
A New New York City Design and Construction Authority

DDC is committed to delivering best-in-class public buildings and infrastructure to over 8.5 million New Yorkers — serving communities' everyday needs and adapting NYC to meet urgent challenges like climate change. But the agency is impaired by outdated tools and bureaucratic processes that limit what we can achieve.



Reforming DDC as a new state authority would yield the single biggest impact in delivering our \$30B portfolio of critical public works projects better, faster, and more cost effectively. The Authority bill gives DDC's team of dedicated professionals the tools we need to deliver for NYC.

A New Design and Construction Authority will modernize project delivery and get needed facilities into the hands of communities years sooner and at lower cost.

- Grants DDC a full toolbox of project delivery methods available to public and private-sector owners around the country — the tools our DDC team expects and deserves
- Removes outdated rules and requirements, turning procurement and contract administration over to DDC's professional contracting staff to write and publish rules best suited to the design and construction industry and its workers
- Removes redundant oversight steps to speed the process of delivering each and every project
- Enhances DDC's ability to engage M/WBEs and local communities, centering workforce development and local hiring

DDC Authority employees maintain all the same benefits, policies, and protections they currently hold.

- No impact to employee's Union status or Union contracts (same CBA follows employees)
- No impact on employees' pension (NYCERS)
- Same sick and vacation leave policies with banked time transferred
- Same retirement plan options, with all benefits transferred

DDC Authority remains accountable to New Yorkers and transparent in its operations, adhering strictly to the highest ethical standards.

- Led by a 3-person Board appointed by and accountable to the Mayor
- Funds overseen by the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as part of the City's budget process
- Submits annual reports, audits, and budgets to City oversight
- Subject to audits and hearings by the Comptroller and City Council
- Under jurisdiction of Corporation Counsel, the Department of Investigations and the Conflicts of Interest Board

Collectively, these measures will shave years off construction projects and millions from budgets while expanding public transparency and accountability, empowering DDC to deliver for New Yorkers.