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January 8, 2015

Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Terri Adams
Andrew Anzalone
Sandra Bigitschke
Bessie Cassaro
Joseph Conley
Lisa Deller
Dana Frankel
William Garrett
Kenneth Greenberg
Richard Gundlach
Anne Hart
Mohammed Jewel
Denise Keehan-Smith
Jordan Levine
Dominic Lippolis

Charles Markey
Taina Hernandez McShane
Dorothy Morehead
Patrick Murray
Patrick O'Brien
Moitre Savard
Regina Shanley
Michael Son
Lauren Springer
Carol Terrano
Karolina Tosi
Rebecca Trent
Anthony Tudela
Santiago Vargas
Al Volpe

Absentees

Diane Ballek
Anna Bridge
Shampa Chanda
Barbara Coleman
Stephen Cooper
Emilia Crotty
Mary English
Reverend Joseph Jerome
Ellen Kang

Marie Konecko
Sheila Lewandowski
Donald McCallian
Gertrude McDonald
Elliot Park
Norberto Saldana
Elba Santiago
David Shin
Nick Troya

CB2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager
MaryAnn Gurrado

Elected Officials

Ed Babor, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney's Office
Elaine Fan, Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office

Rhakeim Miller, NYS Senator, Michael Gianaris's Office
Yoni Bokser, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Office
Javier Lacayo, Council Member Elizabeth Crowley's Office
Matthew Wallace, Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer's Office

Public Comment

Andrea Thomas, Sunnyside Community Services
Tehmina Brohi, Citizens Committee
Witold Rak
Matt Quigley
Christian Amez
Phil Konigsberg

Guests

Luke DePalma, MTA New York City Transit
Stephen Petrillo, MA New York City Transit
Daniel Weiss, PE, ARUP
Huzefa Irfani, Gannett Fleming Engineers and Architects, PC
Penny Lee, Department of City Planning
Bruno Iciano, NYC Department of Sanitation
Deidre Feerick
Erycka, NYC Compost Project
Susan Sheim
Tara Miskovsky
Anthony Giudice, Ridgewood Times

Mr. O'Brien welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Certificate of Appreciation – Presented to Joseph Raskin, MTA

Mr. O'Brien presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Joseph Raskin, MTA New York City Transit for his many years of dedicated service to the community, as he is retiring from the MTA.

Mr. Raskin stated he was grateful for this honor and that he was a former resident of the community and plans to visit the area to take photographs.

Andrea Thomas, Associate Director, Sunnyside Community Services

Ms. Thomas provided an update on the following:

- As of February 1, 2015, in the center for Active Older Adults, a Lunch Program for seniors will be provided from 11 to 4 on Sundays. Tickets will be available between 11 am and 1 pm.
- Ms. Thomas spoke about Home Health Care Services, which is a program that prevents individuals from being institutionalized. She stated that Sunnyside Community Services has partnered with managed long term care service and introduced Mr. Danny Perry, Director of Community Engagement for Independent Care System.

- Ms. Thomas announced there is a Medicaid Specialist on site and anyone can make an appointment for assistance with the Medicaid process.
- Ms. Thomas entertained questions.

Danny Perry, Independent Care System

Mr. Perry spoke about the following services provided by this plan:

- Non-profit organization dedicated to supporting adults with physical disabilities and chronic conditions to live at home and participate fully in community life.
- ICS operates a non-profit Medicaid managed long-term care plan serving Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx.
- Dental Care
- Eye Exams, Glasses and Other Vision Services
- Hearing Exams, Hearing Aids and Hearing aid Batteries
- Home Care
- Transportation
- Social Day Care
- Wheel Chair Program
- ICS Membership – an individual must meet the following requirements; have a physical disability or chronic illness that will last longer than 120 days and require a nursing home level of care, receive or are eligible for Medicaid, are 18 years or older, live in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens or the Bronx, and are able to stay safely at home.

Mr. Perry provided brochures and entertained questions.

Matthew Wallace, Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer's Office

Mr. Wallace provided an update about the Participatory Budgeting Process, and reported that neighborhood assemblies were held and the next phase will be the vote on the Participatory Budget in late March or early April. Mr. Wallace wished all a happy healthy new year.

Yoni Bokser, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Office

Mr. Bokser announced that Queens Borough President Melinda Katz will deliver the State of the Borough Address on Thursday January 22, 2105 at Colden Auditorium at Queens College. All are invited to attend.

Update by the Department of Sanitation – Bruno Iciano

Mr. Iciano, NYC Department of Sanitation provided an update of the following:

- Requested that everyone call 311 to report their complaint.
- Electronic Waste Ban Starts January 2015. DSNY will no longer collect electronics left at the curb.
- Apartment buildings with more than 10 units can enroll for this free and convenient service to pick up and recycle unwanted electronics. More information is on their website at nyc.gov/ecycle.
- Retail Drop Off Programs – Drop off electronics at Goodwill, Salvation Army, Best Buy and Staples

Mr. Iciano entertained questions.

Presentation by MTA New York City Transit Luke DePalma on the two Superstorm Sandy Fan Plant Fortification Projects within CB 2

- The fan plant serving the 7 line, located at 50th Avenue and 2nd Street
- The fan plant at 44th Drive and 5th Street services the 53rd Street Tunnel (E/M trains)

Mr. DePalma introduced his colleagues:

- Stephen Petrillo, Capital Program Management, MTA New York City Transit
- Daniel Weiss, PE, Associate Senior Rail Project Manager, ARUP
- Huzefa Irfani, Senior Architect, Gannett Fleming Engineers and Architects, PC.

Stephen Petrillo, Capital Program Management, MTA New York City Transit stated the response from New York City Transit has been Recovery and Resiliency and spoke about the Resiliency aspect of the project.

Daniel Weiss, PE, Associate Senior Rail Project Manager, ARUP and Huzefa Irfani, Senior Architect, Gannett Fleming Engineers and Architects, PC. provided an overview of the project and presented a slide presentation which is attached.

The construction award will be decided in fall, 2015. On site construction is expected to begin in the winter of 2015 and complete in the winter of 2017.

Questions were entertained.

Public Comment

Tehmina Brohi, Citizens Committee

Ms. Brohi provided an update on the neighborhood grants program. She announced that Citizens Committee for New York City awards grants of up to \$3,000 to resident-led groups to work on community and school improvement projects. For more information visit their website at www.citizensnyc.org or call (212) 822-9563.

Witold Rak

Mr. Rak spoke about the following:

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Sad that Joe Conley is no longer the Chairman.
- Wished Mr. O'Brien the best.
- Happy that the Pledge is in the beginning of the meeting.
- Requested a banner with Community Board 2's name on it.
- Mr. Condes sends his regards.
- Requesting the elevator to be repaired at 61st Street.

Matt Quigley, Plaxall

Mr. Quigley spoke about the following:

- Reported there is a stop sign missing on 46th Avenue and 5th Street. It is near a school and there should be a stop sign on that corner.
- A huge log was left hanging in wires after a portion of a tree was cut down on Vernon Boulevard between 46th Road and 46th Avenue. This presents a dangerous situation to pedestrians. Mr. Quigley has called 311 regarding the issue, but it has not yet been resolved.
- Thanked Joe Conley for all his help in the past.

Christian Amez

Mr. Amez spoke about his opposition to the Vernon Mall Expansion and spoke about the shortage of parking spaces in Hunters Point. He requested that all oppose any plans by the DCP concerning the Vernon Mall expansion.

Phil Konigsberg

Mr. Konigsberg stated he serves on Community Board 7’s Health Committee and is also affiliated with Public Health Fellowship of the part of the Queens Tobacco Coalition. He is requesting that Community Board 2 pass a resolution to promote smoke free multiple housing units and a smoking policy disclosure regulation for anyone who is looking to purchase or rent in an apartment building. CB 7 passed a resolution and the last one to approve this is CB 11. He has been getting good feedback and is requesting the Health and Human Services Committee provide its support. He submitted copies of the resolution that was passed and thanked all for their consideration of this request.

Ms. Terrano stated she will contact him and that we would like to make a proposal.

Attendance

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| Total Present | 30 | Total Absent | 18 |
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Approval of the December 4, 2014 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

Santiago Vargas made a motion to approve the December 4, 2014 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes and it was seconded by Carol Terrano and Karolina Tosi. The minutes were approved by a show of hands, all were in favor.

Chairman’s Report

Mr. O’Brien stated that last month, the board meeting was pretty dynamic and there was a lot going on and that we had a result that might have been strained to arrive at for some and it might have been confusing to others. Mr. O’Brien stated he has had conversations with some of the members that expressed this.

Mr. O’Brien stated no one is a big fan of the process, but he hopes that having reached a consensus we can take all the energy expressed at last month’s meeting and move it forward to doing the work we are all here to do. Mr. O’Brien stated that Community Board 2 is comprised of several distinct communities, such as Long Island City, Woodside, Sunnyside and parts of Maspeth, but we are all here for the same purpose to make it better for all of those places.

Mr. O’Brien has every confidence that we will move forward and informed everyone that he will distribute information that members received when they were appointed, such as a set of the By-laws, Parliamentary Guide and Handbook from the Borough President’s Office when members are first

appointed. Mr. O'Brien stated he believes it is important for everyone, as we are bound by process and that the better we all understand it, the better we will be.

Mr. O'Brien stated we can provide hard copies to all those that do not have an email and provided the following update:

- Plans to bring electronics into the 21st Century and that CB 2 has a contract with a provider for its current website; however it is in the process of being improved through DOITT and hopefully we will transition into a new website.
- We will also put up a Facebook Page.
- Update wifi access in the center is (SunnysideTW and the password is sunnytech321.)
- Borough President Melinda Katz will be presenting the State of the Borough address on January 22, 2015 at Queens College Colden Auditorium. All are invited to attend.
- Thank everyone for attending Joe Conley's celebration on December 29, 2014 and it was impressive to watch as many good sentiments were expressed and there was a great turn out.
- Calamus Avenue Sewer Project updates are in the board packets. Capital Construction Project along Calamus Avenue between 74th Street and 69th Street and on 69th Street between Calamus Avenue and Queens Blvd. DDC will replace distribution water mains, reconstruct combined sewer, and install new catch basins. Project anticipated to be completed by fall 2016.
- Mr. O'Brien spoke about the Vernon Mall Extension Proposal and stated this is just a proposal and there is nothing in final stages at this time. Mr. O'Brien stated this is part of the Western Queens Transportation Study and is on the DCP website which can be downloaded. Mr. O'Brien stated there is a concern about the draft which has the potential to change parking. Mr. O'Brien stated we have to monitor it and stay on top of it. We have made our concerns known to Penny Lee, Department of City Planning and there is no hard firm proposal that DCP is pushing and reported it is a draft. We are aware of it and we are monitoring it. When there is a final proposal it will come to a public process, to the Transportation Committee, and to the full board. We will have a chance to review it and comment on it.
- Mr. O'Brien spoke about the term limit bill introduced by Council Member Dromm. The proposed bill would set a 12 year term limit for community board members whose terms commence on or after April 1, 2016 and would not apply to anyone here today. If anyone has any thoughts, they should be put their concerns in writing and maybe we can have a discussion on it next month. Mr. O'Brien stated the term limits bill is Int 0585 2014.
- In response to a question about the number of absences for CB 2 Board Members. Mr. O'Brien believes it is 5 absences within a two year term.

Mr. Conley clarified there is no such thing as an excused absence. They look at the reason you are out, and if someone had an illness that is the reason, but also reported to the BP's office is activity on committees as well. Sometimes people never attend a committee meeting and this information is sent to the BP's office.

Mr. Conley further clarified that every year we have turn over on the board for various reasons, we have a process in place where a council member, and BP review the application every two years.

Mr. Vargas asked that Community Board 2 puts forth a resolution to send a message to local officials that we don't need term limits and that elected officials should have term limits but people who are willing to donate and volunteer their time should not have term limits. Mr. Vargas stated this resolution should be sent to the Council Member that we do not need term limits we have our own.

Mr. O'Brien requested that this be discussed before the full board as some board members were not present this evening before we make a resolution.

Penny Lee, Department of City Planning

Stairwells Text Amendment

Ms. Lee stated there is a proposal to accommodate a new change in the building code related to stairwells. The international building codes, which the City follows is requiring wider stairwells in large commercial building to facilitate evacuations. The Stairwells Text Amendment will be presented at the next Land Use Committee Meeting.

Vernon Mall

Ms. Lee thanked Mr. O'Brien for clarifying this issue. Ms. Lee stated the Western Queens Transportation Study was presented in November at the Transportation Committee Meeting. There were many recommendations that pertained to CB 2 and it was indicated they were in draft. Ms. Lee stated that the DCP has no authority to implement any of these recommendations; they simply hand them over to the respective agencies.

Ms. Lee stated they considered two conceptual ideas and that somehow it this has been blown out of proportion. Ms. Lee stated this was discussed at the committee level and there has been a very long delayed DOT capital project for the street grid in Hunters Point. In 1988 it was already delayed and it is finally now funded. The DDC is going to be tackling the study for DOT. The DOT, DDC, DCP, MTA and DEP are all going to be working together to come up with designs for not only the streets and sewers in the Hunters Point Community but this thorny confluence of streets and public open spaces.

Ms. Lee stated there is a desire to preserve public parking spaces in the area, but they are essentially for employee parking. Ms. Lee believes that we all need to work together as part of this study as DOT and DDC will be doing to come up with an idea to realize some additional public open space than what we have at Vernon Mall and to make sure there is still appropriate allowance for public parking in the community.

The drawing in the newspaper is a conceptual idea to get people thinking and start the discussion and it is not a final plan.

Ms. Lee also reported there were a couple of recommendations from the Western Queens Transportation Study. She did not have the opportunity to present them in November, but hopes to attend the February Transportation Committee meeting to cover them.

A board member raised concerns about this matter.

Ms. Lee entertained questions and announced that the Western Queens Transportation Study can be reviewed at www.nyc.gov/planning in the section called projects and proposals.

Mr. O'Brien informed everyone to read and review the material in order to get a better sense of the Western Queens Transportation Study.

Ms. Lee stated this will be presented to the full board.

Transportation Committee

Joe Conley provided the following update:

- State DOT Charles O'Shea responded to CB 2 about the beam at 61st Street and Laurel Hill Blvd. They stated that they are making things safer. They will be doing work at that location. Work expected to be completed end of January 2015.
- The billboard at the location of 61- 04 Laurel Hill Blvd. was violated for signs installed without permits. We are trying to get some of the structures down and we will be working on this.
- DOT informed that on Jackson Avenue and 11th Street received one bench. The Department of Transportation notified CB2 that this location was receiving one more additional bench for a total of two benches.
- Dalila Hall has moved on and we are waiting to hear who the new Commissioner will be.
- Traffic signal will be installed at 51st Street and Skillman Avenue. Tentatively scheduled for March 2015.
- Pulaski Bridge Project will begin on January 15th. They will have one way closures. Flyer was emailed and in packets.
- Pre-Construction has begun for the Kosciuszko Project. They are doing test pits, soil borings, etc. CB2 will be invited to a meeting update sometime this quarter.
- Next Transportation Meeting is Tuesday, February 3rd, 6:30pm.

In response to a question by Dana Frankel concerning the bench at Jackson Avenue and 11th Street, Mr. Conley reported we took pictures of the area and we are on record that we have requested five benches.

Ms. Terrano, spoke about the dangerous condition in the Woodside community with regard to a steel beam at 61st Street and Laurel Hill Boulevard. She stated that Charles O'Shea, State DOT reported in his email that there is nothing wrong with the BQE but that the steel beam would be removed after the repairs are made. Ms. Terrano stated that if there is nothing wrong with

the BQE then why is the beam there? Ms. Terrano also reported the State DOT responded by closing down a sidewalk which created a more serious and hazardous situation. She reported that a person in her community who uses an assisted device needed the assistance of the PD to cross this area safely. In addition, there are children from the Big Six Towers who attend PS 229 and must cross three major points of heavy duty traffic. Ms. Terrano reported that no one has done a thing about it. She believes her community is being ignored and is requesting assistance.

Mr. Conley reported he conducted a site visit of the location and Community Board 2 will continue to follow up. Mr. Conley also provided an update regarding a foil request concerning the environmental shields and stated that we are waiting for this information.

Health and Human Services Committee

Ms. Terrano stated there was no report and will collaborate with Mr. Konigsberg.

City Services & Public Safety Committee

Mr. O'Brien provided the following update:

- The next meeting of the City Service Committee is January 14, 2015.
- In response to a question by a Board Member, Mr. O'Brien reported that Baru at 47-15 Barnett Avenue, Sunnyside, has been invited to attend the January 14, 2015 City Services and Public Safety Committee Meeting. Mr. O'Brien stated somehow they got a liquor license and the Board never received a notice. Mr. O'Brien asked them to produce the original certified mail receipt and stated he has seen individuals hanging outside of the establishment. There have been arrests there in February. Mr. O'Brien stated we are aware of it and we are on top of it.
- Provided an update on Gypsy Rose is still open and is still on our radar.

Land Use Committee

Ms. Deller stated the following:

Land Use Committee Meeting was cancelled last month.

Announced the Percent for Art – The Sunbather will be presented at the Design Commission on January 12, 2015. Anyone wishing to testify may do so at City Hall at 11:00 am on the 3rd floor.

Environment Committee

Ms. Morehead announced the following:

- Environment Committee meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2015 and a representative from the DEP will be presenting on an Aeration Project in Dutch Kills.
- Patrick O'Brien will be the guest speaker at the next Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce Luncheon which will take place on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at the Bliss Street Station and the price is \$22.00.

Santiago Vargas read a poem on behalf of Luke Adams.

The next Community Board 2 meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2015

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:
MA Gurrado

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NYCT Superstorm Sandy - Recovery & Resiliency

**NYCT Fan Plants – Steinway Tunnel &
53rd St Tunnel**

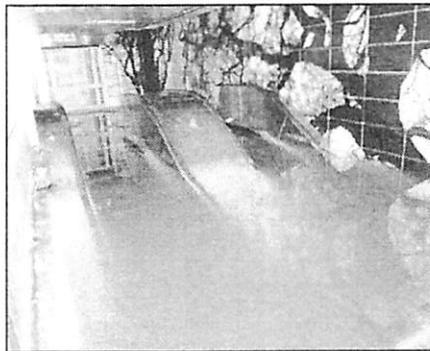
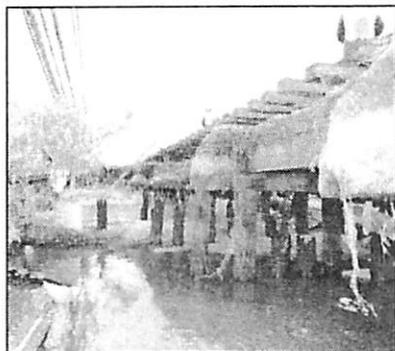
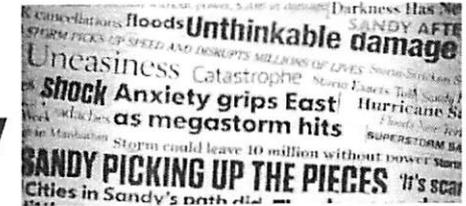
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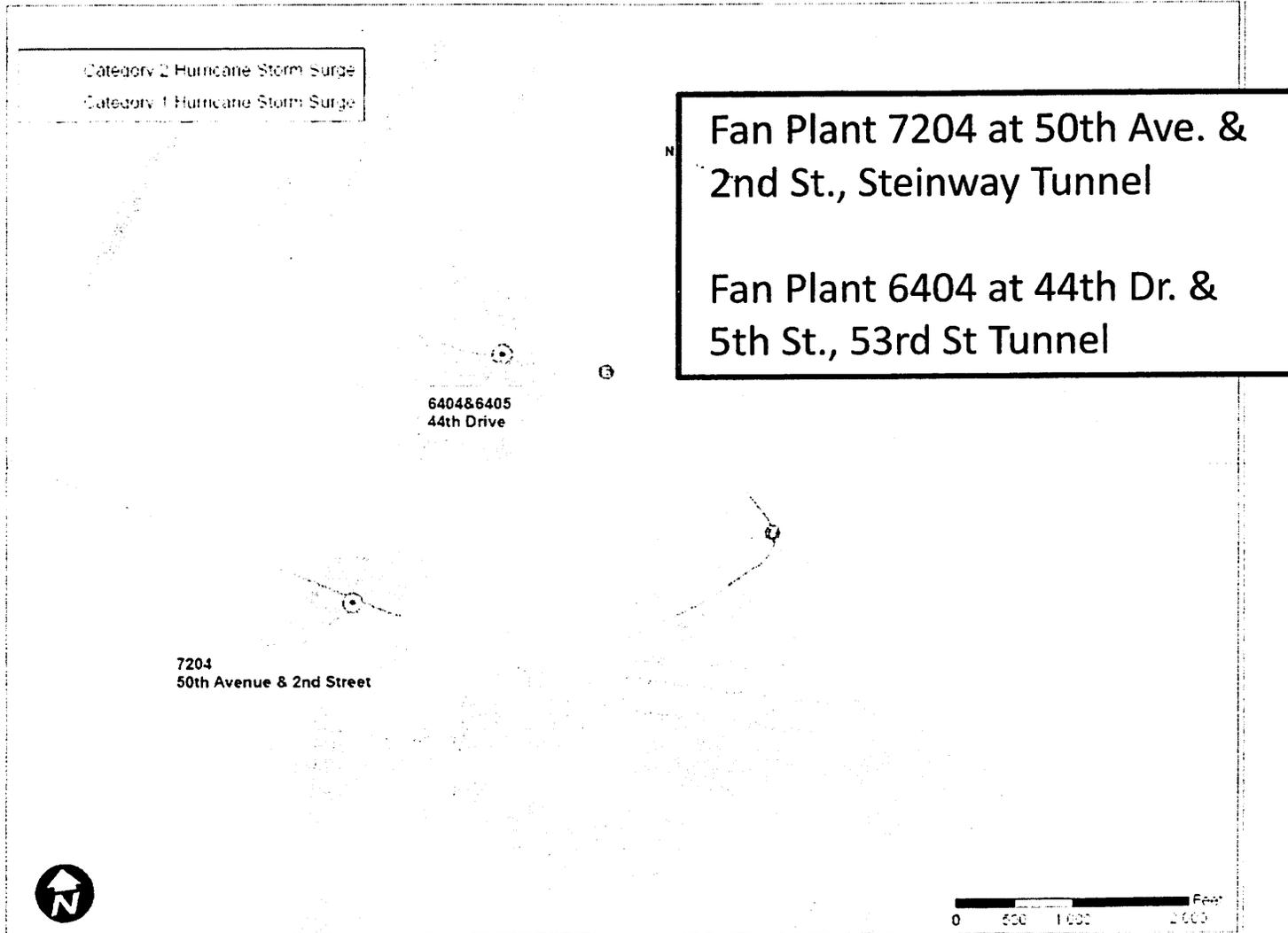
Superstorm Sandy Overview

- October 29, 2012
- Extended NYCT service disruption
 - MTA losses nearly \$5 Billion
 - Recovery efforts continue today
- Under river tunnels and yards flooded
- Significant damages to stations
- Extensive systems impacts
- Power outages



1: <http://www.wnyc.org/story/286877-totalling-sandy-losses-how-new-yorks-mta-got-to-5-billion/>

Two Queens Fan Plant Locations



Key Goals for Resiliency Projects

- Ensure protection of facilities and tunnels
- Provide permanent, sustainable solutions
- Minimize potential for service disruptions
- Minimize pre-storm deployment requirements
- Ensure rapid restoration of service after storm
- Minimize project impacts to transit service, community and traffic

7204, 50th Ave & 2nd St Fan Plant

Steinway Tunnel, Queens



PROJECT LOCATION

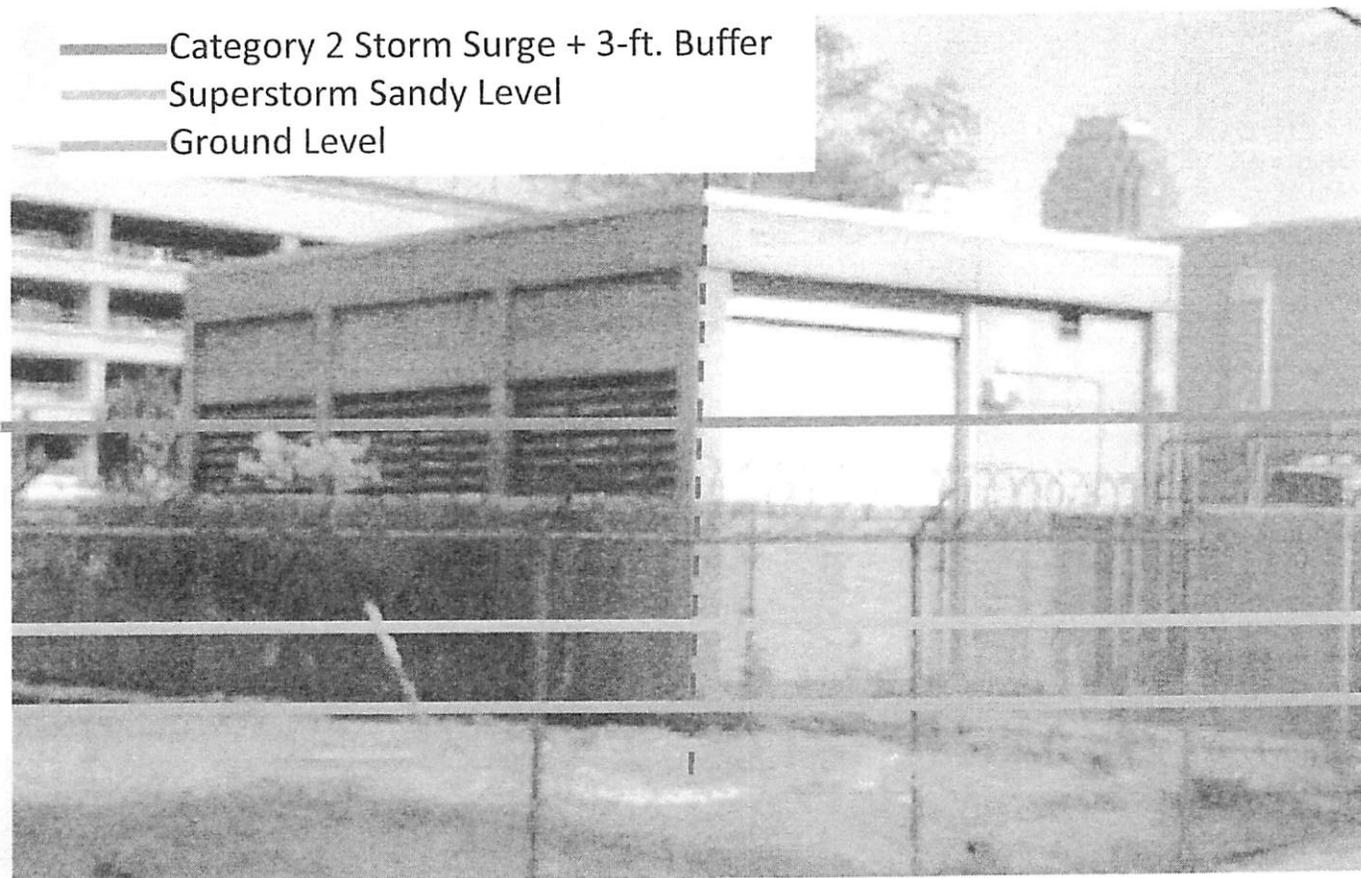


7204, 50th Ave & 2nd St Fan Plant

Steinway Tunnel, Queens

PROJECT NEED

- Category 2 Storm Surge + 3-ft. Buffer
- Superstorm Sandy Level
- Ground Level



Relative Elevations

9.6 ft

1.7 ft

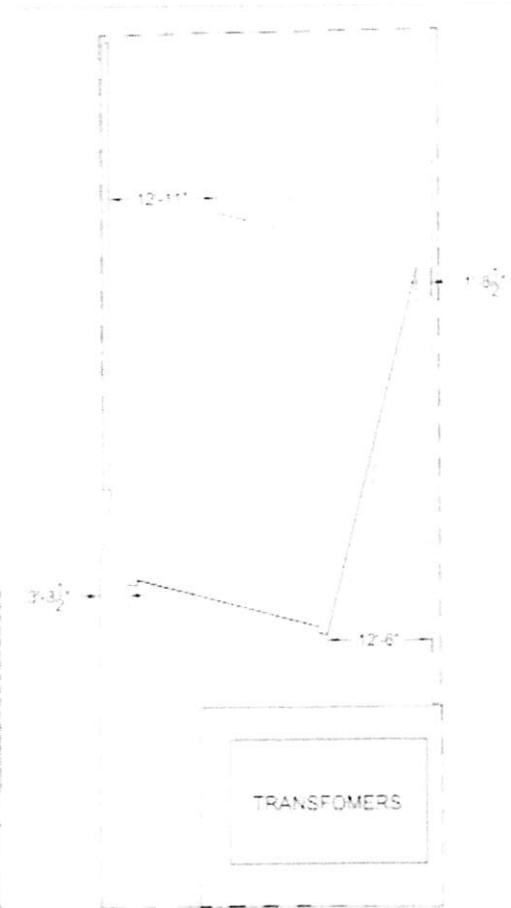
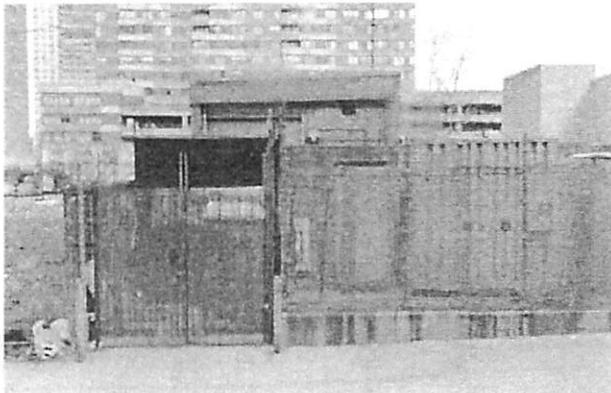
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7204, 50th Ave & 2nd St Fan Plant

Steinway Tunnel, Queens

PROJECT APPROACH

- Construct new building around existing skewed fan plant
- Maintain Sound Mitigation
- Relocate transformers to roof
- Improve appearance of facility

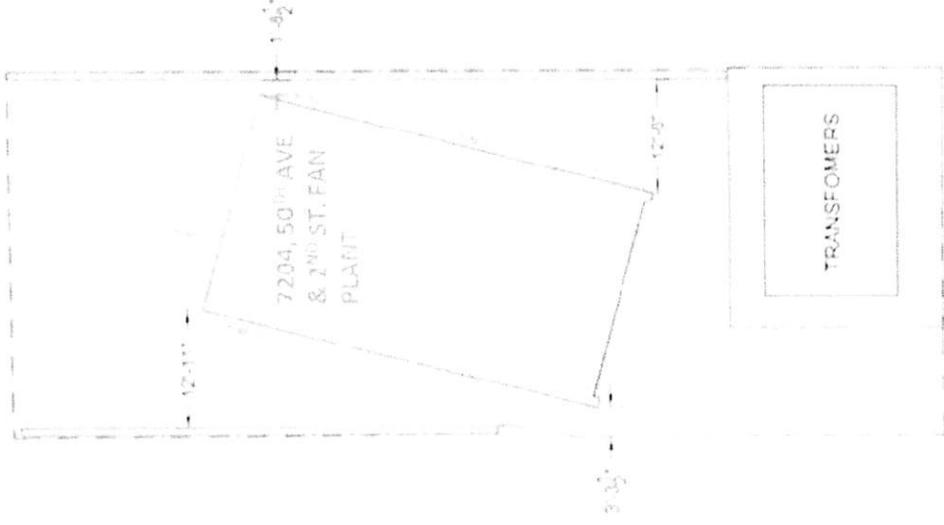
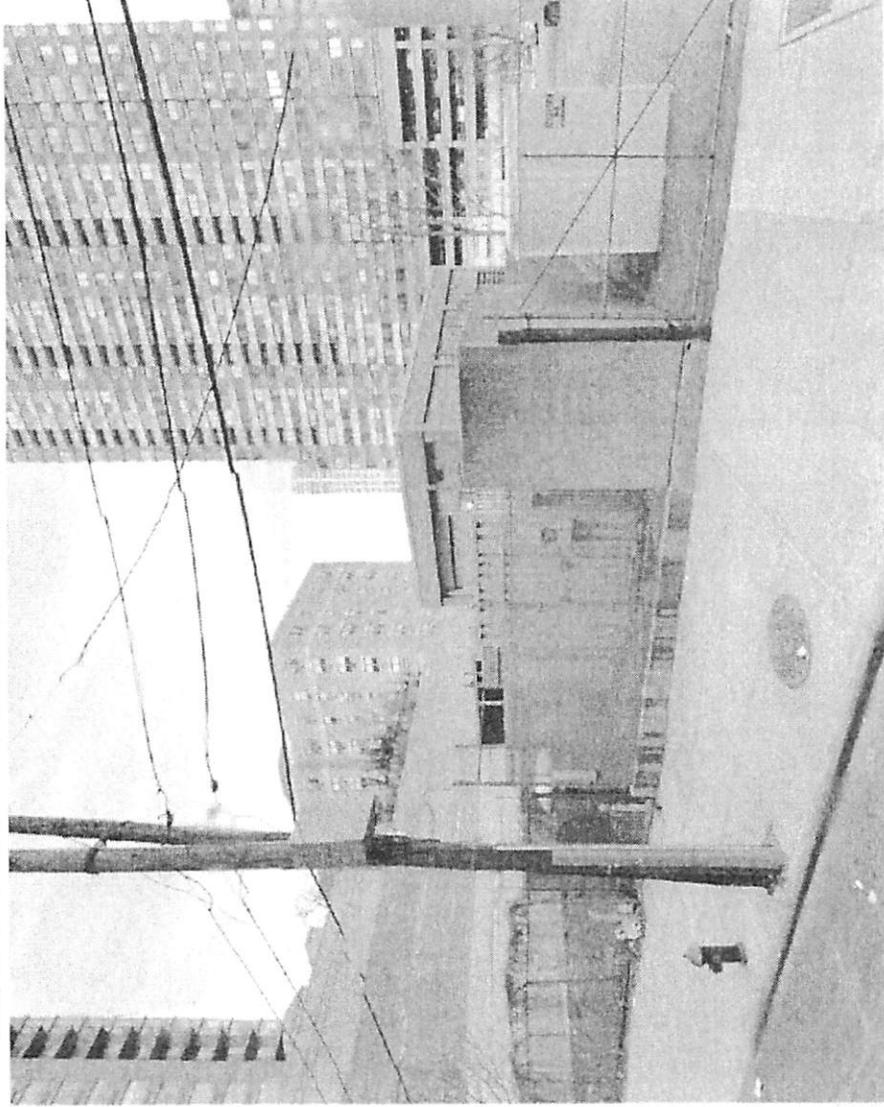


50TH AVENUE

7204, 50th Ave & 2nd St Fan Plant

Steinway Tunnel, Queens

EXISTING FACILITY



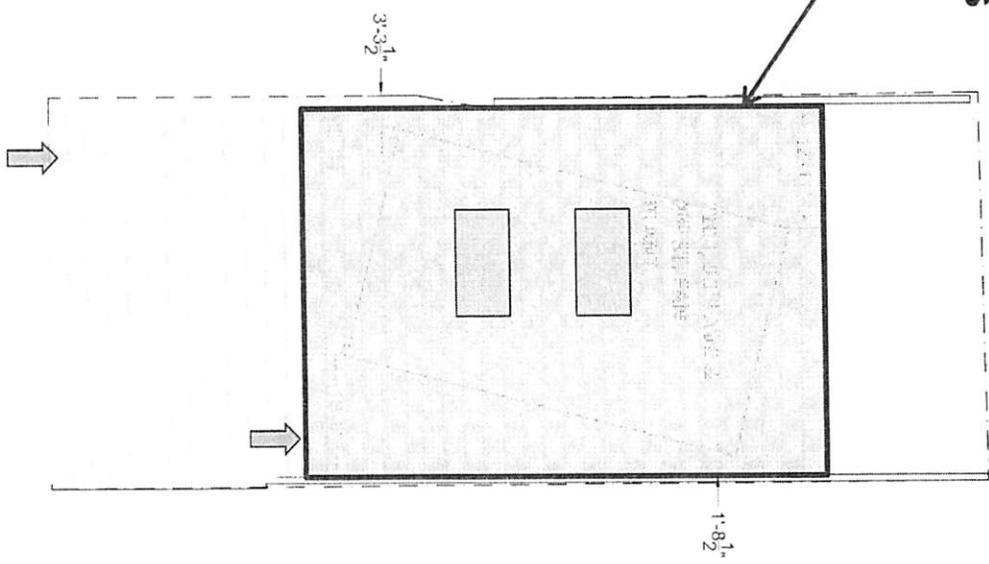
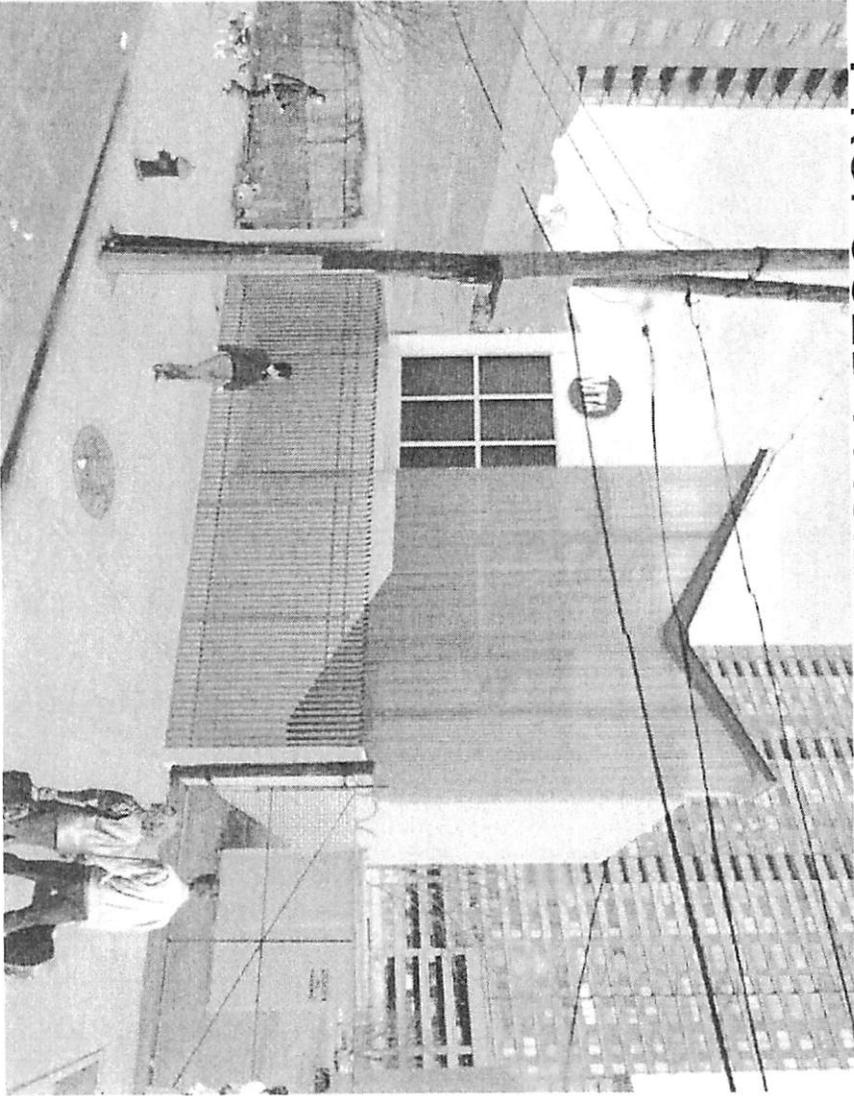
50TH AVENUE

7204, 50th Ave & 2nd St Fan Plant

Steinway Tunnel, Queens

PROPOSED FACILITY

NEW STRUCTURE



7204, 50th Ave & 2nd St Fan Plant

Steinway Tunnel, Queens

PROJECT SUMMARY

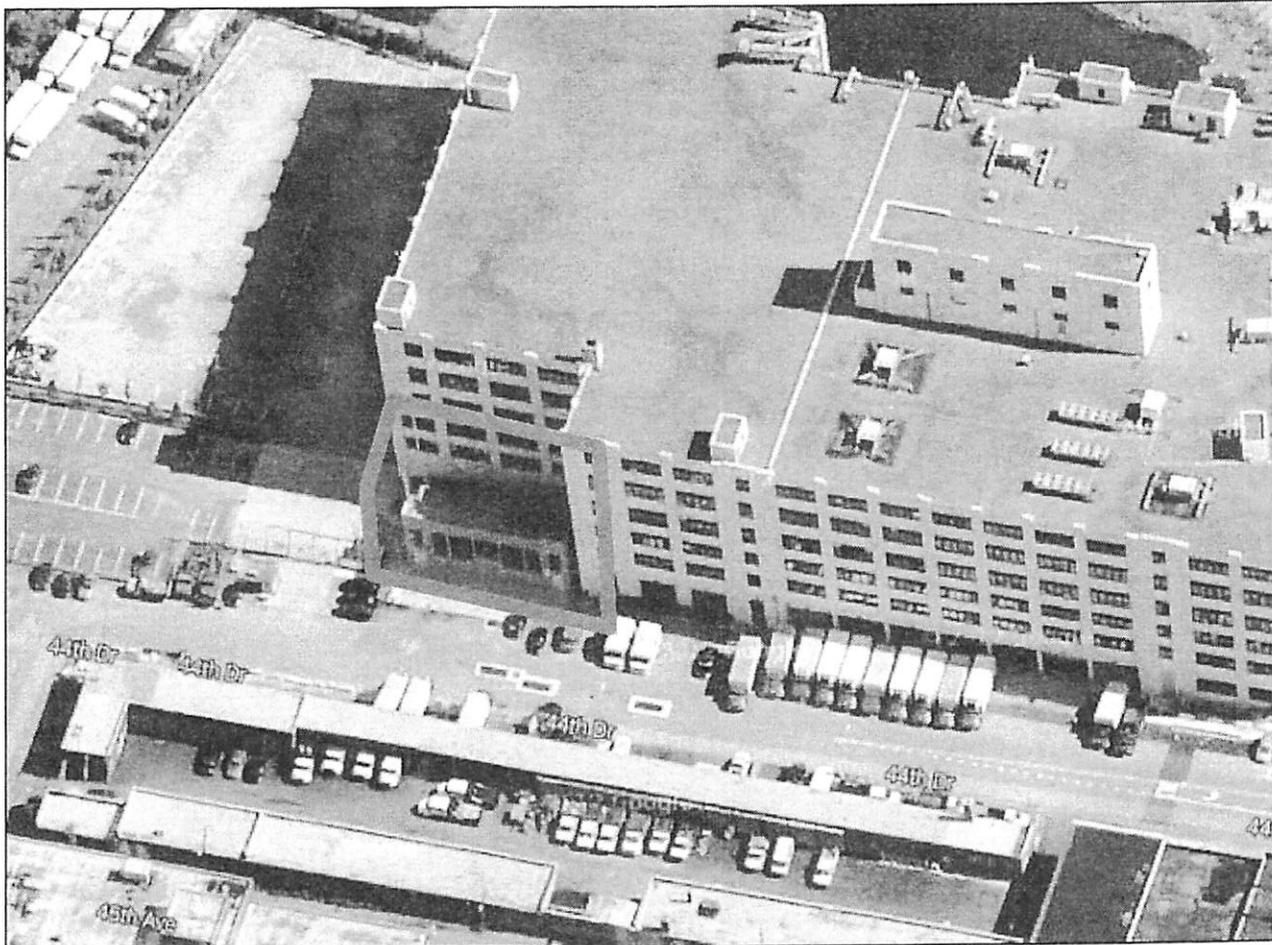
- Resiliency for transit infrastructure and services
 - Facility expanded to property limits to fortify against flood loading
 - Facility raised to elevate ventilation louvers above flood levels
 - Transformers elevated to roof
- Design sensitive to stakeholder and community interests
 - Project stays within property limits
 - Enhanced curb appeal through architectural treatment and relocation of transformers to roof level
 - Existing sound mitigation measures will be maintained
 - Transit services protected through project
 - Continued outreach efforts through construction

6404, 44th Dr. & 5th St. Fan Plant

53rd Street Tunnel, Queens



PROJECT LOCATION



5th St.

4th Dr

4th Dr

3rd Dr

4th Dr

44th

45th Ave

6404, 44th Dr. & 5th St. Fan Plant

53rd Street Tunnel, Queens

PROJECT NEED

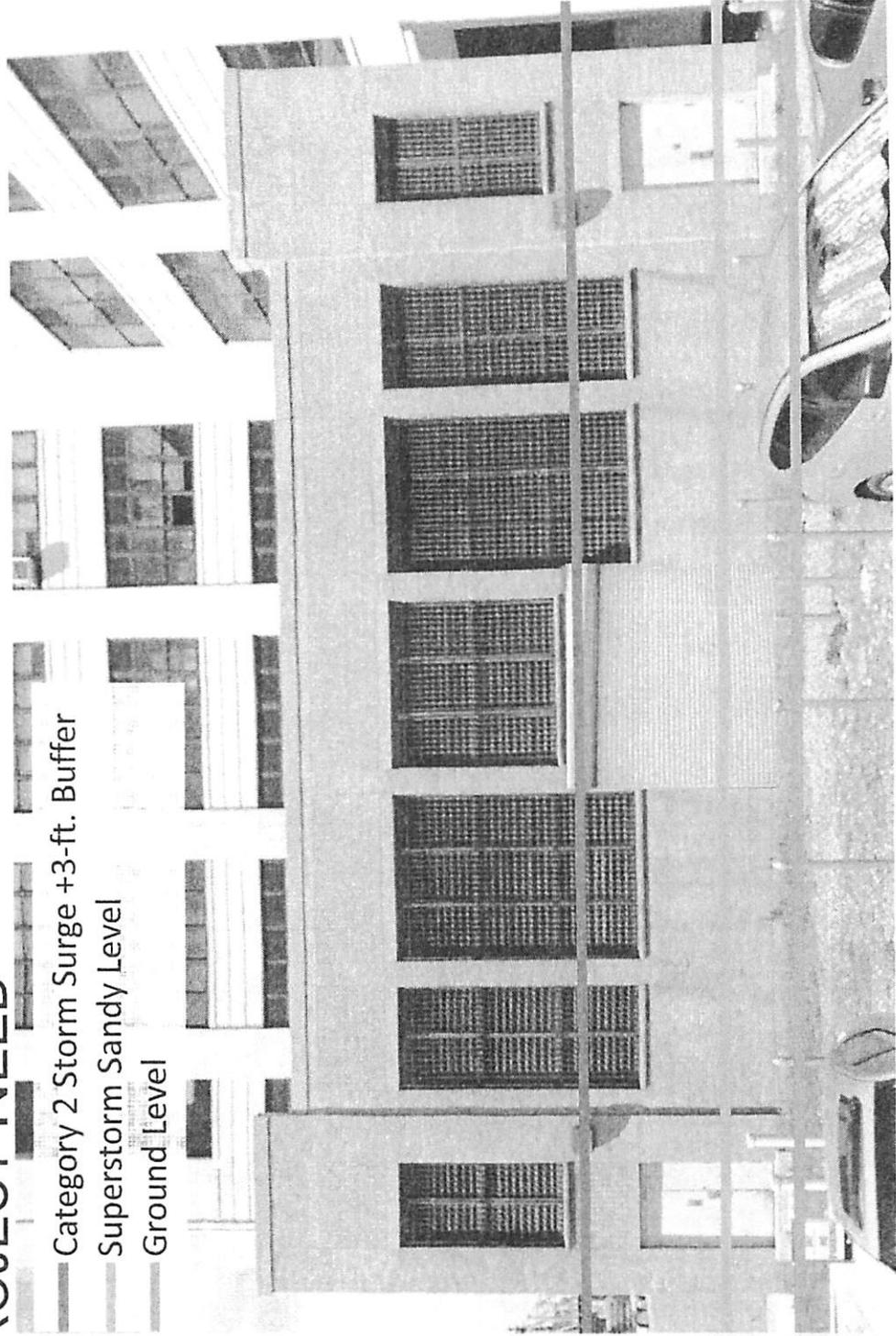
- Category 2 Storm Surge +3-ft. Buffer
- Superstorm Sandy Level
- Ground Level

Relative Elevations 10.5 ft

2.7 ft

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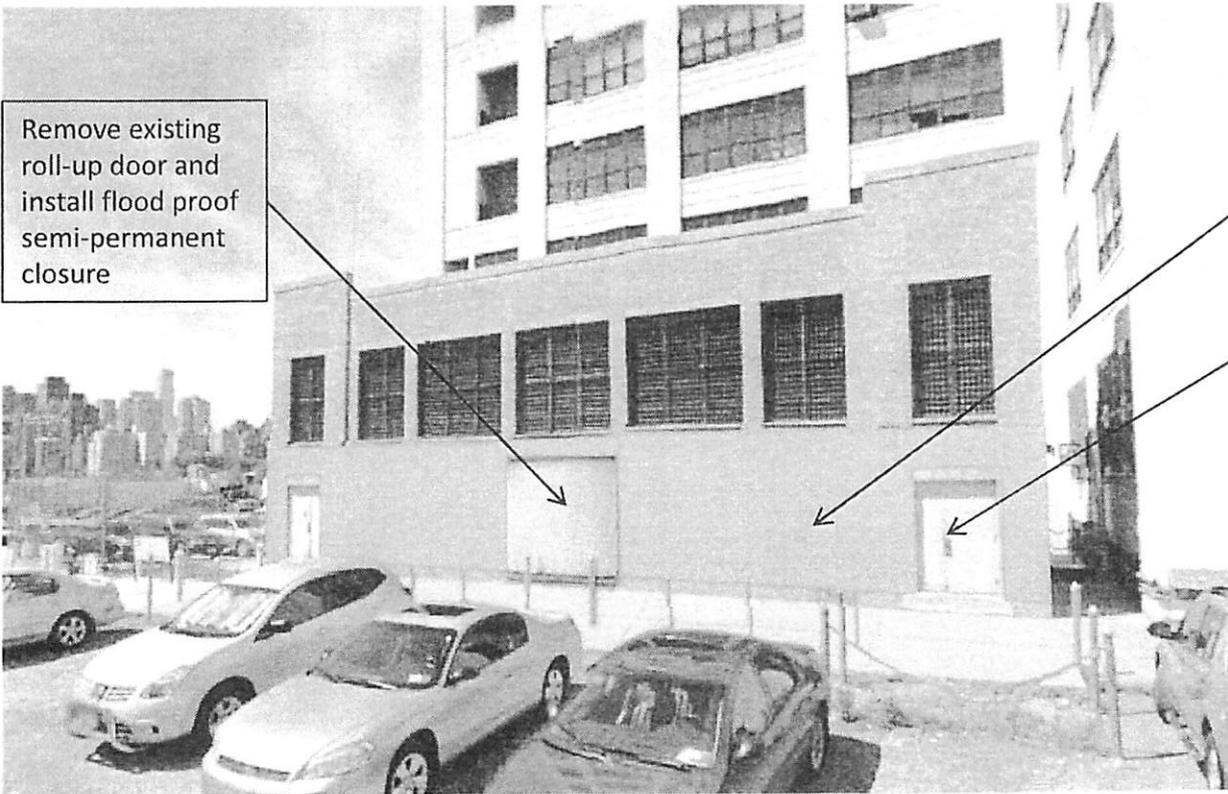
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6404, 44th Dr. & 5th St. Fan Plant

53rd Street Tunnel, Queens

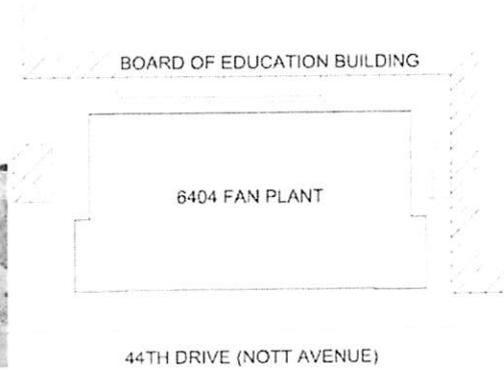
EXISTING FACILITY



Remove existing roll-up door and install flood proof semi-permanent closure

Construct new wall in place of the existing front wall and in front of existing side walls up to the Design Flood Elevation.

Existing doors to be replaced with flood doors, typ.



6404, 44th Dr. & 5th St. Fan Plant

53rd Street Tunnel, Queens

PROPOSED FACILITY



6404, 44th Dr. & 5th St. Fan Plant

53rd Street Tunnel, Queens

PROJECT SUMMARY

- Resiliency for transit infrastructure and services
 - Facility fortified against flood loading
- Design sensitive to stakeholder and community interests
 - Architectural treatment complements the existing masonry facade
 - Transit services protected through project
 - Exterior fortification to minimize construction impacts to transit service
 - Continued outreach efforts through construction

Projected Schedule & Next Steps

- Outreach
- Construction Award: Fall 2015
- On-site construction: Winter 2015 thru Winter 2017

NYCT Superstorm Sandy Recovery & Resiliency

Steinway Tunnel & 53rd St Tunnel Fan Plants

Q&A

Thank You