

FY 2023 Borough Budget Consultations

Manhattan - Department of Sanitation

Meeting Date: Thursday - 9/23/2020 @ 9:30

AGENDA ITEM 1: General Agency Funding Discussion: **Commissioner will discuss/opening remarks**

AGENDA ITEM 2: Vehicles and Equipment

AGENCY RESPONSE

1. What is the current inventory of vehicles and equipment in the Manhattan districts?
2. Please provide an update of any equipment purchases made in FY 2021 and anticipated acquisitions in FY 2022. Are these purchases for replacement vehicles or new vehicles?
3. Last year, you reported that budget cuts would cause the DSNY fleet to age and would make repairs and maintenance more difficult. How much of the maintenance budget has been restored in FY 22 and what is projected in FY 23?

Currently Manhattan has over 700 vehicles in its inventory. The Department added 17 new rear loaders in FY 2022.

Collection Trucks	Dual Bin Trucks	EZ-Packs	Roll On/Roll Offs	Vans	Passenger Cars	4X4s
294	15	22	20	9	28	60

The cuts to DSNY's capital budget have caused us to delay the purchase of core fleet, including collection trucks, dual-bins and salt spreaders. These delays have increased the average age of DSNY's fleet beyond the target 8-year lifespan. As the fleet continues to age, it is a given that it will become more costly to maintain. We are optimistic that we will have additional funding restored in the coming years to help us to return to a regular buy cycle for capital fleet.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Mechanical Brooms

AGENCY RESPONSE

1. Has funding for mechanical broom operations in Manhattan been restored in FY 2022 and are changes anticipated in FY 2023.
2. Has the number of mechanical brooms assigned to Manhattan and the number of mechanical broom shifts been restored to pre-Covid 19 levels?
3. How many mechanical brooms in Manhattan are currently equipped with GPS systems? Is funding available to increase that number in FY 2022 and FY 2023?
4. How has the Open Restaurant program impacted mechanical broom operations and what, if any, are the fiscal ramifications in FY 22 and FY 23?

Current funding has not been fully restored to pre-covid levels.

No, the number of mechanical brooms assigned to Manhattan and the number of mechanical broom shifts have not been restored to pre-Covid 19 levels.

By the end of the Fiscal Year, all mechanical brooms will be equipped with GPS systems.

The Open Restaurant Program prevents our equipment from getting to the curb to properly sweep. Ultimately the business owner is still responsible to maintain the cleanliness of their street and sidewalk. Daily we inspect and enforce the rules and regulations.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Staffing

AGENCY RESPONSE

1. What are the current and projected staffing levels in Manhattan, including the assignment of Sanitation enforcement agents and Sanitation police?
2. How do these staffing levels compare to staffing levels last year?
3. Will funding be available to maintain the DSNY headcount in FY 2023?

DSNY enforcement is currently budgeted for 221 citywide, including 39 in Manhattan. Sanitation Police are budgeted at 80 citywide, also including Manhattan.

DSNY enforcement is currently budgeted for 184 citywide, including 39 in Manhattan. Sanitation Police are budgeted at 70 citywide, also including Manhattan.

While we are currently under headcount, we currently have approvals to hire up to full headcount for both Sanitation Enforcement Agents and Sanitation Police Officers. We are currently in the process of onboarding and training these new staff.

Every community board has at least one (1) agent assigned daily to patrol for all sanitation violations. Any community boards with complaints of overflowing litter baskets, litter conditions, etc., the number of agents can be increased as needed.

Enforcement's headcount is down by 59 citywide. Sanitation Police is down by 10 from FY 2021. The budgeted headcount is as follows:

Enforcement Unit= 221 (-59)	Sanitation Police = 80 (-10)
Captains = 3	Inspectors = 3
Lieutenants = 12	Lieutenants = 16
Sergeants = 39 (-10)	Police Officers= 61 (-10)
SEAs = 167 (-49)	
Manhattan Enforcement	
Captain = 1	
Lieutenants = 2	
Sergeants = 8	
SEAs = 28	

AGENDA ITEM 5: Adopt-A-Basket Program

AGENCY RESPONSE

Please update us on the Adopt-A-Basket Program in Manhattan.

1. Last year, you reported 512 participants in the Adopt-A-Basket program, a dramatic decrease and continuing a trend from previous years. This number has certainly been affected by Covid-19. What is the current number of baskets in the program?

2. What funding is available for outreach to recruit more participants and will it increase in FY 2023?
3. Please describe the outreach that is being done to increase that number, including partnering with elected officials and any other organizations, like BIDs or Chambers of Commerce.

While the number of participants has decreased from 512 to 441 current participants due to the COVID-19 crisis, we are actively recruiting new participants. DSNY continues to engage with local businesses and merchants' associations to expand Adopt-a-Basket participation. We look forward to working with Community Boards and local stakeholders to identify potential Adopt-a-Basket areas. We welcome ideas and partnership from elected officials and other partners as we look to expand this program.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Street Recycling Programs

AGENCY RESPONSE

Please update us on the status of the Street Recycling Basket initiative.

1. How many recycling baskets are currently deployed in Manhattan?
2. Considering the continuing contamination problem, are there any metrics by which this program can be considered a success?
3. Last year, you mentioned that newly-designed recycling bins were being tested. What are the results of the test and have funds been allocated in FY 22 and/or FY 23 to install them in Manhattan?
4. Have funds been allocated to educate the public on proper disposal at the recycling bins in FY 22 and will funding for this initiative be approved in FY 23?

DSNY currently has 277 paper and 326 MGP public space recycling baskets. Providing New Yorkers with additional opportunities to properly recycle is clearly a success. While the public space recycling bins are prone to contamination, they are an important communications and messaging tool, reminding New Yorkers that recycling is a part of daily life. Any site that has abnormally high levels of contamination is evaluated to determine if the PSRR's should be removed or relocated. We have no dedicated funding for to educate the public regarding public space recycling; however, we regularly conduct outreach and marketing regarding our recycling program more generally.

The newly designed bins we discussed last year, were part of the Department's BetterBin pilot. We worked with designers and the public to design and test new prototypes for corner litter baskets and recycling bins. That program was suspended.

AGENDA ITEM 7: E-Waste Programs

AGENCY RESPONSE

1. Please update us on the eCycleNYC program? Under this no-cost contract, how many buildings have been enrolled?
2. Have funds been allocated to restore the curbside e-waste pick-up program?

4,536 residential buildings are currently enrolled in ecycleNYC in Manhattan.

Funds have been allocated to restore the curbside e-waste collection program in Staten Island only in Fiscal Year 2022. We continue to have discussions with the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget regarding the future of the program.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Snow Removal

AGENCY RESPONSE

1. Last year, you projected significant cuts to the PS, OTPS and total snow budget in FY 22 based on the average costs of the five previous years. Are those FY 22 projections still accurate?
2. What is the funding for FY 2022 and will funding change in FY 2023?
3. Please provide an update on the Snow Removal Program in Manhattan, including the deployment of vehicles, snow-melters, and Sanitation workers?

The snow budget is established in the New York City Charter as a rolling average of actual expenses from the previous five years. The snow budget naturally fluctuates with the seasonal variations in snowstorms. DSNY is confident that we will have adequate resources to fight snow in the upcoming winter. The FY22 snow budget as adopted is \$88,544,978 million. The current projected snow budget for FY23 is \$96,679,314 million.

Manhattan Snow Equipment

Large Spreader	Utility Haulster	Plowable Trucks	Front End Loaders	Plow Blades Assigned	V-Plows Assigned	Skid Steers	Snow Melter Small
66	15	346	45	787	12	16	8

Manhattan Personnel Assignments

District	Address	Sanitation Workers
Borough Office	427 East 87 th Street	
Manhattan 1	353 Spring Street	40
Manhattan 2	353 Spring Street	59
Manhattan 3	South Street – Pier 36	69
Manhattan 4	780-786 12 th Avenue	53
Manhattan 5	353 Spring Street	50
Manhattan 6	South Street – Pier 36	65
Manhattan 7	780-786 12 th Avenue	75
Manhattan 8	423 West 215 th Street	65
Manhattan 9	125 East 149 th Street - BX	62
Manhattan 10	110 East 131 st Street	52
Manhattan 11	343 East 99 th Street	55
Manhattan 12	301 West 215 th Street	92
	Total	737

AGENDA ITEM 9: Curbside Collection NYC Organics

AGENCY RESPONSE

1. With the sign-up for the curbside collection program starting in August 2021, can you describe the resources and funding that will be committed to the program?

2. What funding has been allocated in FY 22 for a re-education program? In FY 23?
3. If the sign-up starts in August 2021, can you describe the resources that will be allocated to re-engage participation by the public?
4. What funding has been allocated in FY 22 to operate food scrap drop-off and community composting sites? In FY 23?

DSNY is currently working to roll out the first cohort of our newly restored curbside composting budget. We will be rolling out the program based on demand. We have been budgeted add start service in October and expand it on a rolling basis. We look forward to rolling out the program to Manhattan districts in the coming months, based on demand.

The FY22 budget includes \$30.5 million in funding for the curbside organics program, including \$1 million for outreach to roll out the sign-up program. We are pursuing multiple avenues to engage participation and recruit people to sign up. Meetings with community boards and elected officials, attendance at community meetings, tabling in strategic locations, street tree care events to demonstrate the value of compost. We also have a team of customer service representatives who are handling questions about the sign-up process.

Food Scrap Drop-Off: We aim to reach 200 FSDO's this year. In FY22, we have \$7 million in funding for food-scrap drop-off programs. The FY23 budget currently has \$3.5 million in funding.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Pedestrian Safety

AGENCY RESPONSE

1. What is the current status of collection trucks with sideguards to enhance pedestrian safety? How many trucks in the Manhattan fleet have them?
2. Will funding continue to be allocated to retrofit all applicable heavy-duty units by 2024?

Currently, 229 trucks assigned in Manhattan have sideguards installed. Yes, all heavy-duty units will have sideguards installed by 2024.

AGENDA ITEM 11: DonateNYC

AGENCY RESPONSE

1 Please provide an update on the status of the DonateNYC program. How was it affected by Covid-19 and how many partners are currently participating? Are any DSNY funds used to support this program or is it 100% no-cost?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, donateNYC supported the GetFoodNYC emergency feeding program by connecting 6,422 tons of emergency food to organizations feeding their community. In addition, we facilitated donations of clothing to Javits Center patients and connected PPE and other donations of durable goods to organizations on the ground. The program is run by three full time staff who support the partner network. Citywide, donateNYC currently has 65 partners, 37 of which are based in Manhattan.

AGENDA ITEM 12: SAFE Disposal

AGENCY RESPONSE

1. SAFE disposal events are scheduled to resume this fall. What funds have been allocated to this program in FY 22 and FY 23?

For FY22, \$4.6 million has been allocated to SAFE Disposal Events. This includes funding for communication and operations. This funding allocation is provided to operate an expanded program that hosts a SAFE Disposal Event in each Community District by the end of June 2022. For FY23, funding for SAFE Disposal Events returns to the baseline of \$2.6 million for borough-based events.

AGENDA ITEM 13: Street Baskets

AGENCY RESPONSE

1. Can you describe the current status of basket collection in Manhattan? What level of service has been funded in FY 22? Do you anticipate that funding for basket collection will be fully restored or increased in FY 23?

2. What is the current number of baskets in Manhattan? Can you brief us on the types of baskets currently being used by the DSNY (i.e. high-end, Big Belly, wire, other) and where they are located?

Manhattan is funded for 262 weekly basket trucks. While this is still below pre-pandemic levels, it is an increase from 156 weekly basket trucks in place last year after the initial budget cuts. DSNY will continue to advocate for expanded funding for litter basket collection in all five boroughs.

Manhattan Litter Basket Count	
Basket Type	Count
Wire	4352
High-end	2563
PSR	1548
Compactor	570
Private	311
Total	9344

Litter basket locations are available on OpenData: <https://data.cityofnewyork.us/dataset/DSNY-Litter-Basket-Map-/d6m8-cwh9>