Project Scoping Meeting for the
Hunts Point Interstate Access Improvement Project
Tuesday, June 27, 2017
Casita Maria, Hunts Point, Bronx NY

There are many opportunities to provide comments on the
Hunts Point Interstate Access Improvement Project.
Please take a comment card, send us your comments through United States Postal Service mail,
or by email at HuntsPoint@dot.ny.gov.
You can also sign up to provide comments to a Stenographer in English or Spanish.
Please register and get more information at the Registration Desk.
PROJECT LOCATION

Source: National Geographic, ESRI, DeLorme, HERE, UNEP-WCMC, USGS, NASA, ESA, NRCAN, GEBCO, NOAA, Increment P Corp.
WHAT IS NEPA
National Environmental Policy Act

NEPA, the National Environmental Policy Act, is a federal law that provides for a decision-making process to consider the effects of federally funded or permitted projects on the natural and built environment.

NEPA provides for broad participation in decision-making by the public and those agencies with funding or permitting authority over the action.

NEPA addresses public concerns about protecting the environment and communities in light of development, public infrastructure programs, and other impacting activities.
# NEPA PROCESS

## NEPA Schedule

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## Public Involvement

**ACRONYMS:**
- Agency Coordination Meetings (ACM)
- Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS)
- Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Notice of Intent (NOI)
- Record of Decision (ROD)

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Hunts Point Interstate Access Improvement Project

PIN X731.55
WHAT IS SCOPING?

Scoping is an open process involving the public, and federal, state, and local agencies. It helps identify the issues that need to be addressed during project development. It is an early action in the NEPA/SEQRA process geared to identifying major and important issues to consider during the study. It is the first opportunity for the public and other agencies to provide input on:

- The characteristics of the Study Area including natural, cultural, community resources and socio-economic resources;
- The range of reasonable alternatives; and
- The process and criteria for evaluating the alternatives.
The purpose of the project is to provide improved access between the Hunts Point Peninsula and the Sheridan and Bruckner Expressways for automobiles and trucks traveling to and from the commercial businesses located on the peninsula. In addition, the project will address structural and operational deficiencies related to the existing infrastructure within the established project limits.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Improve commercial access to the Hunts Point Food Distribution Center and other commercial establishments on the peninsula;
- Address identified geometric and operational deficiencies of the Bruckner / Sheridan Interchange;
- Replace the existing geometrically deficient truss bridge over Amtrak and provide three continuous lanes on the Bruckner Expressway;
- Replace the concrete decks and repair other deteriorated elements of the Bruckner Expressway viaduct and ramps between East 141st Street and Evergreen Avenue; and
- Provide an improved pedestrian crossing at the Hunts Point Avenue intersection.
CONCEPT SCREENING /ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

Reasonable Range of Concepts

- Concept Screening
- Alternatives Analysis
- Preferred Alternative
SCREENING CRITERIA FOR NEPA SCOPING PROCESS

Project Purpose

- Improves access to/from Hunts Point Peninsula and the Sheridan and Bruckner Expressways
- Addresses structural and operational deficiencies of the existing infrastructure within the established project limits

Project Objectives

- Improves commercial access to the Hunts Point Food Distribution Center and other commercial establishments on the peninsula
- Addresses identified geometric and operational deficiencies of the Bruckner/Sheridan Interchange
- Replaces the existing geometrically deficient truss bridge over Amtrak and provides three continuous lanes on the Bruckner Expressway
- Replaces the concrete decks and repairs other deteriorated elements of the Bruckner Expressway viaduct and ramps between East 141st Street and Evergreen Avenue
- Provides an improved pedestrian crossing at the Hunts Point Avenue intersection with Bruckner Boulevard

Hunts Point Peninsula Operations

- Provides multiple direct interstate access points to the Hunts Point Food Distribution Center
- Supports multi-modal access/growth
- Supports access to commercial businesses on the peninsula

Construction Costs

- Meets the established reasonable cost threshold

Note: Metrics will be developed during the NEPA scoping process to measure the screening criteria
EXISTING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS - PEAK HOURS

Westbound Bruckner Blvd Queues at Hunts Pt Ave, Barretto St, & Tiffany St

Existing Bottleneck at Bruckner/Sheridan Interchange

Trucks forced to travel along local roads to access Hunts Point

Eastbound Bruckner Expwy Queue - PM Peak

Westbound Bruckner Expwy Queue - AM Peak
EXISTING HUNTS POINT TRUCK PATTERNS

Currently all truck traffic headed for Hunts Point Market and most truck traffic leaving the Hunts Point Market must travel on local roads, usually for several miles. All traffic must use or cross Bruckner Blvd at some point to access the market.
CONCEPT 1 - EDGEWATER / LEGGETT

Concept Description

Two New ramps at Leggett Ave

• Exit Ramp “BL” from Bruckner Expressway to Leggett Ave for traffic coming from North and East
• Entrance Ramp “LB” from Leggett Ave to Bruckner Expressway for traffic heading to South and West

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CONCEPT 1 - EDGEWATER / LEGGETT

Concept Description
Reconstruction of Bruckner Sheridan Interchange

- Three continuous Bruckner Expressway lanes
- Close Hunts Point Ave Entrance Ramp
- Improve Pedestrian safety at Hunts Point Ave and Bruckner Blvd intersection
- Replace Bryant Ave Pedestrian Bridge

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CONCEPT 1 - EDGEWATER / LEGGETT

Concept Description

Two New ramps at Edgewater Rd

- Two way Ramp “ES” from Edgewater Rd to Sheridan Expressway for traffic to and from North
- Exit Ramp “SE” from Sheridan Expressway to Edgewater Rd for traffic coming from South and West heading to Peninsula

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TRUCK PATHS DEPARTURE - EDGEWATER / LEGGETT

Existing Truck Routes

Proposed Truck Routes
**Concept Description:**

Three New ramps at Oak Point Ave. over CSX rail yard and one ramp at Leggett Ave

- Entrance Ramp “OPNE” from Oak Point Ave to Bruckner Expressway for traffic heading to North and East
- Exit Ramp “OPX” from Bruckner Expressway to Oak Point Ave for traffic coming from South and West
- Entrance Ramp “OPNW” from Oak Point Ave to Bruckner Expressway for traffic heading to South and West

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CONCEPT 2 - OAK POINT / LEGGETT

Concept Description:
Three New ramps at Oak Point Ave and One ramp at Leggett Ave
• Exit Ramp “BL” from Bruckner Expressway to Leggett Ave for traffic coming from North and East

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CONCEPT 2 - OAK POINT / LEGGETT

Concept Description
Reconstruction of Bruckner Sheridan Interchange
• Two ramps to northbound (NB) and southbound (SB) Sheridan Expressway
• Improve Pedestrian safety at Hunts Point Ave and Bruckner Blvd intersection
• Replace Bryant Ave Pedestrian Bridge

Estimated Construction Duration
2019 - 2028

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**CONCEPT 2 - OAK POINT / LEGGETT**

**Concept Description**

- Reconstruction of Bruckner Expressway
- Close Edgewater Rd
- Reconstruction of Bridge over Bronx River
- Bypass lane over Bronx River Ave
- Bruckner Expressway widening and reconstruction up to Bronx River Parkway

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Proposed Truck Routes
The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will examine potential effects of the project on the existing conditions used as a base line in the following subject areas:

- Air Quality & Noise
- Socioeconomics
- Environmental Justice
- Historic & Cultural & Recreational Resources
- Visual Resources
- Surface Water & Wetlands
- Coastal Zone Management
- General Ecology and Endangered Species
- Land Acquisition
- Indirect and Cumulative Effects
- Land Use & Community Character
- Hazardous & Contaminated Materials
The Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The meeting handout has additional information about the role that interested citizens can play in this process.
Today you can provide comments in any of the following ways:

- On a designated laptop: send your comments directly to the Comment portal
- On a comment card: deposit the card into one of the Comment Boxes
- Sign up to provide up to 3 minutes of oral comments with a stenographer, in either English or Spanish
- Use your own mobile device or computer to send us your comments at: HuntsPoint@dot.ny.gov
HOW CAN YOU COMMENT IN THE FUTURE?

Between today and July 27th, please provide comments as follows:

• Mail a comment card to the address listed on the card

• Send us your comments at:
  Hunts Point Project Team
  NYSDOT
  47-40 21st Street,
  Long Island City, New York 11101

• Send us an email at: HuntsPoint@dot.ny.gov

After the Scoping period, please provide comments by email or through the mailing address above.