT has established a project website (<https://new.mta.info/northshorebrt>) to provide the public with updates on the project as the environmental review process progresses. The site will be updated regularly to include announcements of meetings and hearing information, and access to project documents (e.g., scoping document, technical reports, presentations and the environmental impact statement) which will be posted when they become available. Visitors to the project website can also submit comments and questions on the Proposed Project to MTA-NYCT via a “Give us your feedback” link.

Project Newsletters

Project newsletters will be prepared quarterly to provide updates on the EIS, note project milestones, and provide community context to the study. Newsletters will be published electronically on the project website. Electronic copies will be emailed to IAAC and PAC members as well as elected officials and Community Boards 1 and 2. The newsletters will be mailed to stakeholders upon request.

Social Media & Email Blasts

MTA-NYCT will implement a social media program on MTA platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, and YouTube). Twitter and Facebook will be used to issue announcements about upcoming stakeholder meetings and report on project milestones. Flickr and YouTube will be used for visual / video content.



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Email blasts will be targeted to the PAC, the IACC, and elected officials and distributed at key project milestones to keep these key stakeholders informed and engaged.

Legal Notices, Advertisements & Other Published Notices

Legal notices for the public Scoping meeting and public hearing for the Draft EIS, in accordance with NEPA, and SEQRA, will be advertised in regional / local publications (including foreign-language periodicals as appropriate). While public meetings are not mandatory, MTA-NYCT will issue legal notices for the public Scoping meeting at least two weeks prior to the meeting date.

Announcements may also be made available via postings in public venues in the project area such as municipal buildings, libraries, and community centers, etc., in addition to being posted to the project website. MTA-NYCT-approved meeting notices will also be posted to the project website (<https://new.mta.info/northshorebrt>).

When possible, notices will be placed 30 days or more before the event date; where appropriate, notification will also be published nearer the date of the event (e.g., one week in advance of an event), and potentially on more than one day (e.g., a Sunday and a weekday). Advertising media outlets are noted below.

Table 2. Advertising Media Outlets

Media Outlet	Language
Print	
Daily	
Staten Island Advance	English
El Diario	Spanish
Diario de Mexico	
Weekly	
Ecuador News	Spanish
Impacto Latin News	
Russian Bazaar	Russian
Kurier Weekly	
Vecherniy New York	
Broadcast / Cable	
Staten Island Community TV	English
New York 1 Staten Island	
WNYC	Spanish
Univision	



Repositories

Project documents, including EIS documents, and other informational materials will be placed in repositories such as:

- » Staten Island Borough Hall
- » Staten Island Community Board 1
- » Staten Island Community Board 2
- » New York Public Library - St. George Branch
- » New York Public Library - Stapleton Branch
- » New York Public Library - West Brighton Branch
- » New York Public Library - Port Richmond Branch
- » New York Public Library - Mariner's Harbor Branch
- » New York Public Library - Todt Hill-Westerleigh Branch

Public Input Strategies

Public Meetings & Comment Periods

Public meetings and associated comment periods will occur at two key decision-making milestones in the project: Scoping (Public Meeting) and the Issuance of the Draft EIS (Public Hearing).

As of 2019, SEQRA requires that the Lead agency hold a Public Meeting as part of Scoping, which allows for Q&A discussion as part of the Draft EIS process; however, a Public Hearing will be held where there is only testimony given by the public. The comments obtained during both a Public Meeting and a Public Hearing are carefully recorded and evaluated by the project sponsor following the hearing, engaging all relevant technical specialists; then the questions and the responses to the questions are published as part of the environmental review documentation (e.g., as part of the Final Scoping Document and the Final EIS).

Public Scoping Meeting

This meeting is intended to help MTA-NYCT identify stakeholder concerns early in the process so they can be addressed effectively in the EIS. The meeting will accomplish the following goals:



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- Introduce the project scope to the public
- Explain the SEQRA process and schedule
- Present the Purpose and Need of the Proposed Project
- Identify known issues and concerns
- Provide opportunity for the public and agency outreach to comment on the technical scope of the environmental review

The Public Scoping Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Gardens, Lower Great Hall, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, New York 10301. The Public Scoping meeting will be held 30 days after the Positive Declaration and Public Scoping Notice is published in the ENB. Comments on the Draft Scoping Document can be submitted through the end of the public comment period closing at 5:00 pm EST on November 18, 2019 via:

- » Website: <https://new.mta.info/northshorebrt>
- » Email: NorthShoreEIS@nyct.com
- » Phone: 511 (MTA General Call Center)
- » Mail: MTA New York City Transit
Staten Island North Shore EIS
C/O Government & Community Relations
2 Broadway, D17.112
New York, NY 10004

MTA-NYCT will prepare a scoping summary which will include comments, comment summaries, key takeaways, and recommended next steps for any special outreach deemed appropriate based on input received during Scoping. Comments will be retained in the stakeholder database and MTA-NYCT will summarize comments and develop and record responses to comments as warranted, as part of the Final Scoping Document.

Public Hearing for the Draft EIS

A public comment period (a minimum of 30 days per SEQRA) will be held for the Draft EIS, with the Final EIS to be complete, per SEQRA, 45 days after the Public Hearing (unless MTA-NYCT, as Lead agency, determines that more time is warranted). The dates that the Draft EIS will be available for comment and review will be published in the ENB.



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The Public Hearing on the Draft EIS will provide a forum for the public and other stakeholders to receive information on the environmental review process, as well as to provide formal comments on the Draft EIS, which will be addressed as part of the Final EIS.

Comments received during the Public Hearing will be recorded electronically by a stenographer and incorporated into a Comment Summary. Comments received via other means during the public comment period (i.e., mail, email, via the project website comment tool) will also be incorporated into the Comment Summary. Comments will be retained in the stakeholder database and MTA-NYCT will summarize comments and develop and record responses to comments as warranted, as part of the Final EIS.

Future Open Houses

Future public information open houses (e.g., project progress updates, station visioning, etc.) may be held at various environmental and engineering project milestones.

Elected Officials & Community Boards

MTA-NYCT is working with elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels (Refer to Table 3). Elected officials and the affected Community Boards (Staten Island Community Boards 1 and 2) will be briefed at key milestones throughout the development of the project. A kick-off briefing for all elected officials with constituents in the project area was conducted October 23, 2018 at Staten Island Borough Hall. A series of briefings with elected officials were conducted in late April/early May 2019 in advance of the Public Information Open House held at Snug Harbor on May 8, 2019. Also, an additional briefing was held prior to the publication of the Draft Scoping Document.

Table 3. Elected Officials & Community Boards

Office	Representative(s)
Community Board 1	Joseph Carroll
Community Board 1, Transit Committee	Nicholas Zvegintzov
Community Board 1, Waterfront Committee	Ole Olson/Ronald Meisels
Community Board 1, Greenway Committee	Ronald Meisels



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Office of Assembly Member Michael Cusick	Michael Cusick
Office of Assembly Member Michael Reilly	Michael Reilly
Office of Assembly Member Nicole Malliotakis	Nicole Malliotakis
Office of Assembly Member Charles D. Fall	Charles D. Fall
	Javon Parnell
Office of Borough President James Oddo	James Oddo
Office of City Council Member Debi Rose	Debi Rose
	Christine Johnson
Office of City Council Member Steve Matteo	Steve Matteo
	Rose Kourani
Office of Congressman Max Rose	Max Rose
	Kevin Elkins
Office of State Assembly Member Joseph Borelli	Joseph Borelli
Office of State Senator Andrew Lanza	Andrew Lanza
Office of State Senator Diane Savino	Diane Savino
Office of US Senator Charles Schumer	Charles Schumer
Office of US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand	Kirsten Gillibrand

Public Advisory Committee (PAC)

MTA-NYCT has also organized a Public Advisory Committee (PAC) that will meet throughout the environmental process. The PAC includes local advocacy, community, environmental and other organizations. The meetings are intended to provide an opportunity to disseminate information to the public via community leaders and organizations (other than public agencies), and to provide an opportunity to inform MTA-NYCT of community interests pertaining to the project and the environmental review. Additional organizations may be added to the PAC as the Proposed Project advances. PAC participants are identified below in Table 4:

Table 4. PAC Participants

Civic Organizations		Elected Officials	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Gardens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port Richmond Civic Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Brighton Local Development Corp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office of NYC Council Member Debi Rose
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staten Island Economic Development Corporation (SIEDC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staten Island Taxpayers Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arlington Civic Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office of NYS Senator Andrew Lanza



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staten Island Chamber of Commerce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NYCHA Richmond Terrace Houses Tenants Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elm Park Civic Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office of NYS Assembly Member Michael Cusick
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staten Island Community Board 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Downtown Staten Island Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save Our Harbor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office of U.S. Congressman Max Rose (NY 11th District)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staten Island Community Board 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Brighton Citizens Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five Borough Bicycle Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office of NYS Assembly Member Charles D. Fall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. George Civic Association (SGCA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Brighton Local Development Corp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wagner College 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Brighton Local Development Corp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mariners Harbor Civic Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preservation League of Staten Island 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Alternatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College of Staten Island 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Shore Business Alliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Brighton Coalition of Concerned Citizens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trust for Public Land 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> El Centro del Immigrante 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 369 Vets Richmond District 		

MTA-NYCT will communicate with the PAC on a regular basis throughout the environmental review process. An initial kickoff meeting for the PAC was held June 20, 2019 at All Saints Church, 2329 Victory Boulevard.

Subsequent meetings will be held over the course of the project are shown below:

- » PAC Meeting 1: June 20, 2019
- » PAC Meeting 2: anticipated September/October 2019 (following Positive Declaration, prior to Public Scoping Meeting)
- » PAC Meeting 3: TBD anticipated mid-2020
- » PAC Meeting 4: TBD anticipated mid 2021 (prior to publication of Draft EIS)
- » PAC Meeting 5: TBD (once NEPA is initiated)
- » PAC Meeting 6: TBD



6. NEPA Public Engagement & Agency Consultation

The Proposed Project is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA. However, if the MTA-NYCT intends to seek federal funding for project construction, the Proposed Project may require separate analyses/consultation under the requirements of NEPA. The FTA would be the Lead agency for NEPA compliance.

As previously mentioned, this ACPOP will be implemented by MTA-NYCT throughout the SEQRA process for the Proposed Project. However, if NEPA review is undertaken at some point in the future by the FTA, then this ACPOP would also serve the Agency Coordination Plan for the purposes of NEPA. This document would be revised to include agencies that the FTA would invite to serve as “Cooperating” or “Participating” agencies under NEPA, pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality (“CEQ”) regulations (40 CFR § 1508.5).²

This ACPOP conforms to the requirements of NEPA and specifically complies with the current federal surface transportation law, Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (“FAST Act”) of 2015 (Pub. L. No. 114-94). FAST Act carries forward the requirements of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (“SAFETEA-LU”) and Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (“MAP-21”). These federal policies require opportunities for the public and for federal, state, and local agencies

² According to CEQ regulations, a “Cooperating” agency is any Federal agency, other than a Lead agency, that has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a Proposed Project or project alternative; a state or local agency of similar qualifications or, when the effects are on a reservation, a federally recognized Native American tribe, may also serve as a Cooperating agency. “Participating” agencies are those federal, state, or local agencies or federally recognized Native American tribes with an interest in the project. (In accordance with SAFETEA-LU Section 6002, Cooperating agencies are also Participating agencies.)



to have active and early involvement in the federal environmental review process and to provide input on the project's purpose and need, environmental study methodology, and alternatives under consideration.³

NEPA Class of Action

In response to a Project Initiation Letter submitted by MTA NYCT to the FTA on July 17, 2019, the FTA has advised that a NEPA class of action cannot yet be determined for the Proposed Project (e.g., NEPA EIS or Environmental Assessment). Additionally, it is anticipated that the FTA will provide guidance to the MTA-NYCT as to the transition point between SEQRA and NEPA should MTA-NYCT decide to pursue federal funding for this project. FTA is considering two potential options: to progress the SEQRA environmental review and NEPA concurrently or to conduct SEQRA and NEPA in a sequential manner.⁴ Once the class of action has been determined the ACPOP will be updated to reflect the appropriate level of outreach.

NEPA-related Consultation

MTA-NYCT has engaged and will continue to engage the FTA throughout the SEQRA environmental review process to ensure that all steps are compliant with NEPA and related federal permitting and consultation requirements, to the extent feasible (i.e., to the extent that formal federal agency consultation may be conducted in advance of the formal federal environmental review process being initiated by the FTA). To enable the Proposed Project to be eligible for federal funds, MTA-NYCT is expediting certain studies that are required under NEPA, but not under SEQRA.

These studies and associated consultation, which will be undertaken concurrent with this SEQRA analysis, are noted below and related to:

- » Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR Part 800) Consultation;
- » Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (23 CFR Part 774) Coordination;

³ FAST Act also carries forward the mandate of a coordination plan for all highway, rail, and transit projects for which an EIS is being prepared under NEPA.

⁴ If NEPA is conducted concurrently with SEQRA, the SEQRA DEIS hearing and public comment period could function as a joint SEQRA/NEPA EIS hearing/public comment period.



- » Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act
- » Executive Order (“EO”) 12898, *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations*, February 11, 1994 (59 Fed Reg. 7629 [1994]) and related New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”) Environmental Justice guidance (“CP-29”);
- » Limited English Proficiency (“LEP”) (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and EO 13166); and
- » Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) compliance.

Section 106

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (35 CFR Part 800) mandates that federal agencies consider the effects of their actions on any properties listed on or determined eligible for listing on the National Register and afford the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) a reasonable opportunity to comment on such undertakings. Under Section 106 regulations, properties are considered to be historic if they are included in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or meet the criteria for the NRHP.

Section 106 also requires that agency officials work with NYS SHPO to identify parties to participate in the Section 106 process (“Consulting Parties”). Consulting Parties may include Native American tribes, local governments, permit or license applicants, and members of the public.

Tribal Consultation

The Section 106 regulations emphasize consultation with Native American tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, in keeping with the 1992 amendments to NHPA. Consultation with a Native American tribe must respect tribal sovereignty and the government-to-government relationship between FTA and Native American tribes. Even if a Native American tribe has not been certified by the National Park Service (NPS) to have a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer who can act for the SHPO on its lands, it must be consulted about undertakings on or affecting its lands on the same basis and in addition to the SHPO. Federally recognized Native American Tribal Governments that would be invited to participate in the coordination process for the Proposed Project are noted in Table 5 below.



Table 5: Native American Tribal Governments Invited to Participate in the Coordination Process

Native American Tribal Government	Contact
Delaware Nation	Ms. Nekole Alligood, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Mr. Jason Ross, Section 106 Manager
Delaware Tribe	Ms. Blair Fink and Ms. Susan Bachor, Historic Preservation Representatives
Delaware Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma	Mr. Chester Brooks, Chief
Shinnecock Indian Nation	Daniel S. Collins, Sr., Chairperson Ms. Marguerite A. Smith, Esq., Office of Tribal Trustees / Legal
Stockbridge-Munsee Community of Mohican Indians of Wisconsin	Ms. Sherry White, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Ms. Bonney Hartley, THPO New York Office

The FTA will also write to State-recognized tribal organizations, public agencies, preservation groups, and other stakeholders to invite them to participate as Consulting Parties when FTA begins the NEPA process.

Upon initiation of the NEPA process, the FTA will continue to coordinate to identify, accept, and notify interested parties of their status as Section 106 Consulting Parties. Information presented to the Consulting Parties will include the results of the historic and archaeological studies, as well as any potential effects to historic resources within the study area. The Consulting Parties will have the opportunity to comment on the identification and evaluation of historic properties, provide their views on effects to these properties and participate in the consideration of measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects on identified historic properties.

Environmental Justice

Executive Order 12898 requires federal agencies to involve the public on project issues related to human health and the environment. Pursuant to Executive Order 12898, an environmental justice analysis will be prepared to identify any disproportionately high and adverse impacts on minority or low-income populations that could result from the Proposed Project. Guidance on addressing environmental justice is also provided by NYSDEC’s Commissioner Policy 29 (CP 29). The NYSDEC has designated the North Shore of Staten Island as a Potential Environmental Justice Area (PEJA). MTA-NYCT will utilize the SEQRA process to ensure that stakeholders are provided opportunities to be heard and to participate meaningfully from the outset of the Proposed Project and throughout all phases of expected development.



For this environmental review, the local environmental justice communities within the project area in Richmond County, New York, will be included in the public outreach process, to ensure that they can participate meaningfully in review of the Proposed Project. As a general rule, the following principles will be adopted to support involvement of these local environmental justice communities in the project area:

- » Documents, notices, and meetings will be made concise, understandable, and readily accessible to the public;
- » When appropriate, notices and meeting materials will be provided in both English and Spanish, as Spanish is the second most common language in the study area, and is spoken by many of the members of the environmental justice communities in the study area;
- » The project website is available in multiple languages in addition to English;
- » Informational material will be made available through a variety of outlets;
- » All public events will be scheduled at convenient and accessible locations and times; and
- » Various community leaders and groups will be contacted to increase public participation of constituent communities.

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act

The Section 7 evaluation will assess the Proposed Project’s potential effects on endangered species, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (16 USC §§ 1531-1544; 50 CFR Part 402). Section 7 of this act requires the FTA to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“USFWS”) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (“NMFS”) for projects that may jeopardize threatened or endangered species or destroy or adversely modify their critical habitats. As part of this effort, MTA-NYCT will consult with the NYS DEC Natural Heritage Program to identify state-listed species of special concern.

Section 4(f)/Section 6(f) Coordination

Section 4(f) prohibits USDOT agencies (including FTA) from approving any project that “uses” (i.e., incorporates right of way from or severely impairs key features and attributes of) public parks, wildlife refuges, or historic resources unless there is no feasible and prudent alternative to that use and all



measures to minimize harm have been incorporated into the Proposed Project. Potential uses of Section 4(f) properties will be identified through the Section 106 and NEPA process in consultation with NYSOPRHP, SHPO and any other relevant Consulting Parties, as will any feasible and prudent alternatives to avoid those uses and all planning efforts to minimize harm to 4(f) properties resulting from unavoidable uses.

The U.S. Department of Interior provides funding under Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (LWCFA) for state and local efforts to acquire or develop land to advance outdoor recreational activities. When a project may incorporate lands that may have received LWCFA improvement funds (referred to as “conversion”), the project sponsor must undertake a Section 6(f) evaluation. MTA, in consultation with FTA, will determine whether any such properties would be affected by the Proposed Project and conduct a Section 6(f) evaluation if necessary.

Public outreach in support of Section 4(f) and Section 6(f), as applicable, will be coincidental with public outreach for the SEQRA process. The public will be provided an opportunity to review and comment on the Proposed Project’s Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) evaluations in coordination with the NEPA public review periods, and MTA-NYCT will provide the public the opportunity to review and comment on Proposed Project’s Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) evaluations presented in the Draft EIS.

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Outreach

Individuals who do not speak English as their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English are considered “limited English proficient” (LEP). Federal laws concerning language access rights and obligations include Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order 13166. Executive Order 13166, “Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency,” was signed on August 11, 2000 and states that people who are LEP should have meaningful access to federally conducted and funded programs and activities. EO 13166 requires federal agencies to examine the services they provide, identify any need for services to those with limited English proficiency, and develop and implement a system to provide those services so LEP persons can have meaningful access to them.



MTA-NYCT is taking steps to provide meaningful access to those LEP individuals expected to be most regularly encountered. This includes providing project materials and meeting notices in Spanish, advertising accommodation for LEP individuals, including the ability for LEP individuals to have translation services available at public meetings upon advance request. Language interpretation and translation needs in the project area predominantly involve Spanish speaking individuals. In addition, the project website is accessible to conventionally available instantaneous web-translation to allow users to browse in multiple languages.

Outreach includes an LEP initiative to ensure that LEP populations within the project area have access to project information and opportunities to provide input. Translators will be available at the public Scoping meeting and at the hearing for the Draft EIS upon request. Printed materials will be produced in English and Spanish.

Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance

The public meetings will be held in locations that are ADA compliant to enable stakeholders who are disabled or elderly to have the opportunity to access the meetings. In researching and selecting venues for stakeholder meetings and public hearings, consideration will be given to the accessibility of the site via local roadways and public transportation, parking availability, and adherence to ADA guidelines. Public notices will also provide instructions for providing other special accommodations (e.g., availability of sign language interpreters upon request). The project website has also been designed to accommodate people with visual impairments (e.g., adjustable text size, compatibility with screen readers).



7. Document/Information Management

Digital Access to Information

The public and other stakeholders will have digital access to project-related information throughout the environmental review process. Project-related materials and documents will be posted to the project website (<https://new.mta.info/northshorebrt>) in a timely fashion. These include but are not limited to: informational materials (e.g., newsletter, boards, public presentations, etc.), the Draft Scoping Document, the Final Scoping Document as well as the Draft and Final EIS.

Project Documents

A section of the project website will contain links for uploading and storing of major project documents.

Revision History

MTA-NYCT will archive all versions of outreach materials, including the ACPOP, with versions appropriately dated. In the event that the ACPOP is revised to account for changes in information pertinent to Scoping or fundamental changes in process, this ACPOP will be revised, and the explanations for revision will be provided in this section.

Appendices





Appendix A

Agency Roles, Responsibilities & Contact Information

Agency	Role	Project Responsibility
Federal		
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	Federal Lead agency for potential NEPA environmental review	Federal Sponsor; Native American Coordination; NEPA Review; Section 4(f); Section 106; Federal Funding
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE)	Permitting responsibility under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (discharge of dredged or fill material into navigable waters)	Waterfront, bulkhead & water resources
State		
Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)	Permitting responsibility under Section 401 Water Quality Certification (consistency with Clean Water Act regulations for work in the water bodies); Article 25 tidal wetlands regulatory program, Article 24 freshwater wetlands regulatory program; Article 15 protection of waters regulatory program, Endangered and Threatened Species of Fish and Wildlife	Waterfront & water resources
Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Historic Preservation Office) (SHPO)	Consultation with the NYS Historic Preservation Office under Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act	Parkland issues and historic resources including Sailors Snug Harbor. As noted in the Draft Scoping Document, MTA NYCT will evaluate the potential for Parkland Alienation, which if necessary, may require New York State legislature authorization for the alienation of mapped parkland.
Department of State (DOS), Division of Coastal Resources	Consistency with the State's Coastal Zone Management Plan	NY State Coastal Management Program Consistency Review
City		
Office of the Deputy Mayor (DM)	Oversees and coordinates the operations of the Economic Development Corporation. Serves as a liaison with city, state, and federal agencies and other agencies responsible for the City's economic development and infrastructure	Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development



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NYC Department of City Planning (NYCDCP)	Oversees land use planning and consistency with New York City's public policies	Land use actions; consistency with community planning efforts (Brownfield Opportunity Areas); New York City LWRP consistency review
NYC Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP)	NYC DEP mission is to "provide services that promote the health and wellbeing" of city residents	Resiliency and watershed issues
NYC General Council / NYC Law Department (NYC Law)	NYC Law provides legal representation for NYC, the NYC Mayor, other elected officials, and City agencies	Ensure alignment of project design, construction, and operation with City policies and environmental regulations, ROW ownership/conveyance mechanisms
New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC)	Provide consistency with economic and other goals of New York City. Measures potential economic effects from the operation of the Proposed Project	Land acquisitions and coordination; St. George development; Land use vision / economic development and coordination
New York City Fire Department (FDNY)	The FDNY comprises a highly skilled emergency response team that provides fire protection and other critical public safety services and enforces public safety codes throughout NYC's five boroughs, including Staten Island	FDNY will be notified about and consulted on any planned construction activities and anticipated impacts on traffic / access to ensure emergency services continue to operate effectively in the project area during construction and operation phases
New York City Police Department (NYPD)	NYPD is responsible for policing the city and performing a range of public safety, law enforcement, traffic management, counter-terror, and emergency response roles	NYPD will play a key role in providing traffic management during the project's construction phase; project leads will inform NYPD and consult with them on any planned construction activities; anticipated impacts on traffic / access to support public safety; NYPD will also be engaged on parking issues impacted by the project, including public parking impacts and impacts to police vehicle parking
NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)	Manages, leases, and purchases city real property	Land inventory
NYC Department of Transportation (NYCDOT)	Consultation and review of transportation analysis	Richmond Terrace, St. George Ferry Terminal, South Avenue, Viaduct Bridges over NYCDOT roadways, traffic signals, sidewalks, bike lanes, pedestrian crossings
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC)	Coordinates potential effects to cultural resources	Historic issues



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NYC Department of Parks & Recreation (NYCDPR)	Maintains city's parks system, preserving and maintaining the ecological diversity of the city's natural areas	Parks issues including Heritage Park
NYC Department of Cultural Affairs (NYCDCA)	The NYC DCA provides access to art and culture for New Yorkers	Vision of how BRT can support development of cultural resources along the project corridor and contribute to community enrichment
Mayor's Office of Resiliency (MOR)	Responsible for City efforts related to near and long-term climate change impacts	Guidance related to NYC resiliency standards/efforts
Other		
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ)	A joint venture between New York and New Jersey, PANYNJ oversees a large portion of the region's transportation infrastructure, including bridges, tunnels, airports, and seaports	Coordination regarding open cut section of ROW; access beneath Bayonne Bridge



Agency Contact Information

Agency	Contact Information
Federal	
Federal Transit Administration	
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State	
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)	
Lead Contact	Basil Seggos Commissioner New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-1011 518-402-8545 basilseggos@dec.ny.gov
Local Contact	Stephen Watts Permit Administrator, Region 2 One Hunter's Point Plaza 47-40 21st Street Long Island City, NY 11101 718-482-4997 Dep.r2@dec.ny.gov
Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Historic Preservation Office)	
Lead Contact I	Honorable Erik Kulleseid Commissioner NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation 625 Broadway Albany NY 12207 518-474-0456 erik.kulleseid@parks.ny.gov
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Department of State Local Contact	Matthew Maraglio New York Department of State Consistency Review Unit 99 Washington Ave., Suite 1010 Albany, NY 12231
City	
New York City Mayor's Office of Resiliency	
Lead Contact	Jainey Bavishi, Director of Mayor's Office of Resiliency 253 Broadway, 14th Fl. New York, NY 10007 212-748-0333 jbavishi@cityhall.nyc.gov
New York City Department of City Planning (NYCDP)	
Lead Contact and Chair of the City Planning Commission	Marisa Lago Director Department of City Planning Manhattan Office 120 Broadway 31st Floor New York, NY 10271 212-720-3203 212-720-3488 (fax) mlago@planning.nyc.gov
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New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT)	
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New York City Department of Small Business Services (NYCSBS)	
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Other	
Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (PANYNJ)	
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