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BBJ QN Project - Community Input Design Meeting #1 Breakout Session Feedback			
Session Topic	Comment/ Feedback	BBJ Team Response	
Public Realm	What is the sight and views like from the apartments along Queens Boulevard to the facility, and vice versa?	The Design-Build Team is exploring design solutions through view studies to ensure limited views to and from neighboring buildings. Preliminary view studies are included in the presentation materials for Community Design Workshop #2 on March 27, 2025. The views between the apartments along Queens Boulevard and the facility are very limited, as the facility is 500 feet away from Queens Boulevard. The design of the building ensures that every person in custody has a cell with a window, while also balancing privacy concerns. The design team has developed different facade strategies to achieve privacy for sightline views from the cells out to the surrounding context and into the facility. At housing units a frosted film has been incorporated in all cells up to 6' to mitigate sightlines to neighboring buildings.	
Public Realm	There should be seating and areas to have lunch when it is nice out	The streetscape and public space around the Facility will have seating areas for gathering, green space with generously planted and shaded pathways, and generous sidewalk widths for pedestrian circulation. Trash cans will be provided around the site.	
Public Realm	There should be resting area under shade	The streetscape and public space around the Facility will have seating areas for gathering, green space with generously planted and shaded pathways, and generous sidewalk widths for pedestrian circulation. Trash cans will be provided around the site.	
Public Realm	The landscape should have more colorful plants	Green space will be provided around the Facility. Seasonal bloom is an important consideration to landscape design. In spring, there may be many flowering trees such as pear and cherry trees to highlight the season. Shaded seating areas will encourage visitors to stay and relax. Rain gardens are being design in compliance with NYC DEP. Plantings will be strategically selected to comply with safety protocols allowing for clear sight lines surrounding the Facility while also creating a warm and welcoming environment. The Design-Build team will continue to develop the landscape design and provide updated renderings and more information about the plant palette at future workshops.	
Public Realm	There should be benches for reading	The streetscape and public space around the Facility will have seating areas for gathering, green space with generously planted and shaded pathways, and generous sidewalk widths for pedestrian circulation. Trash cans will be provided around the site.	
Public Realm	Wouldn't use this park. lived here 30 years- never used the park	The design of the streetscape and public space around the Facility is intended to create a pleasant, safe, and inviting space for anyone who wants to use it. The design will have seating areas for gathering, green space with generously planted and shaded pathways, and generous sidewalk widths for pedestrian circulation.	
Public Realm	The site and facility should have some information signs	Clear wayfinding and signage will be incorporated in the design to guide visitors throughout the facility.	
Public Realm	Attractive campus- I would even come here to have a meal to enjoy the environment and bring friends	The streetscape and public space around the Facility will have seating areas for gathering, green space with generously planted and shaded pathways, and generous sidewalk widths for pedestrian circulation. Trash cans will be provided around the site.	
Public Realm	It is important to have sunlight and views of sky, as they are calming. Also good to have opportunities to watch people	The building's design employs natural light throughout the building to create an uplifting environment. The design ensures that every person in custody has a cell with a window, while also balancing privacy concerns. The design includes connection to outdoor recreation at all housing units. The design team will be studying the lighting and acoustical treatments and is dedicated to designing the Facility in a mindful manner, prioritizing a humane and inviting environment.	
Public Realm	Why are renderings not to scale given nearby residential buildings?	The exterior renderings were modelled and generated to scale. The maximum building envelope for the Queens Borough-Based Jail Facility was determined by the 2019 ULURP process. Maximum height is 195’ with an additional 40’ allowance for mechanical space. The Design-Build team will continue to study the building's massing and facade design to break down the perceived bulk and height of the new facility.	

Public Realm	Will this create pedestrian traffic / congestion around the site and Queens Boulevard?	A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	
Public Realm	How will this affect the vehicle traffic around the site?	A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	
Public Realm	Study the recent behavior of people traveling from different boroughs	A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	
Public Realm	How will this facility impact the families in the surrounding neighborhoods?	The design of the streetscape and public space around the Facility is intended to create a pleasant, safe, and inviting space for anyone who wants to use it. The design will have seating areas for gathering, green space with generously planted and shaded pathways, and generous sidewalk widths for pedestrian circulation.	
Public Realm	How does the noise pollution from cars on the highways affect the experience at the facility?	The varied geometry of the building helps to absorb sound, and noise from the highways also creates a sound buffer between the facility and the community. Acoustic studies are being undertaken by the Design-Build Team to understand both the current level of environmental noise generated and what mitigation measures, if any, may be applicable.	
Public Realm	The rendering appears washed out	Updated renderings will be provided at the next community design workshop on March 27, 2025.	
Public Realm	Can the design team present an analysis of the treatment to the existing and proposed environment?	The design team will provide updated details about proposed site furniture, materials, plantings and other design treatments and show how the design fits within the existing civic campus at the next community workshop on March 27, 2025.	
Public Realm	What is the vehicular access to facility like?	The public garage, staff parking, and service vehicles will arrive via 132nd Street. There will be ADA drop-off and pick-up at the front of the facility on 126th Street.	
Public Realm	Attractive public realm will improve people's opinion of the fact that it is here	The design of the streetscape and public space around the Facility is intended to create a pleasant, safe, and inviting space for anyone who wants to use it. The design will have seating areas for gathering, green space with generously planted and shaded pathways, and generous sidewalk widths for pedestrian circulation.	
Public Realm	Green roofs would be good for the facility	The inclusion and location of green roofs is being considered to balance maintenance concerns and local law requirments.	
Public Realm	I have concerns about the security in the courthouse passageway	The design intent is to create a safe and secure environment with ample lighting, security cameras, and plantings that maintain clear sightlines.	
Public Realm	What will it look like when the Cherry trees blossom?	Seasonal bloom is an important consideration to landscape design. In spring, there may be many flowering trees such as pear and cherry trees to highlight the season.	
Public Realm	Why is this being called Queens Civic Center?	The term "civic center" or "civic campus" is used to refer to the larger site area where the Facility is located as a general description, not as a branded name. The civic center includes Queens Borough Hall, the District Attorney's Office, and the Family Justice Center, in addition to the new Queens Borough-Based Jail Facility.	
Public Realm	What greenery is around the building?	Green space will be provided around the Facility. Shaded seating areas will encourage visitors to stay and relax. Rain gardens are being designed in compliance with DEP. Plantings will be strategically selected to comply with safety protocols allowing for clear sight lines surrounding the Facility while also creating a warm and welcoming environment. The Design-Build team will continue to develop the landscape design and provide updated renderings and more information about the plant palette at future workshops.	

Public Realm	Water element that is calming	Water features will not be incorporated due to maintenance concerns, however, the design includes seasonal plantings, a neutral color palette, and other site furnishings to create a welcoming and calm environment.	
Public Realm	Slide 36 shows 132nd St. as a tree lined street with two-way traffic and no parking. What will happen to the parking along 132nd St.? Will traffic which is now one way southbound be reconfigured to two-way traffic?	Future traffic flows on 132nd St will be determined by the Department of Transportation. The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice is coordinating with all relevant agencies to address parking concerns impacted by future construction. The Queens Facility will include 100 parking spaces below grade for authorized City vehicles. Adjacent to the Facility, the newly constructed Queens Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking.	
Public Realm	The red path from Briarwood (Slide 15) does not now exist. There is no passage open to the public between the construction fence and the courthouse buildings. It would have been nice to provide that for the Briarwood residents during the project design phase before construction commences.	The passageway had to be closed due to safety concerns during construction. The route shown in red will be accessible to the community once the Facility is completed.	
Public Realm	1) Calling this a campus is offensive. It is a ginormous jail structure, Queensboro Hall, the Court House, and a garage that no one uses. I teach at Queens College. I know a campus when I see one. Moreover, a campus is where you spend time. There is no public draw to this space even with the added green space. If people	The design of the streetscape and public space around the Facility is intended to create a pleasant, safe, and inviting space for anyone who wants to use it. The design will have seating areas for gathering, green space with generously planted and shaded pathways, and generous sidewalk widths for pedestrian circulation.	
Public Realm	6) Tied to this, what is being done to help with traffic and parking, never mind busses and subways? As long as the parking garage pricing remains high, we can expect more crowded streets and more blocked driveways. There's a reason why they call Queens Blvd. "the boulevard of death." It is a dangerous thoroughfare and likely to be more so with the added traffic and personnel. The last we heard the City believed existing plans (which is to do nothing) will be enough to protect pedestrians.	A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqr.access.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	
Building Appearance	The building should be a comfortable scale	The maximum building envelope for the Queens Borough-Based Jail Facility was determined by the 2019 ULURP process. Maximum height is 195’ with an additional 40’ allowance for mechanical space. The Design-Build team will continue to study the building's massing and facade design to break down the perceived bulk and height of the new facility.	
Building Appearance	Appreciate it looking small for public use	The maximum building envelope for the Queens Borough-Based Jail Facility was determined by the 2019 ULURP process. Maximum height is 195’ with an additional 40’ allowance for mechanical space. The Design-Build team will continue to study the building's massing and facade design to break down the perceived bulk and height of the new facility.	
Building Appearance	How is daylight considered in the design?	The building's design employs natural light throughout the building to create an uplifting environment. The design ensures that every person in custody has a cell with a window, while also balancing privacy concerns. The design includes connection to outdoor recreation at all housing units. The design team will be studying the lighting and acoustical treatments and is dedicated to designing the Facility in a mindful manner, prioritizing a humane and inviting environment.	
Building Appearance	Metal and solar panel are too reflective. How will this affect the flying of planes to airport?	The Design-Build team is exploring alternative, non-reflective materials for the exterior facade. Photovoltaic (PV) panel installations are being considered on this project to comply with NYC local law. PV panels will be installed in accordance with all DOB and FAA regulations.	
Building Appearance	How do we control/mitigate noise to the environment?	The varied geometry of the building helps to absorb sound, and noise from the highways also creates a sound buffer between the facility and the community. Acoustic studies are being undertaken by the Design-Build Team to understand both the current level of environmental noise generated and what mitigation measures, if any, may be applicable.	
Building Appearance	Will mechanical equipment be exposed to view from the surrounding apartment neighbors?	The mechanical equipment for the facility will be screened as to not be exposed to views from the nearby apartment buildings or surrounding public realm.	
Building Appearance	Lower level outdoor recreation spaces have visual connection to street (avoid?)	The mesh assembly will mitigate lines of sight down to the street.	

<i>Building Appearance</i>	Is exterior rendering to scale? Does it exaggerate a lower height building as compared to the surrounding?	The exterior renderings were modelled and generated to scale. The maximum building envelope for the Queens Borough-Based Jail Facility was determined by the 2019 ULURP process. Maximum height is 195’ with an additional 40’ allowance for mechanical space. The Design-Build team will continue to study the building’s massing and facade design to break down the perceived bulk and height of the new facility.	
<i>Building Appearance</i>	Are they acting as separate towers?	The new facility will holistically function as a whole, however, the spaces used for women and gender-expansive individuals will be separated and secure from the men's facility.	
<i>Building Appearance</i>	Can you see in the windows?	The Design-Build Team is exploring design solutions through view studies to ensure limited views to and from neighboring buildings. Preliminary view studies are included in the presentation materials for Community Design Workshop #2 on March 27, 2025. The views between the apartments along Queens Boulevard and the facility are very limited, as the facility is 500 feet away from Queens Boulevard. The design of the building ensures that every person in custody has a cell with a window, while also balancing privacy concerns. The design team has developed different facade strategies to achieve privacy for sightline views from the cells out to the surrounding context and into the facility. At housing units a frosted film has been incorporated in all cells up to 6' to mitigate sightlines to neighboring buildings.	
<i>Building Appearance</i>	ADA Accessible Design	The building is designed to meet all ADA requirements and support accessibility for all users.	
<i>Building Appearance</i>	The main entrance should be welcoming	The main entrance area includes an open plaza with trees and benches to welcome visitors. The design includes a double-height entry to maximize daylight and create an open and welcoming experience. The Design-Build Team will continue to incorporate a welcoming facade design and landscape features at entrances.	
<i>Building Appearance</i>	What will the noise from recreation spaces be like?	Both the Van Wyck Expressway and Queens Boulevard buffer surrounding neighborhoods from sound generated from the Queens Facility.	
<i>Building Appearance</i>	A Double-height entry would be nice	The design includes a high ceiling at the entrance and lobby to maximize daylight and create an open and welcoming experience.	
<i>Building Appearance</i>	I like the transparency of the ground floor	Thank you! The design intends to maximize daylight and create a welcoming and humane environment for all persons using the public lobby.	
<i>Building Appearance</i>	The renderings look very institutional	The Design-Build Team will continue to develop the building appearance and landscape design of the new facility, exploring materials, colors, and plantings to blend with the existing campus. The team will also continue to investigate massing and explore opportunities to balance aesthetics, functionality, safety, and durability for the building façade of the new facility.	
<i>Building Appearance</i>	Blend in Campus	The Design-Build Team will continue to develop the building appearance and landscape design of the new facility, exploring materials, colors, and plantings to blend with the existing campus. The team will also continue to investigate massing and explore opportunities to balance aesthetics, functionality, safety, and durability for the building façade of the new facility.	
<i>Building Appearance</i>	Fun Graphics for signage	Clear wayfinding and signage will be incorporated in the design to guide visitors throughout the facility. The Facility's programming includes a Percent for Art component which is currently still being developed. Artwork will be integrated into the interior and/or exterior of the building. Additionally, space will be provided in the building for people in custody's artwork to be displayed.	
<i>Building Appearance</i>	Building looks short in renderings	The exterior renderings were modelled and generated to scale. The maximum building envelope for the Queens Borough-Based Jail Facility was determined by the 2019 ULURP process. Maximum height is 195’ with an additional 40’ allowance for mechanical space. The Design-Build team will continue to study the building’s massing and facade design to break down the perceived bulk and height of the new facility.	
<i>Building Appearance</i>	Concern about building blocking views	The maximum building envelope for the Queens Borough-Based Jail Facility was determined by the 2019 ULURP process. Maximum height is 195’ with an additional 40’ allowance for mechanical space. The Design-Build Team will develop detailed building exterior renderings for the next community workshop on March 27, 2025, and will also include a section drawing demonstrating relationships with buildings nearby the new Queens Facility. The Design-Build team will continue to study the building’s massing and facade design to break down the perceived bulk and height of the new facility.	

Building Appearance	Ghosting out the building in your rendering is incredibly deceptive. It will be the largest building--by far--in Kew Gardens. In fact, a preponderance of language in the document seems intended to mitigate against the reality of this building's size. Example: "reduce perceived bulk." At least be honest with the community. This insults our intelligence.	The maximum building envelope for the Queens Borough-Based Jail Facility was determined by the 2019 ULURP process. Maximum height is 195’ with an additional 40’ allowance for mechanical space. The Design-Build Team will develop detailed building exterior renderings for the next community workshop on March 27, 2025, and will also include a section drawing demonstrating relationships with buildings nearby the new Queens Facility. The Design-Build team will continue to study the building's massing and facade design to break down the perceived bulk and height of the new facility.	
Building Appearance	Mesh concerns	The Design-Build Team will continue to explore design solutions on appropriate mesh assemblies to mitigate views to the street while maximizing light and fresh air.	
Building Appearance	Why does the overall building in the rendering looks shorter than what the building supposedly should look like?	The exterior renderings were modelled and generated to scale. The maximum building envelope for the Queens Borough-Based Jail Facility was determined by the 2019 ULURP process. Maximum height is 195’ with an additional 40’ allowance for mechanical space. The Design-Build team will continue to study the building's massing and facade design to break down the perceived bulk and height of the new facility.	
Building Appearance	The city continues to deliberately show this facility as being significantly smaller than the surrounding buildings in all of your visuals. How is this possible? The height of the planned jail is 235 feet (195 building plus 40 for utilities). Silver Towers Certificate of Occupancy shows 229 feet, and the Umbrella Hotel is 188 feet, yet they both seem to tower over this jail. The city has lied to the community from day 1 and this is yet another example.	The maximum building envelope for the Queens Borough-Based Jail Facility was determined by the 2019 ULURP process. Maximum height is 195’ with an additional 40’ allowance for mechanical space. The Design-Build Team will develop detailed building exterior renderings for the next community workshop on March 27, 2025, and will also include a section drawing demonstrating relationships with buildings nearby the new Queens Facility. Building heights are taken from the ground level, and the Queens Facility ground level is up to 15' lower than the ground level of Silver Towers. The Design-Build team will continue to study the building's massing and facade design to break down the perceived bulk and height of the new facility.	
Interior Experience - Public	Brightness and color tone are important for the lobby	The Design-Build Team will explore a variety of color palettes in the design of this space to provide a comforting experience. The overriding intent of the public lobby design is to provide a welcoming, humane, and inspiring place.	
Interior Experience - Public	ADA seating/furnishings/circulation	The Design-Build Team will incorporate ADA seating, furnishing and adequate circulation space to ensure accessibiity needs are met.	
Interior Experience - Public	Visitors children area- provide privacy/separation for PIC meeting with children	Updated renderings will be shown at the next community design workshop on March 27, 2025 to illustrate privacy and separation screening for the children's visiting space. The Design-Build team will continue working to incorporate privacy and separation techniques in the visiting space for people in custody and their families	
Interior Experience - Public	Wayfinding- access to reception	The Design-Build Team will incorporate clear wayfinding and signage to ensure the reception desk can be clearly located for all visitors and to guide visitors throughout the facility.	
Interior Experience - Public	Thoughtful locker storage for visitors in lobby- include ADA, accomodate strollers	Lockers and stroller storage spaces will be provided for visitors and will be ADA accessible.	
Interior Experience - Public	Material- easy to clean, maintain and durable over time	It is the intent of the project to use easy-to-clean materials that can be maintained and are durable for these high-traffic spaces.	
Interior Experience - Public	Actively seek input from local orgs and community orgs/women orgs	The Design-Build Team will continue with outreach during the design process to receive as much input as possible. Outreach incudes in-person public design workshops as well as online feedback opportunities for any individual or group who cannot attend an in-person workshop. The City has received feedback previously and continues to solicit input via focus group workshops with a variety of people who are justice-involved, including DOC staff, people in custody, formerly incarcerated individuals, justice-involved organizations, justice advocates and organizations representing women and gender-expansive individuals.	
Interior Experience - Public	Comfortable seating	The intention is to provide comfortable seating in the public lobby to make visitor's experience as stress-free as possible. Seating and tables will be provided with a variety of options, including cosy seating and places for people to plug in devices.	
Interior Experience - Public	Photo art reflective of the community	The Facility's programming includes a Percent for Art component which is currently still being developed. There will be separate public outreach as part of the Percent for Art program. Artwork will be integrated into the interior and/or exterior of the building. Additionally, space will be provided in the building for people in custody's artwork to be displayed.	
Interior Experience - Public	USB Charging ports built-in to furniture in lobby	The lobby will incoporate outlets and ports to provide charging opportunities for visitors.	
Interior Experience - Public	IT support for lawyers/visitors	The lobby will have wifi, outlets, and desk space available for visitors and attorneys to use before their appointment.	
Interior Experience - Public	Variety of seating options (size, height, w/ arms)	The lobby will incorporate a variety of seating options to accommodate all people.	
Interior Experience - Public	Prayer rooms to accomodate religious needs. Visitors will be there for hours, this needs to be taken in account.	The design endeavors to create a humane visiting experience both for the persons in custody and for their visitors. The City will utilize a visitor management system to minimize the length of waiting for visiting appointments.	

Interior Experience - Public	Clean welcoming environment	The lobby is intended to be as welcoming as possible and will be maintained as it is a high-traffic area.	
Interior Experience - Public	Vending machines	Vending machines for visitors are incorporated into the lobby space.	
Interior Experience - Public	Bathroom, ADA, with changing stations	The lobby will have ADA-accessible restrooms with changing stations.	
Interior Experience - Public	Lactation	There is a private lactation room directly adjacent to the childrens waiting/play area.	
Interior Experience - Public	Child play area	The lobby and visiting area both include child play areas. The child play areas are properly sized for different ages and include play equipment and other features to promote a positive experience.	
Interior Experience - Public	Photos of successful people who originated from queens	The Facility's programming includes a Percent for Art component which is currently still being developed. There will be separate public outreach as part of the Percent for Art program. Artwork will be integrated into the interior and/or exterior of the building. Additionally, space will be provided in the building for people in custody's artwork to be displayed.	
Interior Experience - Public	Are there officers and supervision in lobby and contact visiting areas?	There will be officers monitoring the lobby and contact visiting area.	
Interior Experience - Public	Is there storage for visitors?	There are storage lockers for visitors in the main lobby to securely store any items not allowed into the visiting space.	
Interior Experience - Public	Seperate Male/Female visitations	There are separate men's and women's visiting areas included in the design. The facility for women and gender-expansive individuals will be separate and secure from the men's facility.	
Interior Experience - Public	Will all visits be made in the visiting space (Slide 42)? What does “normative environment” mean? There will be a range of confined individuals. How will the more combative persons be handled in an open visitor’s space environment?	There are mutiple kinds of spaces for visiting, including both non-contact and contact to accommodate varying levels of security.	
Interior Experience - Public	Are social services accessible to the public?	There is space provided in the lobby for outside service providers; those providers will be determined at a later time.	
Interior Experience - Secure	Small balcony	Balconies cannot be provided for the people in custody due to security concerns, however, there are outdoor recreation areas in each housing unit that provide access to daylight and fresh air and include exercise equipment in addition to basketball. Additionally, people in custody will have access to the horticulture program which includes a greenhouse and an outdoor area.	
Interior Experience - Secure	Can a fire spread between the housing units?	The building is built to the highest non-combustible fire rating with fire-separation techniques between each housing unit.	
Interior Experience - Secure	More outdoor space for user	There are outdoor recreation areas in each housing unit that provide access to daylight and fresh air and include exercise equipment in addition to basketball. Additionally, people in custody will have access to the horticulture program which includes a greenhouse and an outdoor area.	
Interior Experience - Secure	Small rec space concern/ "Outdoor recreation" is misnomer/deceptive- 40 people only get a fraction of a basketball court!	there are outdoor recreation areas in each housing unit that provide access to daylight and fresh air and include exercise equipment in addition to basketball. Additionally, people in custody will have access to the horticulture program which includes a greenhouse and an outdoor area. There is also an indoor basketball court in the facility that will be available to people in custody.	
Interior Experience - Secure	Colored walls in cells	The Design-Build Team will explore a variety of color palettes in the design.	
Interior Experience - Secure	Please consider not having the areas where people are housed look so institutional	The intent of the Design-Build Team is to create a space that feels rehabilitative and not institutional. The design team will be developing the finishes, colors and furniture selections in all secure spaces to achieve as humane, inviting and warm spaces as can be accomplished. Updated renderings will be presented at subsequent community workshops.	
Interior Experience - Secure	Making sure the cell sinks have self-controlled temp	All cell sinks do not have self-controlled temperature; the water provided will be room temperature/luke warm	
Interior Experience - Secure	Are there ADA rooms/accomodations?	ADA accommodations are provided for people in custody in every housing unit and in all program areas.	
Interior Experience - Secure	Seating for ADA with arms	The Design-Build Team will continue to investigate ADA requirements including arms for seating and provide the necessary elements.	
Interior Experience - Secure	Open space	There are outdoor recreation areas in each housing unit that provide access to daylight and fresh air and include exercise equipment in addition to basketball. Additionally, people in custody will have access to the horticulture program which includes a greenhouse and an outdoor area. Dayrooms in each housing unit also provide open space for dining and leisure.	
Interior Experience - Secure	Privacy in multi purpose rooms	Multi-purpose rooms will balance privacy for the people in custody with security requirements.	

<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Access to daylight	The building's design employs natural light throughout the building to create an uplifting environment. The design ensures that every person in custody has a cell with a window, while also balancing privacy concerns. The design includes connection to outdoor recreation at all housing units. The design team will be studying the lighting and acoustical treatments and is dedicated to designing the Facility in a mindful manner, prioritizing a humane and inviting environment.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Manage views from/ to neighboring buildings	The Design-Build Team is exploring design solutions through view studies to ensure limited views to and from neighboring buildings. Preliminary view studies are included in the presentation materials for Community Design Workshop #2 on March 27, 2025. The views between the apartments along Queens Boulevard and the facility are very limited, as the facility is 500 feet away from Queens Boulevard. The design of the building ensures that every person in custody has a cell with a window, while also balancing privacy concerns. The design team has developed different facade strategies to achieve privacy for sightline views from the cells out to the surrounding context and into the facility. At housing units a frosted film has been incorporated in all cells up to 6' to mitigate sightlines to neighboring buildings.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Horticulture	The Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture program, culinary arts program, vocational training, library, gymnasium, chapel, and medical facilities. The horticulture program is located at the roof of the building	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	What are the medical needs and spaces	All housing units include access to mental and medical health care providers. Every housing floor will include space for treatment in addition to the main clinic and all housing units will include a medication distribution booth. The City remains committed to the therapeutic housing model and Correctional Health Services will meet individuals' needs no matter the setting in which their services are provided.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Private 1 on 1 therapy spaces	Each housing unit is equipped with smaller counseling rooms that can be used as one-on-one therapy space.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Prioritizing the right design ideas	The Design-Build Team's goals and objectives to provide a welcoming, humane, and inspiring place are considerations in the design process.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Reading + library + study is important	These program spaces are very important and are available to people in custody within the Facility. The Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture program, culinary arts program, vocational training, library, gymnasium, chapel, and medical facilities.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Counsel + Respite in horticulture spaces	Respite rooms are located in each housing unit. In-person counseling meetings will take place in smaller counseling rooms in the housing unit and in the visiting space. The Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture program, culinary arts program, vocational training, library, gymnasium, chapel, and medical facilities.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Rooms and furniture being comfy but safe	The Design-Build team is ensuring furniture is comfortable and safe. The design team will be developing the finishes, colors and furniture selections in all secure spaces to achieve as humane, inviting and warm spaces as can be accomplished. Updated renderings will be presented at subsequent community workshops.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Dislike stainless steel fixtures	Stainless steel fixtures are chosen for their durability and long term maintenance. The design team will be developing the finishes, colors and furniture selections in all secure spaces to achieve as humane, inviting and warm spaces as can be accomplished. Updated renderings will be presented at subsequent community workshops.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Utilizing rooftop spaces	Rooftop spaces will be utilized for the horticulture space, mechanical equipment, and photovoltaic arrays in compliance with local law.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Gender expansive/ gender diversity applied to building	This facility will incorporate all spaces that are needed to provide a safe environment for all genders. The Design-Build team is also actively soliciting feedback from justice-involved organizations including organizations representing women and gender-expansive individuals.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Why isn't the rec yard outside?	There are outdoor recreation areas in each housing unit that provide access to daylight and fresh air and include exercise equipment in addition to basketball. Additionally, people in custody will have access to the horticulture program which includes a greenhouse and an outdoor area.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Concerns about PIC being inside for an extensive amount of time	There are outdoor recreation areas in each housing unit that provide access to daylight and fresh air and include exercise equipment in addition to basketball. Additionally, people in custody will have access to the horticulture program which includes a greenhouse and an outdoor area.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	High Class/Low Class Segregation?	The facility's housing units allow for separation based on different classifications based on State and Local regulation.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Double Tier/Single Tier?	There are both double tier and single tier housing units based on varying population size and classifications.	

<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Dorm style?	The only dorm-style spaces are located in the dedicated clinical spaces to support medical interventions.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Claustrophobia as a concern?	Trauma-informed design principles will be applied as the design develops.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	How many can fit in the rec yard?	The outdoor recreation areas in each housing unit are sized to be able to fit all occupants of the housing unit at the same time.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	How is the outdoor space used?	The outdoor recreation areas in each housing unit provide access to daylight and fresh air and are used for active and passive exercise, including exercise equipment and basketball. Benches are provided for passive activities.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	High classification rec yard conditions?	Outdoor recreation areas will be included in all housing units, including high-classification units.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Is there a way to provide a privacy room for certain group meetings? (Religious expression vulnerability)	Religious services will be held in the multi-faith chapel located within the facility. The design also includes rooms for religious leaders to meet one-on-one with people in custody.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	I continue to object to the term “outdoor” being used to describe a 750sf room with mesh screening on two sides (Slide 46). Such a space is not “outdoor” by any reasonable criterion. I was told at the breakout session that it meets the DOC criterion for “outdoor”. Please explain how the criterion is met in a way that the advocacy groups which are looking out for the welfare of confined persons will really understand what they are getting.	Outdoor recreation spaces are designed to provide access to daylight and fresh air and to meet requirements dictated in local and state laws. A security mesh will be provided to meet security requirements. All outdoor recreation areas are open on two sides to promote natural air flow.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	The recreation spaces on the east side of the building will get morning sun. Those on the west will get afternoon sun. There will be a big difference between the amount of sunlight entering through the screened walls between summer and winter. Please show realistic ranges of sunlight patterns and floor footprint for times of day and seasons of year.	The Design-Build Team will explore these differences as the design is developed.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Screened walls have been illustrated as open to airflow and allow visibility out from floor to ceiling. The recreation rooms will face outward onto 132nd Street and outward onto the park-like areas to be created behind Borough Hall. What will prevent confined persons from calling down and trying to engage pedestrians on the street and park below?	The mesh assembly will mitigate lines of sight down to the street.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	A recreation area of 750sf is small considering that the 40 individuals in each hosing unit are likely to need robust energy-dissipating activities. I was told that an additional gym will be in the building.	Yes, in addition to the outdoor recreation areas provided in each housing unit, there is an indoor gymnasium located in the facility. Additionally, people in custody will have access to the horticulture program which includes a greenhouse and an outdoor area.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	How many additional gyms will there be for men?	The gymnasium will be shared between men and women, but will be used at different times to comply with the sound and sight separation requirement.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	How many additional gyms will there be for women?	The gymnasium will be shared between men and women, but will be used at different times to comply with the sound and sight separation requirement.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	We have gotten no clear explanation as to what the recreation space will look like, the size of it, or how it will be made to be open-air while having to be encased. (It has light, but no air from what I can tell.)	There are outdoor recreation areas in each housing unit that provide access to daylight and fresh air and include exercise equipment in addition to basketball. Two sides of the outdoor recreation areas are open to light and air. A security mesh is provided to meet security requirements, but the mesh is open to light and air. Additionally, people in custody will have access to the horticulture program which includes a greenhouse and an outdoor area. The Design-Build Team will provide further information during the next community workshop on March 27, 2025 to demonstrate how the space is open air.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	detainees will not have outdoor recreation available to them	There are outdoor recreation areas in each housing unit that provide access to daylight and fresh air and include exercise equipment in addition to basketball. Additionally, people in custody will have access to the horticulture program which includes a greenhouse and an outdoor area.	
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Is there a law library?	Yes, there will be law library accessible for people in custody.	
<i>Operation</i>	Stores or business to support facility	The new Queens Garage, completed in June 2023 as part of the BBJ Program, includes a 25,000SF multi-purpose community space. The use of this space will be determined at a later time with input from the community.	

Operation	Greetings, I wish to express my opposition to the Queens Borough-Based Jail. My family and I reside in Forest Hills and enjoy it's safe and quiet surroundings, the construction of a 19 story Jail may be nice for it's occupants and those working there but anything but for members of the communities nearby. I strongly recommend you take into account the overwhelming number of law abiding residents that will be negatively impacted by this Jail. Please look in to alternatives such as improving Riker's Island which is perfectly suited to locate our cities Jail population. Thank you.	The location of all four Borough-Based Jail facilities was determined by the 2019 ULURP process. The Queens facility is located on the municipal campus, at the intersection of 3 highways, and is on the site of the former detention center, adjacent to the courthouse. One of the core goals of the Borough-Based Jails program is to loacate the facilities within the boroughs, increasing access to communities and courts, while allowing people to maintain connections to families and service providers. The vertical form of the BBJ facilities is a function of the urban setting that we are designing and building within. This is not unprecedented; the team has researched, visited, and studied other vertical jails around the country and abroad and is confident that the City will design and build state-of-the-art facilities that achieve the goals of the BBJ program.	
Operation	Access to Technology	People in custody will be provided access to tablets and wifi within the housing units. The Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture program, culinary arts program, vocational training, library, gymnasium, chapel, and medical facilities. People in custody will be provided access to tablets and wifi within the housing units.	
Operation	What are the power dynamics in the day room in reference to ADA?	ADA accommodations are provided for people in custody in every housing unit and in all program areas pursuant to federal regulation.	
Operation	Women storage and trash cans to dispose of menstration products	DOC provides menstrual products to whoever needs it and will provide for proper disposal.	
Operation	When did this get rebranded Queens Civic Center? We all thought that was in Jamaica	The term "civic center" or "civic campus" is used to refer to the larger site area where the Facility is located as a general description, not as a branded name. The civic center includes Queens Borough Hall, the District Attorney's Office, and the Family Justice Center, in addition to the new Queens Borough-Based Jail Facility.	
Operation	If there is more police activity - there should be a greater feeling of security	Uniformed Department of Correction staff will be present on site and help create a greater feeling of security in the community.	
Operation	The facade of borough hall was recently renovated but not courthouse	The scope of work for the Queens Borough-Based Jail is limited to the new Facility.	
Operation	Can a Starbucks be added?	Retail space is not included in the program requirements for this Facility. The new Queens Garage, completed in June 2023 as part of the BBJ Program, includes a 25,000SF multi-purpose community space. The use of this space will be determined at a later time with input from the community.	
Operation	Details of child-friendly visiting area- will it continue collaboration with local museums?	DOC will continue working with local museums to provide programming and support for child friendly visiting areas in the new Queens Facility.	
Operation	Parking for staff	The Queens Facility includes 100 parking spaces below grade for authorized City vehicles. Adjacent to the Facility, the newly constructed Queens Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking.	
Operation	Affordable parking for visitors / 132nd street parking with no permit	Adjacent to the Facility, the newly constructed Queens Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking.	
Operation	Organization of access to rec-yards: how many people can go out? who can interact?	There are outdoor recreation areas in each housing unit that provide access to daylight and fresh air and include exercise equipment in addition to basketball. The outdoor recreation areas in each housing unit are sized to be able to fit all occupants of the housing unit at the same time. Outdoor recreation areas are available for people in custody use during any time they have access to the dayrooms.	
Operation	Process to Visitation?	The design endeavors to create a humane visiting experience both for the persons in custody and for their visitors. A variety of visiting spaces are provided for both contact and non-contact visiting for family and friends as well as attorneys. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visiting to mitigate wait times. The Department is committed to leveraging the latest technology to make the screening process minimally invasive, efficient, and dignified.	

Operation	Justice Department Task Force- keep in touch with previously incarcerated	The Design-Build Team will continue with outreach during the design process to receive as much input as possible. Outreach includes in-person public design workshops as well as online feedback opportunities for any individual or group who cannot attend an in-person workshop. The City has received feedback previously and continues to solicit input via focus group workshops with a variety of people who are justice-involved, including DOC staff, people in custody, formerly incarcerated individuals, justice-involved organizations, justice advocates and organizations representing women and gender-expansive individuals. Community outreach will also continue during construction.	
Operation	What changes are being made because of the addition of women into the jail? What programs will no longer be offered?	All women and gender-expansive individuals will be housed in one facility because the number of women and gender-expansive individuals in custody is significantly lower than the number of men in custody. Co-locating all women and gender-expansive individuals in one facility allows the City to provide robust and equitable support services and programming. Programming in the Queens Facility is the same as in the other Borough-Based Jail Facilities with no reduction in service. The Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture program, culinary arts program, vocational training, library, gymnasium, chapel, and medical facilities.	
Operation	Concern about PIC access to community	The design endeavors to create a humane visiting experience both for the persons in custody and for their visitors. A variety of visiting spaces are provided for both contact and non-contact visiting for family and friends as well as attorneys. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visiting to mitigate wait times. The Department is committed to leveraging the latest technology to make the screening process minimally invasive, efficient, and dignified.	
Operation	The public lobby (Slide 41) is depicted as spacious. How many visitors are projected in a typical day? What is the expected wait time between the arrival of visitor and availability of the confined person in the visiting space?	The design endeavors to create a humane visiting experience both for the persons in custody and for their visitors. A variety of visiting spaces are provided for both contact and non-contact visiting for family and friends as well as attorneys. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visiting to mitigate wait times. The Department is committed to leveraging the latest technology to make the screening process minimally invasive, efficient, and dignified.	
Operation	We have been told that evacuation of the building in an emergency will not be necessary because of fireproof construction. Even in fireproof buildings it is customary to evacuate the floor of an incident (fire) and the floor above. How will such evacuations be handled securely for housing floors above the public levels?	Evacuation plans are currently under development and there will be fully developed and approved evacuation plans in place before the facility is operational. There will be a multi-level approach to evacuation. Housing areas are designed as smoke compartments with fire rated separation - meaning that during localized events or events on the floor, people in custody will be evacuated to adjacent housing areas within the facility. Fire safety and emergency measures will be incorporated into the design and are include in the facility capital budget. Evacuation procedures will be part of the DOC operations.	
Operation	If the ground floor and floor above need to be evacuated because of an emergency where will assembly occur outside of the building and how will security be handed?	Evacuation plans are currently under development and there will be fully developed and approved evacuation plans in place before the facility is operational. There will be a multi-level approach to evacuation. Housing areas are designed as smoke compartments with fire rated separation - meaning that during localized events or events on the floor, people in custody will be evacuated to adjacent housing areas within the facility. Fire safety and emergency measures will be incorporated into the design and are include in the facility capital budget. Evacuation procedures will be part of the DOC operations.	
Operation	Transport of confined individuals to other courthouses will be a significant activity considering that the Queens jail will house all women contrary to the borough-based jail concept of Lippman.	As we move closer to completion, the City is working to operationalize transportation plans for the new facilities as they come online. For security purposes, detailed transportation plans cannot be shared publicly. All women and gender-expansive individuals will be housed in one facility because the number of women and gender-expansive individuals in custody is significantly lower than the number of men in custody. Co-locating all women and gender-expansive individuals in one facility allows the City to provide robust and equitable support services and programming. The Queens facility was selected to house the women and gender-expansive population because of the available space on site to accommodate the expanded building footprint necessary to include these additional facilities, and also because of the proximity of the Queens facility to off-site medical facilities.	

Operation	How many transport vehicles, (buses, vans, etc.) are expected per day to take confined persons to and from court appointments when courts are in session? How large is the internal Sallyport? Where will vehicles be securely staged when the Sallyport is occupied and other vehicles are arriving and waiting?	As we move closer to completion, the City is working to operationalize transportation plans for the new facilities as they come online. For security purposes, detailed transportation plans cannot be shared publicly. The sally port has been sized to allow space for bus staging. A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	
Operation	What routes will transport vehicles take when arriving from police Precincts and other borough court houses (Bronx, Manhattan, Brooklyn, Staten Island). Show, at least a three-block radius around the jail. Include all routes through Kew Gardens, Forest Hills and Briarwood. Include the bottle-neck intersection of Union Turnpike and Markwood Place/Park Lane.	As we move closer to completion, the City is working to operationalize transportation plans for the new facilities as they come online. For security purposes, detailed transportation plans cannot be shared publicly. A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	
Operation	What route will transport vehicles take leaving the jail with confined individuals on route to other borough court houses in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island? Include all traffic expected to pass through Briarwood, as well as Kew Gardens and Forest Hills. Show at least a three-block radius around the jail. Include the bottle-neck intersection of Union Turnpike and Markwood Place/Park Lane.	Plans for transportation of people in custody are still under development. For security purposes, detailed transportation plans cannot be shared publicly. A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	
Operation	How many truck deliveries are expected in a work day? These will include, as a minimum, food deliveries, medical supplies, general supplies and extraordinary deliveries such as equipment and furniture.	Plans for truck deliveries, maintenance and other building operations are currently in development and progress concurrent with the design. A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	
Operation	How many routine maintenance vehicles can be expected in a given day?	Plans for truck deliveries, maintenance and other building operations are currently in development and progress concurrent with the design. A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	

Operation	Major maintenance vehicles, such as elevator repair, plumbing repair, etc. would be in addition to routine maintenance activities and should be separately estimated.	Plans for truck deliveries, maintenance and other building operations are currently in development and progress concurrent with the design. A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	
Operation	Where is the truck loading dock? Is it fully enclosed and secure? What is the capacity to handle both routine deliveries, maintenance activities and extraordinary deliveries or unusual maintenance activities?	Truck loading and maintenance access is off of 132nd Street and is fully enclosed. Trucks will be staged in an enclosed area within the property. The capacity has been designed per the ULURP requirements. Plans for truck deliveries, maintenance and other building operations are currently in development and progress concurrent with the design. A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	
Operation	Where will arriving trucks be staged when the loading dock is occupied?	Truck loading and maintence access is off of 132nd Street and is fully enclosed. Trucks will be staged in an enclosed area within the property The capacity has been designed per the ULURP requirements. Plans for truck deliveries, maintenance and other building operations are currently in development and progress concurrent with the design. A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	
Operation	Where will maintenance vehicles be parked or staged when called to the jail to perform a service?	Truck loading and maintenance access is off of 132nd Street and is fully enclosed. Trucks will be staged in an enclosed area within the property The capacity has been designed per the ULURP requirements. Plans for truck deliveries, maintenance and other building operations are currently in development and progress concurrent with the design. A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	
Operation	Show all truck routes expected to be used to and from the jail. Show, at least a three-block radius around the jail. Include all routes through Kew Gardens, Forest Hills and Briarwood. Include the bottle-neck intersection of Union Turnpike and Markwood Place/Park Lane.	Routes taken by trucks delivering supplies and materials to the future facility will be determined by the individual couriers. A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	

Operation	On February 4, 2025 at about 1:30 PM, I counted 146 cars parked along 132nd St., most backed in towards the curb. Many of those cars displayed government placards issued by various agencies. Where will those cars be expected to park during construction and after completion of the jail? Will cars with government placards be given free parking spaces in the garage?	The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice is coordinating with all relevant agencies to address parking concerns impacted by future construction. The Queens Facility will include 100 parking spaces below grade for authorized City vehicles. Adjacent to the Facility, the newly constructed Queens Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking.	
Operation	On the same date and time, I counted 92 vehicles parked along 126th Street, again backed into the curb. They included cars with placards issued by various government agencies (some of which had expired as much as two years earlier) and also included police vehicles. Where will those cars go during and after construction? Landscape renderings show no cars parked on 126th street once the jail is complete (Slides 34 and 35). Will the legitimate placard holders be given free parking in the garages?	The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice is coordinating with all relevant agencies to address parking concerns impacted by future construction. The Queens Facility will include 100 parking spaces below grade for authorized City vehicles. Adjacent to the Facility, the newly constructed Queens Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking.	
Operation	At the time of my visit the garage had 483 spaces available at \$20 for 10 hours or \$12 for early bird entry. How many people enjoying free parking now are expected pay for the garage? How many of the placard holders presently working in Kew Gardens will be allowed to use the 100 spaces to be built within the new jail structure?	The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice is coordinating with all relevant agencies to address parking concerns impacted by future construction. The Queens Facility will include 100 parking spaces below grade for authorized City vehicles. Adjacent to the Facility, the newly constructed Queens Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking.	
Operation	The EIS was completed in 2019. Traffic conditions have changed since then, including installation of concrete barriers on bike lanes of Queens Boulevard, start of congestion pricing, and the yet to come effects of City of Yes elimination of on-site parking for future development. At a prior meeting we were told that an updated traffic study has been performed. Please provide a link to that study, and any other updated studies since the EIS was approved.	A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	
Operation	Rikers has had a confined population of 6000 or more for many years. New jails with a total capacity of about 4000 in all boroughs will not be completed until 2031 or 2032. The City Council decreed bylaw that Rikers must close in 2027. - Where will confined persons be housed between 2027 and 2031/32? - What will happen to the 2000 individuals who won't fit into the new jails?	While the Adams administration will always follow the law, it has become painfully clear that the plan approved under the last administration leaves open serious questions about the city's ability to keep New Yorkers safe. As Mayor Adams has said, we cannot be so idealistic that we're not realistic about the timeline and cost of closing Rikers while also protecting public safety. We remain committed to completing the borough-based jails — which is what we must do to protect public safety — provide humane conditions for those in custody, and close the jail on Rikers Island in keeping with the law. We also remain laser focused on pursuing upstream solutions to keep young New Yorkers out of the criminal justice system wherever possible.	
Operation	There was an implication without explanation or justification during the presentation that confinement costs in the new jails will be less than the current cost of \$550,000 per year per person. What is the basis and justification for that implication?	Costs of confinement are largely dependent on the overall design and operationalization of the building which is under development and part of ongoing assessment.	
Operation	Since the Borough-Based jail plan was thrust on the public in 2018 we have been hearing that the historically bad management at Rikers is a thing of the past. Yet new revelations of problems appear regularly, and federal takeover looms. What assurances (preferably guarantees) can you give that the management and operation of these new expensive jails will be any different from the pattern which continues at Rikers?	The new facility will operate under a direct supervision model that encourages active engagement between people in custody and staff. As part of the transition process to the new facility, DOC is re-visiting all of our policies, procedures, and trainings to support a better culture. The facility includes expanded space for programming and medical/mental health treatment on every floor which will allow opportunities for increased programming options and increased access to care. DOC will continue to provide educational and workforce development programming.	

Operation	5) How will the incarcerated be transported while protecting the neighborhood as they will likely need to be transported daily? Bearing in mind, too, there is an elementary school one block away. (The "borough-based jail" concept is nothing more than marketing buzzwords given this, so we can forego that along with the campus languaging.)	As we move closer to completion, the City is working to operationalize transportation plans for the new facilities as they come online. For security purposes, detailed transportation plans cannot be shared publicly. A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	
Operation	7) We still have no information about operating costs once the facilities are open. One of the main community concerns is that we are spending \$27 billion on jails that: 1) will be overcrowded from the time they open, 2) will replicate Rikers in culture and violence, and 3) the jails will do nothing to change a revolving door jail system. Billions of dollars are being spent to cage people rather than for education, housing, and mental health care, all of which would mitigate against the need for these behemoth jails to begin with.	The budget for the Queens Borough-Based Jail Facility is \$3.9 billion, and the total cost for the entire Borough-Based Jails Program program is \$16 billion. Plans for building operations are currently in development and progress concurrent with the design. Operations and maintenance will be included in DOC's operating budget for the Facility.	
Operation	Once again, I ask you to explain-in detail-how you would evacuate the 1000 incarcerated people and the hundreds of security and administrative people should there be a catastrophic event that would require all these people to leave the building. Fires are just one reason that would require an evacuation. Planes, bomb threats, electrical outages, etc. are all other possible events that would require a complete evacuation.	Evacuation plans are currently under development and there will be fully developed and approved evacuation plans in place before the facility is operational. There will be a multi-level approach to evacuation. Housing areas are designed as smoke compartments with fire rated separation - meaning that during localized events or events on the floor, people in custody will be evacuated to adjacent housing areas within the facility. Fire safety and emergency measures will be incorporated into the design and are include in the facility capital budget. Evacuation procedures will be part of the DOC operations.	
Operation	1. The idea to build jails in 4 NYC boroughs came from the Lippman Commission which listed definitive criteria that had to be met in selecting appropriate locations for jail sites: • Jails should not be built in residential areas • Jails should not be built near schools or houses of worship (There are seven (7) schools within a few blocks of the Queens site.) • Jails should not be high-rise structures • Jails should not be built in heavily-trafficked areas. The selection of this site for the Queens Borough Based Jail violates all the above criteria. The only criteria that it meets is that it is accessible by public transportation. (Yet, a huge parking facility was built encouraging staff members to travel by car to and from work, rather than using public transportation.)	The location of all four Borough-Based Jail facilities was determined by the 2019 ULURP process. The Queens facility is located on the municipal campus, at the intersection of 3 highways, and is on the site of the former detention center, adjacent to the courthouse. One of the core goals of the Borough-Based Jails program is to loacate the facilities within the boroughs, increasing access to communities and courts, while allowing people to maintain connections to families and service providers. The vertical form of the BBJ facilities is a function of the urban setting that we are designing and building within. This is not unprecedented; the team has researched, visited, and studied other vertical jails around the country and abroad and is confident that the City will design and build state-of-the-art facilities that achieve the goals of the BBJ program.	
Operation	2. The goal of borough-based jails was to cut costs for transporting detainees to the courts, and for detainees to be closer to their relatives for ease of visitation. As Queens has the fewest number of detainees of the 4 boroughs getting jails, but is getting the entire female detainee population from all the boroughs. As a result, 70% of the detainees in Queens will be coming from the other boroughs and thus will still have to be transported to the other boroughs for court appearances, and will not be closer to their relatives. No cost saving will have been achieved, and visitation will not be easier for 70% of the detainees who should be assigned to the boroughs from which they originate and/or committed offenses.	As we move closer to completion, the City is working to operationalize transportation plans for the new facilities as they come online. For security purposes, detailed transportation plans cannot be shared publicly. The decision to house women and gender-expansive individuals in a centralized facility within the Queens Facility was made after listening to feedback and concerns from numerous focus groups and meetings with formerly incarcerated women, currently incarcerated women, women’s service providers, and Department of Correction (DOC) staff. Centralizing the relatively few women projected to be in custody in one site will permit access to both programming and visiting space for longer periods of time than if the spaces were shared through split schedules with the men in custody. Having dedicated intake, programming and visiting spaces will, in turn, open the opportunities for both deeper and richer activities and the kind of visiting experience that enhances relationships between those in custody and their loved ones. Under this plan, this same principle of dedicated spaces yielding better delivery of services is also applicable to providing better gender-responsive medical services, including mental health, substance use, medical needs, and reproductive health services.	

Operation	4. As the number of detainees has grown in the last few years, the 4 borough-based jails cannot accommodate the entire population of detainees that is presently in Rikers.	The city did a thorough review with the engineering and public safety experts, and the administration has determined that each of the sites will include 1,040 total beds. The 1,040 model optimizes operations while meeting the original goals outlined by the City’s Smaller, Safer, Fairer plan including robust programming spaces.	
Operation	5. Bringing detainees to newly built facilities, will bring the culture that exists in Rikers to the new buildings. First, the culture should be addressed and fixed, before transplanting the existent sick culture into the new buildings in the boroughs.	The new facility will operate under a direct supervision model that encourages active engagment between people in custody and staff. As part of the transition process to the new facility, DOC is re-visiting all of our policies, procedures, and trainings to support a better culture. The facility includes expanded space for programming and medical/mental health treatment on every floor which will allow opportunities for increased programming options and increased access to care. DOC will continue to provide educational and workforce development programming.	
	The truth is that no amount of tweaking in design can correct the inherent deficits in the choice of location of the Queens Jail site.	The location of all four Borough-Based Jail facilities was determined by the 2019 ULURP process. The Queens facility is located on the municipal campus, at the intersection of 3 highways, and is on the site of the former detention center, adjacent to the courthouse.	
Operation	6. If you house the women detainees from all the boroughs in Queens, then the women’s jail should be the only jail built at this site. The height and size of the jail could then be markedly reduced, and outdoor recreational space could be provided for the women. Building a men’s jail at the same site will cause unintentional interactional problems. The women’s jail built here should be a world class facility, an example of how jails should be run, modeled after European successful facilities. The NYC Council members voted for the BBJP in direct opposition to: • the 4 relevant Community Boards who voted against the project (Queens, Bronx and Manhattan, unanimously) • the 4 Borough Presidents who voted against the BBJP • their own constituents who elected them to represent them and their wishes.	One of the core goals of the Borough-Based Jails program is to locate the facilities within the boroughs, increasing access to communities and courts, while allowing people to maintain connections to families and service providers. Men in custody will be housed according to their borough of residence. The Queens facility was selected to house the women/gender-expansive population in additon to the male population because of the available space on site to accommodate the expanded building footprint necessary to include these additonal facilities, and also because of the proximity of the Queens facility to off-site medical facilities. The spaces used for women and gender-expansive individuals will be separated and secure from the men's facility. This facility will incorporate all spaces that are needed to provide a safe environment for all genders. The Design-Build team is also actively soliciting feedback from justice-involved organizations including organizations representing women and gender-expansive individuals.	
	High-rise jails are permanent structures that visibly attest to and admit that New York City is incapable of controlling its jail population. They symbolize a failure in City Planning and demonstrate a lack of ingenuity in problem-solving, and at a tremendous cost. The only beneficiaries are the builders who have been awarded the construction project and the Rikers Island real estate developers.	One of the core goals of the Borough-Based Jails program is to loacate the facilities within the boroughs, increasing access to communities and courts, while allowing people to maintain connections to families and service providers. The vertical form of the BBJ facilities is a function of the urban setting that we are designing and building within. This is not unprecedented; the team has researched, visited, and studied other vertical jails around the country and abroad and is confident that the City will design and build state-of-the-art facilities that achieve the goals of the BBJ program.	
Operation	It is not too late to find a better solution that will provide housing for the entire Rikers detainee population, not for just a portion, and at a huge expense, burdening the NYC taxpayers for years to come, but which fails to solve the problems nor does it achieve the intended goals.	The decision to move forward with the Borough-Based Jails program was determined by the 2019 ULURP. The city did a thorough review with the engineering and public safety experts, and the administration has determined that each of the sites will include 1,040 total beds. The 1,040 model optimizes operations while meeting the original goals outlined by the City’s Smaller, Safer, Fairer plan including robust programming spaces.	
Operation	Wish they would renew Rikers/ why not used regulated?	Future uses of Rikers Island are currently being explored, including potential use for green energy generation.	
Operation	Bus transport reduction between boroughs	As we move closer to completion, the City is working to operationalize transportation plans for the new facilities as they come online.	
Operation	I think there will be parking management issues or concerns within the building	The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice is coordinating with all relevant agencies to address parking concerns impacted by future construction. The Queens Facility will include 100 parking spaces below grade for authorized City vehicles. Adjacent to the Facility, the newly constructed Queens Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking.	

Operation	What is the full evacuation plan for the facility?	Evacuation plans are currently under development and there will be fully developed and approved evacuation plans in place before the facility is operational. There will be a multi-level approach to evacuation. Housing areas are designed as smoke compartments with fire rated separation - meaning that during localized events or events on the floor, people in custody will be evacuated to adjacent housing areas within the facility. Fire safety and emergency measures will be incorporated into the design and are include in the facility capital budget. Evacuation procedures will be part of the DOC operations.	
Operation	Will PIC have the opportunity to work with adults?	The Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture program, culinary arts program, vocational training, library, gymnasium, chapel, and medical facilities.	
Operation	Will neighborhood mentors be interacting with People in Custody?	The Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture program, culinary arts program, vocational training, library, gymnasium, chapel, and medical facilities. There will be opportunities for some programming to be provided by neighborhood organizations.	
Operation	What kinds of Community Engagement will happen?	The Design-Build Team will continue with outreach during the design process to receive as much input as possible. Outreach includes in-person public design workshops as well as online feedback opportunities for any individual or group who cannot attend an in-person workshop. The City has received feedback previously and continues to solicit input via focus group workshops with a variety of people who are justice-involved, including DOC staff, people in custody, formerly incarcerated individuals, justice-involved organizations, justice advocates and organizations representing women and gender-expansive individuals. Community outreach will also continue during construction.	
Operation	What is the cost per person?	The budget for the Queens Borough-Based Jail Facility is \$3.9 billion and includes housing, programming, and access to medical and mental health care for 590 men and 450 women and gender-expansive individuals.	
Operation	All women are in this BBJ facility	All women and gender-expansive individuals will be housed in one facility because the number of women and gender-expansive individuals in custody is significantly lower than the number of men in custody. Co-locating all women and gender-expansive individuals in one facility allows the City to provide robust and equitable support services and programming. The Queens facility was selected to house the women and gender-expansive population because of the available space on site to accommodate the expanded building footprint necessary to include these additonal facilities, and also because of the proximity of the Queens facility to off-site medical facilities.	
Operation	Will there be funds allocated to repair the courthouse to match the new campus?	The façade of the courthouse that was previously adjacent to the former Queens Detention Center will be updated as part of the BBJ Queens Facility project.	
Operation	What is the emergency evacuation protocol?	Evacuation plans are currently under development and there will be fully developed and approved evacuation plans in place before the facility is operational. There will be a multi-level approach to evacuation. Housing areas are designed as smoke compartments with fire rated separation - meaning that during localized events or events on the floor, people in custody will be evacuated to adjacent housing areas within the facility. Fire safety and emergency measures will be incorporated into the design and are include in the facility capital budget. Evacuation procedures will be part of the DOC operations.	
Operation	Why less women beds?	The Queens Facility will include fewer beds for women than for men because of the relatively smaller number of women projected to be in custody.	
Operation	Will there be a separate area for trans people?	All women and gender-expansive individuals will be housed in one facility because the number of women and gender-expansive individuals in custody is significantly lower than the number of men in custody. Co-locating all women and gender-expansive individuals in one facility allows the City to provide robust and equitable support services and programming.	

Operation	Where do the people released get shoelaces?	The Queens facility was selected to house the women and gender-expansive population because of the available space on site to accommodate the expanded building footprint necessary to include these additional facilities, and also because of the proximity of the Queens facility to off-site medical facilities.	
Operation	Is pick up transportation provided?	DOC and CHS conduct discharge planning with individuals before persons in custody are released through the public lobby, from which they can collect their possessions and any medications provided. Social service providers will be located in the lobby to assist people who are getting released offering voluntary services & referrals (such as employment, mental health, and other social services).	
Operation	Concern about transport/construction phasing- when Rikers closes in 2027, how does the transfer get phased if the building isn't built yet?	While the Adams administration will always follow the law, it has become painfully clear that the plan approved under the last administration leaves open serious questions about the city's ability to keep New Yorkers safe. As Mayor Adams has said, we cannot be so idealistic that we're not realistic about the timeline and cost of closing Rikers while also protecting public safety. We remain committed to completing the borough-based jails — which is what we must do to protect public safety — provide humane conditions for those in custody, and close the jail on Rikers Island in keeping with the law. We also remain laser focused on pursuing upstream solutions to keep young New Yorkers out of the criminal justice system wherever possible.	
Operation	Traffic in Residential Area	A Final Environmental Impact Study was published in August 2019, and a subsequent Technical Memorandum was published in April 2024 including an overall update to the transportation analyses with more current traffic data and traffic conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum (https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/) concluded that many of the traffic impacts discussed in the studies could be mitigated through the implementation of traffic engineering improvements, including modification of existing traffic signal phasing and/or timing, street markings, lane configurations, and/or parking regulations. The design team will be coordinating with DOT during the design process.	
Operation	"Federal Brooklyn Facility" PIC are aggressive and abusive	This is not the Federal Brooklyn Facility. The Queens Borough-Based Jail facility building's design employs natural light throughout the building to create an uplifting environment. Air quality, lighting and acoustic comfort are all incorporated into design to create a humane, inviting and warm space. The Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture program, culinary arts program, vocational training, library, gymnasium, chapel, and medical facilities. All housing units include access to mental and medical health care providers. Every housing floor will include space for treatment in addition to the main clinic and all housing units will include a medication distribution booth. The City remains committed to the therapeutic housing model and Correctional Health Services will meet individuals' needs no matter the setting in which their services are provided.	
Operation	Support for the released	DOC and CHS conduct discharge planning with individuals before persons in custody are released through the public lobby, from which they can collect their possessions and any medications provided. Social service providers will be located in the lobby to assist people who are getting released offering voluntary services & referrals (such as employment, mental health, and other social services).	

Operation	Reach out to children of incarcerated group for input	The Design-Build Team will continue with outreach during the design process to receive as much input as possible. Outreach includes in-person public design workshops as well as online feedback opportunities for any individual or group who cannot attend an in-person workshop. The City has received feedback previously and continues to solicit input via focus group workshops with a variety of people who are justice-involved, including DOC staff, people in custody, formerly incarcerated individuals, justice-involved organizations, justice advocates and organizations representing women and gender-expansive individuals. Community outreach will also continue during construction.	
Operation	What is the staff to inmate ratio?	The number of staff assigned to the facility is currently under development and will progress concurrent with the design.	
Operation	Can it depreciate property values?	The location of all four Borough-Based Jail facilities was determined by the 2019 ULURP process. The Queens facility is located on the municipal campus, at the intersection of 3 highways, and is on the site of the former detention center, adjacent to the courthouse.	
Operation	Waste management and how it will be used	Plans for maintenance and other building operations are currently in development and progress concurrent with the design.	
Operation	Opinions from past incarcerated individuals	The Design-Build Team will continue with outreach during the design process to receive as much input as possible. Outreach includes in-person public design workshops as well as online feedback opportunities for any individual or group who cannot attend an in-person workshop. The City has received feedback previously and continues to solicit input via focus group workshops with a variety of people who are justice-involved, including DOC staff, people in custody, formerly incarcerated individuals, justice-involved organizations, justice advocates and organizations representing women and gender-expansive individuals. Community outreach will also continue during construction.	
Operation	• each time they use the elevators, they and staff members will be at risk	Security and cameras are present throughout the Facility to ensure the safety of both staff and people in custody. Evacuation plans are currently under development and there will be fully developed and approved evacuation plans in place before the facility is operational. There will be a multi-level approach to evacuation. Housing areas are designed as smoke compartments with fire rated separation - meaning that during localized events or events on the floor, people in custody will be evacuated to adjacent housing areas within the facility. Fire safety and emergency measures will be incorporated into the design and are included in the facility capital budget. Evacuation procedures will be part of the DOC operations.	
Operation	• fires are often started in jails, to create confusion and in an attempt to escape confinement. In case of fire, it is impossible to evacuate hundreds of detainees safely from a high-rise building without risk to them and the community at large into which they would be released.	Evacuation plans are currently under development and there will be fully developed and approved evacuation plans in place before the facility is operational. There will be a multi-level approach to evacuation. Housing areas are designed as smoke compartments with fire rated separation - meaning that during localized events or events on the floor, people in custody will be evacuated to adjacent housing areas within the facility. Fire safety and emergency measures will be incorporated into the design and are included in the facility capital budget. Evacuation procedures will be part of the DOC operations.	
Operation	How about a Citibike station? What about bike parking?	Bike parking areas are included in the design of the plaza and streetscape areas. Citibike stations are determined by DOT.	
Operation	Will there be phone charging station/kiosks on the site?	There will be kiosks in the lobby. The public lobby will also incorporate wifi access as well as power outlets and ports to provide charging opportunities for visitors.	