

Community Construction Task Force - 1/30/2025 Q&A Discussion

Christine (*Community Board 4 member*): First of all, regarding the trailer and fencing, it would be helpful to have a map outlining their locations. Additionally, what will be published on the trailer? In New York City, there are guidelines that require posting information about ongoing work, including a description of the project's purpose. Perhaps adding a QR code could direct people to a platform where they can submit complaints or get more details. What is the protocol for this?

Glenn (*PA, Major Capital Projects*): Christine, regarding your request for a layout, we will begin providing more details in the next meeting. At that time, we will share precise layouts indicating where fences and trailers will be placed, along with other specific information.

Christine (*Community Board 4 member*): For the task force, would it make sense to invite large or small entities located nearby? Some buildings have 2,000 tenants who may want to ask questions or voice concerns immediately.

Hersh (*PA, Government Affairs*): Many of those building owners and developers are members of the BID and the Real Estate Board. As I mentioned earlier, if we need to reach those buildings or they need to reach us, representatives on this task force can help facilitate communication. If we find that this approach is not working as intended, we can modify it and establish more direct contact within parameters.

Christine (*Community Board 4 member*): Slightly unrelated, but what is the status of the federal grants?

Hersh (*PA, Government Affairs*): I'm pleased to announce that we issued a press release confirming we closed on our federal TIFIA loan. I don't want to speculate on what may happen in the future, but we are prepared, and I know our city and state partners are as well. Fortunately, we successfully signed all the agreements and closed the loan earlier this month.

Natasha (*City Hall*): Thank you for convening us today, Glenn. You mentioned that next month we will receive more details on the geotechnical boring. I want to ensure you have the right points of contact at DOT for coordinating any necessary adjustments, such as moving a plate or sidewalk, so we can track the different staging areas you may need.

Glenn: (*PA, Major Capital Projects*): I'd like to take you up on that offer. We are in good standing with DOT, but if you could assist in coordinating with Leilani, we can set up a 30-minute discussion in the next few days—either tomorrow or early next week. There are a few things I'd like to run through with our team regarding various aspects of the project.

Hersh (*PA, Government Affairs*): Natasha, that's a great point. For the group's awareness, we will periodically invite agency partners to join these meetings as needed. However, we won't ask them to attend every meeting unless relevant issues arise.

Jesse (*Community Board 4 District Manager*): Given how long this project has been in progress, I think these ongoing conversations are essential. I do have a question—if people on this call have

questions or concerns about how agency is managing a particular issue, who would be the primary point of contact?

Jesse (*Community Board 4 District Manager*): Also, every platform is different, and I may not have understood how this one works. I can't rename myself, and when I scan the participant list, it doesn't display certain details. Maybe that's something we can all ensure we do going forward. Additionally, in terms of process, I understand the logistics and coordination involved. But when in the execution process do you foresee the task force being informed and involved? I want to ensure there is an opportunity for feedback before final decisions are made. Are we being consulted in a way that allows for modifications based on what we hear from the community?

Hersh (*PA, Government Affairs*): This forum is intended for task force members to provide feedback based on what they hear from their constituencies, such as businesses and residents. If issues arise, we can respond during a subsequent meeting or follow up directly. That said, this is not the only forum for communication. If concerns arise between meetings, you don't have to wait for the next task force session to reach out. We encourage everyone to join our distribution list, as that will be our primary channel for sharing updates on construction plans, traffic impacts, lane closures, and other relevant details. We also want to ensure that MCP and GOCOR, through the construction logistics office, are responding to concerns in a timely manner. Of course, if an issue involves life and safety, it should be reported to law enforcement immediately. But for construction-related matters, we are committed to being as responsive as possible. Does that answer your question?

Jesse (*Community Board 4 District Manager*): I understand, but is this group involved in the decision-making process before issues arise? While we are not part of the CLO, and no one wants to sit through highly detailed logistics meetings, I want to ensure we are informed and consulted before problems occur. Instead of reacting to negative impacts, can we proactively review plans and offer input on potential concerns?

Hersh (*PA, Government Affairs*): Yes, as part of this forum, we will provide forecasts outlining upcoming work over the next 30 to 60 days. Based on that information, if you see any red flags or have suggestions, this is the platform for raising those concerns. We welcome input and will have opportunities to discuss and address those points as needed.

Jesse (*Community Board 4 District Manager*): Thank you.

Rev. Henkel (*Metro Baptist Church*): Thank you for this update. What should we expect regarding pre-construction surveys? Once completed, are they officially documented? If a dispute arises about property conditions, what is the process for resolving it?

Hersh (*PA, Government Affairs*): We have not yet awarded the contract for Phase 1B. As you saw, we have only secured contracts for the deck overs, which will be the initial part of the work. We are still some time away from awarding the first phase (1B) contract, so it is not imminent. I'll let GOCOR provide more details on the survey process.

Glenn (*PA, Major Capital Projects*): It's a straightforward process—an engineering survey will document existing conditions. For example, if your facility allows a precondition survey, the contractor will conduct it. This will be done through our MLJ contractors, and you will receive all relevant information, including details on the survey process and the assigned personnel.