

**The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)
New York City Transit (NYCT)
New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)
Notice of Completion of Final Environmental Impact Statement**

Date: April 22, 2008

Project Title: 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)

Lead Agency: The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)
New York City Transit (NYCT)

Project Address: Manhattan, New York County, New York

SEQR Classification: Type I Action

This notice is issued pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 617 of the implementing regulations (State Environmental Quality Review) pertaining to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

A Final Environmental Impact Statement (“FEIS”) has been completed by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York City Transit (NYCT) as lead agency, for the proposed project described below¹.

Description of the Proposed Project

The proposed emergency ventilation plant is to provide the 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.

Location of Proposed Project

The proposed emergency ventilation plant (the Proposed Action) is located in the Greenwich Village area of Manhattan, New York County, New York proximate to the NYCT subway tunnel segment located between the West 4th Street and 14th Street Stations on the 8th Avenue Subway

¹ Pursuant to 6NYCRR §617.9(b)(8), the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Final Scoping Document for the 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, have been incorporated by reference into the FEIS.

Line, and the tunnel segment between the Christopher Street and 14th Street Stations on the 7th Avenue Subway Line.

The FEIS evaluated the Proposed Project for potential environmental impacts (generally related to construction impacts) including: 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 Project; irreversible and irretrievable commitments to resources; and unavoidable adverse impacts.

Availability and Distribution of the FEIS:

The FEIS will be available between April 23, 2008 and the close of business on May 6, 2008, to afford agencies and the public a reasonable time period in which to consider the FEIS before MTA NYCT issues its written findings statement.

The FEIS is available for public review on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority website: www.mta.info. and at the following locations:

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

New York Public Library Local Branches:

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The Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York City Transit, as the lead agency for implementing State Environmental Quality Review ("SEQR") on the Proposed Project, has completed the Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") for the Proposed Project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL §§ 8-0101 et seq.), and its implementing regulations, Title 6 NYCRR §617.

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