

Public Notice

Supplemental Environmental Assessment - Proposed Reconstruction and Expansion of Jamaica Bus Depot

In October 2019 the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) New York City Transit (NYCT), prepared and completed the SEQRA Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Proposed Reconstruction and Expansion of the Jamaica Bus Depot (Proposed Action) located at 165-18 Tuskegee Airmen Way in Jamaica, Queens, NY. The Proposed Action would construct a new modernized bus depot with facilities needed to operate, maintain, and park up to 300 buses. A critical element of the planned construction is to ensure that the existing depot facilities remain operational throughout the construction of the new bus depot. The Proposed Action would require the relocation of the current buses parked at the existing depot. Pursuant to the 2019 FEIS, a supplemental environmental review would be prepared when a location for a temporary bus parking during the reconstruction of the new depot was identified. Accordingly, MTA NYCT has identified an approximately 3.5-acre parcel of property to the north of the existing JBD at a site owned by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York ("DASNY") and managed by the City University of New York ("CUNY") York College.

MTA NYCT has prepared and completed a Supplemental Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Reconstruction and Expansion of the Jamaica Bus Depot (SEA JBD).

The elements of the SEA JBD are summarized below:

- Environmental impact assessment of the temporary bus parking area located on the York College Campus
- Updated information of new developments and/or changes in the conditions studied in the 2019 FEIS:
 - (1) Updated analysis year for operations, as well as the construction years with the greatest potential for traffic, air, and noise impacts; the respective environmental analyses are adjusted; accordingly,
 - (2) Refinement of new depot entry and exit points through consultation with the New York City Department of Transportation ("NYCDOT"); and
 - (3) Minor street reconfiguration to the east of the JBD by NYCDOT.
- Additionally, as a separate action not subject to this SEQRA review, a portion of Tuskegee Airmen Way, directly north of and adjacent to the JBD as well as the adjacent NYCDOT traffic island, would be made available for bus operations to accommodate NYCDOT requirements.

The Supplemental Environmental Assessment for the Jamaica Bus Depot is available for review from February 23, 2022, through March 24, 2022, to afford agencies and the public reasonable time to consider the SEA JBD before MTA NYCT issues its written Findings Statement.

This Notice has been prepared in accordance with: The State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL§§ 8-0101 et seq.) and its implementing regulations, Title 6 NYCRR §617.

Document Availability:

The SEA JBD is available on the MTA website at <https://new.mta.info/project/jamaica-bus-depot-expansion> and hard copies of the SEA JBD document is available for public viewing at the following repositories:

- Queens Community Board 12, 9028 161st Street, Jamaica, NY 11432.
- Queens Central Library, 89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432; and,
- South Jamaica Library, 10841 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11433

E-mail comments will be accepted online. Comments may also be submitted via postal mail to:

MTA NYCT Government & Community Relations

Attn: SEA Jamaica Bus Depot

2 Broadway, 17th Fl, Rm. D17.154, New York, NY 10004

All written and online comments must be received by 5:00 PM, Thursday, March 24, 2022.

Comments received after this date and time will not be considered.



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