



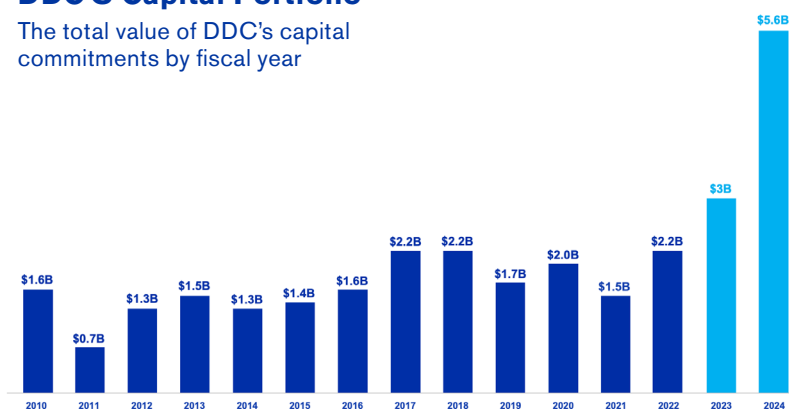
NYC DDC 2024 Legislative Agenda

The NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is the City's chief design and construction manager, delivering best-in-class public works to every part of the city. These projects enhance each neighborhood, improving the lives of more than 8.5 million New Yorkers and adapting the city to meet the demands of climate change.

DDC manages a \$30 billion public works portfolio on behalf of more than 20 City agencies and the library systems. We design, build, and renovate public buildings and infrastructure, from libraries, cultural institutions, police and fire stations, to streets, sewer and water mains, and public plazas. Our responsibilities have expanded to include significant new coastal resiliency projects, the Borough-Based Jails program, and emergency design and construction management.

DDC'S Capital Portfolio

The total value of DDC's capital commitments by fiscal year



DDC faces the urgent task of upgrading our city's aging buildings and infrastructure, yet outdated tools and requirements make it notoriously slow and expensive to build public works. We need key reforms in Albany to get high-quality facilities into the hands of their communities faster, while saving taxpayer dollars:

1. JOINT BIDDING

Extend the authorization that sunsets in 2024

2. ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY

Expand access to alternative delivery tools

3. DDC AUTHORITY

Reconstitute DDC as a new State Authority



1: Reauthorize Joint Bidding

Delivering underground infrastructure requires coordinating with the utility companies whose electric, gas, and communications lines run beneath the street. With Joint Bidding, the City bids public work and utility work under one contract, improving

coordination and avoiding extensive delays. First authorized in 2004, Joint Bidding saves years on DDC public infrastructure projects. The existing authorization sunsets in 2024 and must be extended.



2: Expanding our toolbox of project delivery methods

Gaining access to design-build delivery through the Public Works Investment Act has been transformative for DDC's portfolio, with our first ground-up project complete in just 22 months from the time of award, and over \$500M already awarded on significant community facilities.

Now, DDC needs a full toolbox of project delivery approaches so we can always use the best tool for the job:

Construction Manager-Build (CM-Build) and CM-at-Risk are ideally suited to building renovations and we use them extensively under emergency authorization — yet lack the authorization to use them under normal circumstances. In this method, the City onboards a Construction Manager (CM) during design to oversee construction, yielding significant time savings and constructability expertise integrated into the design process.

Progressive Design-Build is ideally suited to complex infrastructure projects like areawide stormwater infrastructure. In this method, the City onboards an integrated design-build team earlier in the process, allowing the designer, builder, and owner to work together from the outset to investigate existing conditions and refine the project scope and cost, expediting needed construction while reducing the risk of unexpected changes, costs, and delays.

DDC has a proven track-record of using alternative delivery tools to achieve record time savings and M/WBE participation on emergency work, and they are used extensively by public and private owners nationwide. We need the same authorization — every day — to deliver our growing portfolio of essential public works.

3: A new design and construction authority: DDC+

Creating a new public authority with the mandate and tools to deliver critical public works for NYC

Creating a new State authority would have the single most transformative impact in delivering quality public works to communities better, faster, and cheaper.

The DDC Authority legislation would:

- **Grant DDC a full suite of project delivery tools as a permanent part of its business model**
- **Streamline procurement and remove duplicative oversight steps**
- **Enhance DDC's ability to engage M/WBEs at every step of the design and construction process**
- **Ensure transparency and accountability with specific reporting requirements and oversights, with no change to the capital budget process**
- **Guarantee existing civil service, labor, and pension protections, with no change to Union contracts**

Building critical facilities for New Yorkers shouldn't require an emergency declaration. DDC needs the tools to treat every day, and every project, like an emergency.