

SOUTH FERRY TERMINAL PROJECT

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

SUMMARY

This is to announce the release of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Section 4(f) Evaluation for the proposed construction of the new South Ferry Terminal Project in Lower Manhattan, as required under the Council on Environmental Quality regulations, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations under 23 CFR 771.119(d), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, Section 4 (f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, and in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, the State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) of 1980, Executive Order 11988 for Floodplains, and Executive Order 12898 for Environmental Justice.

This EA and Section 4(f) Evaluation have been prepared with the FTA by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), in conjunction with MTA's request for FTA funding of this project. The FTA is serving as the Lead Agency for the purpose of the NEPA review, and the MTA is serving as the Lead Agency for the purpose of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

AVAILABILITY

For a list of viewing locations in Manhattan and on Staten Island for the EA and Section 4(f) Evaluation, please call the MTA Community Affairs Department at 212-878-7483, or refer to the MTA website www.mta.info (click "Capital Construction," then "South Ferry Terminal").

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

South Ferry is the southern terminus of the MTA New York City Transit **1/9** subway line that serves the full length of the West Side of Manhattan between South Ferry and 242nd Street and Broadway in the Bronx. The project will include the construction of a new South Ferry Terminal that allows for improved access and intermodal connectivity to Lower Manhattan in support of economic recovery and growth. This project will enhance subway line operations and reliability, and provide safer, simpler access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The project will adhere to environmental performance commitments (EPCs) to reduce and/or eliminate impacts to air quality, noise, pedestrian and vehicular circulation, cultural and historic resources, and business/economic interests. The project is being coordinated with other major transportation projects to be constructed in Lower Manhattan to minimize temporary construction impacts to the community and the environment.

DATE AND PLACE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 18, 2004, starting at 6 p.m.
126 Stuyvesant Place
Jury Room
Staten Island, New York

Directions: ④ ⑤ Subway to Bowling Green; ① ⑨ Subway to South Ferry; ① ⑨ to Whitehall Street, then Staten Island Ferry to St. George, or Staten Island Railway to St. George, or S40, S42, S44, S46, S48, S51, S52, S61, S62, S66, S74, S78 buses to St. George. The meeting site is one block behind the Supreme Court Building.

AND

Thursday, May 20, 2004, starting at 6 p.m.
2 Broadway
20th Floor Conference Room
Manhattan, New York

Directions: ④ ⑤ Subway to Bowling Green, ① ⑨ Subway to Broad Street; ① ⑨ to White Hall Street; ① ⑨ to South Ferry; M1, M6, M15 buses.

REGISTRATION AND WRITTEN COMMENTS

Those wishing to speak must register by 7 p.m. at the meeting sites, or by calling 718-694-5160. Written comments on the Environmental Assessment will be accepted by the MTA until close of business on June 3, 2004. Public comments regarding impacts to archaeological and historic resources under Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act and the State Historic Preservation Act will also be accepted. Please send written comments to:

MTA New York City Transit
2 Broadway-4th Floor
New York, NY 10004
Attn: South Ferry Terminal Project

Comments may also be sent via e-mail to www.mta.info (click on "Contact Us/FAQs").

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