

# Public Hearing

## DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED EMERGENCY VENTILATION PLANT

MTA New York City Transit, an agency of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a proposed Emergency Ventilation Plant for the 8th Ave Subway Line between the West 4th & 14th St Stations, and the 7th Ave Subway Line between the Christopher & 14th St Stations. This emergency ventilation plant would operate only during an emergency. Based on an alternative analysis and feasibility evaluation, the location of this ventilation plant has been narrowed down to three alternative sites that will be the subject of a public hearing and the DEIS. This DEIS and the Final Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) and all other applicable laws and regulations.

This Public Hearing follows the preparation of an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) for the project, which determined that the project may have significant effects and impacts on the environment that would take place wholly within the Greenwich Village Historic District and may affect aesthetic, historical, and visual resources and transportation.

### Description of Alternatives

Nine alternative sites were initially identified in the Draft Scoping Document and those remain under consideration. The alternatives considered include ventilation plants constructed off the streetbed on property & in the streetbed. From these, three have been selected for detailed evaluation in the DEIS. Subsequent to the Public Hearing and comment period, one of these three alternatives will be selected for this project, and this selection will be identified in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. The locations currently under consideration are:

- SB1 located in the streetbed of Greenwich Ave between 7th Ave and Perry St.
- SB5 located in the streetbed of Perry St between Greenwich & 7th Aves.
- P1 located within the existing MTA NYCT property at 61 Greenwich Ave at the intersection of Greenwich Ave and 7th Ave.

### Date and place of the hearing

Thursday, February 28, 2008, starting at 6 p.m.

Tishman Auditorium

The New School, 66 West 12th Street, between 5th and 6th Aves.

**Directions:** **4** **5** or **6** **L** **N** **R** **Q** **W**, train to 14th St-Union Square Station

**F** **L** **V** train to 14th St-6th Ave Station

**1** **2** or **3** train to 14th St-7th Ave Station

**A** **G** **E** or **L** train to 14th St-8th Ave Station

**M2** **M3** **M5** or **M7** bus to 14th St/5th Ave

Poster Boards depicting the project concept will be available for review at the hearing location from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by a presentation at 6 p.m., and public comment, limited to three minutes per speaker. Those wishing to speak must register at the hearing by 8 p.m. at the hearing location.

### Registration and Written Comments:

To register in advance to speak, contact Douglas Sussman, Director, MTA Community Affairs, 347 Madison Ave, New York, NY 10017, or call 212-878-7483. All written comments must be submitted between January 30, 2008, and the close of business on March 11, 2008.

### For further information:

Please see the MTA website [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) under the "Newsroom Section", or contact Adrienne Taub, Assistant Director, MTA NYC Transit Government & Community Relations, 2 Broadway, Room D17.121, New York, NY 10004, or call 646-252-2660.

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