

New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)

**Notice of Completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Proposed Emergency Ventilation Plant**

on the

8th Avenue Subway Line (between West 4th Street & 14th Street Stations)

and on the

7th Avenue Subway Line (between Christopher Street & 14th Street Stations)

SEQRA Classification: Type 1

New York County, New York: The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) New York City Transit (NYCT), as the Lead Agency, has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed emergency ventilation plant (the Proposed Action) located in the Greenwich Village area of Manhattan, New York County, New York. The proposed emergency ventilation plant would provide necessary mechanical emergency ventilation to a tunnel segment of the New York City subway system between the West 4th Street and 14th Street Stations on the 8th Avenue Subway Line, which currently has no such protection, to improve life safety. Collaterally, because of the proximity of the 7th Avenue Subway Line to the 8th Avenue Subway Line tunnel segment in this area of West Greenwich Village, all reasonable attempts will *also* be made to provide emergency ventilation to the 7th Avenue Subway Line between the Christopher Street and 14th Street Stations.

The Final Scoping Document identified various alternatives and those remain under consideration in the DEIS. The alternatives included off- streetbed, on property and in-streetbed sites. Three have been selected for detailed evaluation in the DEIS.

The DEIS assesses the effects of the Proposed Action on: traffic and transportation (traffic and parking, transit and pedestrians); social and economic conditions (land use, zoning and public policy, economics and community character); public open space and parklands; urban design and visual resources; displacement and relocation; cultural resources; air quality; noise and vibration; infrastructure, energy and solid waste; natural resources; contaminated materials and waste management; coastal zone; safety and security; environmental justice; cumulative effects; growth inducing aspects of the Proposed Action; irreversible and irretrievable commitments to resources; and unavoidable adverse impacts.

The proposed emergency ventilation plant would provide improved life safety facilities for tunnel segments of the 8th Avenue and 7th Avenue Subway Lines, as described above. While its operational/long-term effects would be predominantly beneficial, its construction would likely result in temporary unavoidable disruptions and adverse impacts. The DEIS identifies the following resource categories as having the potential for significant adverse impacts during construction (expected to peak in 2010/2011): traffic; community character; and, noise and vibration.

MTA NYCT, the Lead Agency, issued a Positive Declaration and Draft Scoping Document for the Proposed Action on June 6, 2007. A formal Scoping meeting was held on

July 11, 2007 and a Final Scoping Document was issued in early January 2008. The DEIS will be available on January 30, 2008 and a Public Hearing is scheduled for February 28, 2008. The DEIS comment period will commence on January 30, 2008 and continue until close of business on March 11, 2008.

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Document Availability:

The DEIS is available at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority website: www.mta.info.

The DEIS will be available at the following locations for review:

Metropolitan Transportation Authority Headquarters
347 Madison Avenue
Law Library 9th Floor*
New York, NY
**Call (212) 878-7192 for an appointment*


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Environmental Conservation Law (ECL §§ 8-0101 et seq.), and its implementing
regulations, Title 6 NYCRR §617.

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