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THE INTERBOROUGH EXPRESS:

Community Council

October 22, 2025

Agenda

- Environmental Review Process
 - Main objectives of SEQRA
 - Scoping Process and Draft Scoping Document
 - Scoping Meetings
- Fall open houses
- Q&A

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Environmental Review Process

SEQRA Environmental Review

- On October 15, we kicked off the environmental review process under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)
- This process allows us to consider the environmental effects of IBX, evaluate reasonable alternatives, and identify measures to mitigate significant adverse environmental effects
- MTA is the Lead Agency and made a preliminary determination that the Proposed Action is a Type I action under SEQRA
 - An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared

Environmental Review Process



What is Scoping and What is its Purpose?

What is Scoping?

A process to develop a written document (scope) that outlines the topics and analyses of potential environmental impacts to be addressed in the EIS.

What is the Purpose of Scoping?

- Ensure public participation in EIS process
- Encourage open discussion of issues of public concern
- Permit inclusion of relevant, substantive public issues in final written scope

What's in the Scoping Document?

Draft Scoping Document Contents

- Background/history
- Purpose and need statement
- Alternatives
- Environmental analysis framework and scope
- Agency coordination

Available for review at <https://www.mta.info/document/187036> or [mta.info/IBX](https://www.mta.info/IBX)

Technical Resources to be Evaluated

- Land Use, Zoning and Public Policy
- Community Facilities and Services
- Transportation
- Socioeconomic Conditions
- Open Space
- Visual and Aesthetic Resources
- Historic and Cultural Resources
- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Noise and Vibration
- Energy
- Contaminated Materials
- Natural Resources
- Coastal Zone Consistency
- Safety
- Environmental Justice



Public Scoping Meeting Calendar

The purpose of a scoping meeting is to gain valuable public feedback on the IBX Scoping document. Unlike an open house, these meetings are intended for us to listen.

- Brooklyn Scoping Meeting
 - October 29, 2025 @ 5:30-8pm
 - Brooklyn College, Whitehead Hall, 2710 Campus Road, Brooklyn, NY 11210
- Queens Scoping Meeting
 - November 6, 2025 @ 5:30-8pm
 - Christ the King High School Auditorium, 68-02 Metropolitan Avenue, Middle Village, Queens, NY 11379
- Virtual Scoping Meetings
 - November 12, 2025 @ 10am-12pm and 6-8pm
 - Zoom link will be emailed to those who register

Visit mta.info/IBX for more information



How to Comment

Public comments can be provided in the following ways

- Speak at a Scoping Meeting
- Leave a written comment in the comment box
- Email comments to IBXOutreach@mtacd.org
- Submit comments online at mta.info/IBX
- Mail comments to: Jordan Smith, Director IBX
2 Broadway, C6.87
New York, NY 10004
- Comments on the Draft Scoping Document must be received by **November 26, 2025** to be considered in the Final Scoping Document.



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Fall Open Houses

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In addition to Scoping, we are continuing our Open House outreach this Fall. Meetings will follow the same format as previous Open Houses.

- Middle Village
 - Date and location to be confirmed
- Sunset Park
 - November 20, 2025 @ 6-8pm
 - Brooklyn Public Library – Sunset Park Branch, 5108 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11220

We look forward to seeing you and your constituents at an event this Fall



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Q&A

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