



Chairman: Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager: William Rivera

Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee Meeting Summary

May 9, 2022

Board Members Present: Linda Soto, Mitchell Halpern, Lena Johnson, Miriam Sanchez, Tywana Busch, Andrea McLeod, Shante Chamblee, Monique Farrington, Kevin Kiernan

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee represents the community's interests with regard to the use of land, zoning, landmark, building, etc. and acts as a liaison between community members and Department of City Planning, Department of Buildings & the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

II. Speakers

A. Daren Cheatham, MTA, WSP USA, Penn Station Access Project

- Project contacts include Director Tom McGuinness, Deputy Brad Knote and Daren Cheatham (daren.cheatham@wsp.com or daren.cheatham@mtacd.org) and Ruthie Tane (ruthie@calladiumgroup.com OR ruthie.tane@mtacd.org) with Communications.
- The Penn Station Access Project will provide new Metro-North rail service to and from Penn Station; Bring Amtrak's existing Hell Gate Line into a state of good repair, improving reliability, and on-time performance for intercity rail; Construct four new ADA-accessible stations in the East Bronx, which is an underserved area; Transform the regional transportation system by improving reliability, reducing travel time, and expanding mass transit options; and Bolster equity and regional connectivity by delivering a new transit option
- Project Status: On December 29, 2021, MTA awarded the Design-Build contract to the joint venture of Halmar International, LLC and RailWorks (Estimated cost for design builder is 1.4 billion dollars).
Notice to Proceed was issued on January 3, 2022.
The anticipated completion date for the Penn Station Access Project is 2027.
- On June 7th there will be a Job Information Event for this project, union labor programs will be invited to promote early entry, early access programs, and civil service opportunities. Pre-screening/pre-qualification can be done for candidates. Flyer to be shared with CB9
Project will be receiving Build it Back Better incentives for future contracts to hire local 22.5% to DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) (federal) Sub contractors
The contractor's team in charge of hiring DBE subcontractors can be reached at: PennAccessDBE@HalmarInternational.com
- Station will have 2 entrances, one on East Tremont Ave and the other on Unionport Rd. Poles inside track will be replaced if related to project work.
Half a dozen trees will be planted in the plaza outside the station area, the trees will have tree grates and MTA will be responsible for maintenance.
There will be cameras throughout the platform and this station will be on MTA PD Rotation

III. New Business

A. Permits Filed for 1254 Fteley Avenue in Soundview

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnewyorkyimby.com%2F2022%2F04%2Fpermits-filed-for-1254-fteley-avenue-in-soundview-the-bronx.html&data=05%7C01%7Cwrivera%40cb.nyc.gov%7Ce9816415c9344cb4762a08da2ab1082c%7C32f56fc75f814e22a95b15da66513bef%7C0%7C0%7C637869237091367911%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbgZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zV7lwzKzWReek7HYMkyOr2%2FQBqhjpi7Pj%2BHsxtOTzL8%3D&reserved=0>

Overview of property proposal via link was displayed during the meeting, this will be an As of Right Project.

IV. DM Update

A. York Studios

DM Rivera will arrange a meet and greet with stakeholders and York Studio

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