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BBJ QN Project - Community Input Design Meeting #2 Breakout Session Feedback

Session Topic	Comment/ Feedback	BBJ Team Response
Public Realm	What is design doing to mitigate homeless population from building in the campus/ plaza?	The design intent is to create a safe and secure environment with ample lighting, security cameras, and plantings that maintain clear sightlines. The Design-Build Team is currently also exploring a range of seating solutions that incorporate benches designed with integrated armrests placed every 48 inches.
Public Realm	Distance to school in neighborhood	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. Some schools in the neighborhood, i.e. PS 99, Archbishop Molloy High School, Plaza College, and The Kew-Forest School are located outside the municipal campus, and given the indirect path and separation by the surrounding neighborhood fabric, are approximately 10 minutes walking distance from the site.
Public Realm	What is the design of the landscaping? Blooming in differenet stages? Different seasons? Doesn’t look green in borough park now.	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. Seasonal bloom is an important consideration for landscape design. Evergreen plantings will maintain greenery and structure during the winter months, while spring will bring vibrant blooms from flowering trees such as pear and cherry trees. Summer interest will be provided by a mix of hardy perennials, and the landscape will transition into rich autumn hues with the inclusion of maple trees.
Public Realm	Wayfinding signage on campus site	Clear wayfinding and signage will be incorporated in the design to guide visitors throughout the facility.
Public Realm	Create environment that is sustainable	The public realm environment is thoughtfully designed with sustainability in mind, addressing maintenance efficiency, ecological health, and effective stormwater management. Materials and planting strategies are selected to reduce long-term upkeep, support local biodiversity, and manage runoff through integrated green infrastructure solutions such as permeable surfaces and strategically placed vegetation.
Public Realm	Civic campus includes mainenance and design of surroundings	Plans for maintenance and other building operations are currently in development and progress concurrent with the design.
Public Realm	Clarification on transportation and traffic in and around the building	The entrance to the public lobby will be located on 126th Street. Visitors arriving by car and by public transport can access the public lobby on foot via 132nd Street or 126th Street passageway. Adjacent to the Facility, the newly constructed Queens Borough Hall Municipal Parking Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking.

<i>Public Realm</i>	Is there an urban planning diagram?	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. (CDW #1 line 15)
<i>Public Realm</i>	Vehicle and pedestrian flow diagram? Union Tpke and Van Wyck?	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. (CDW #1 line 15)
<i>Public Realm</i>	Is the street wide enough for idling?	Yes, 126th Street has sufficient width to accommodate the required travel lanes along with a dedicated lane designated specifically for pick-up and drop-off activities.
<i>Public Realm</i>	If you were a visitor where is dropoff?	ADA drop-off and pick-up will be accommodated at the front of the facility near the main entrance on 126th Street. Clear signage and accessible pathways guide visitors from the drop-off zone directly into the facility, enhancing convenience and creating a welcoming arrival experience.
<i>Public Realm</i>	No Lawns - no irrigation	Plans for maintenance and other building operations are currently in development and progress concurrent with the design. DOC is responsible for maintaining the landscape and public realm around the Facility. DOC prioritizes a low-maintenance planting palette, including understory natives for all planting beds that provide year-round interest.
<i>Building Appearance</i>	What is this big mechanical bar? Cell blocks around the outside. No one living on the top of the building? Separated housing units	Rooftop spaces will be utilized for the horticulture space, mechanical equipment, and photovoltaic arrays in compliance with local law. 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. The facility is designed to maximize daylight into the housing units and mitigate the visual impact of the building's massing.
<i>Building Appearance</i>	How open is the mesh? What sightlines do they have to the public through the mesh? And vice versa?	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.
<i>Building Appearance</i>	Explain the double height housing unit windows.	The double-height housing unit windows are part of a broader façade strategy intended to reduce the perceived massing of the building. The building is designed to allow every person in custody to have 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>	Is the screen open in the outdoor rec	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>Building Appearance</i>	Design consideration in regards to maintenance	The Design-Build Team is actively developing the building's appearance with careful consideration of durability and long-term maintenance. This includes the thoughtful selection of materials, colors, and plantings that harmonize with the existing context.

<i>Building Appearance</i>	What's going to happen on the roof?	Rooftop spaces will be utilized for the horticulture space, mechanical equipment, and photovoltaic arrays in compliance with local law.
<i>Building Appearance</i>	Will a green roof or solar panels be incorporated into design?	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.
<i>Building Appearance</i>	What is the real height? You say 9 stories but 190' is 20 residential stories.	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>	Please show a realistic rendering of the building frontage along 132nd Street Show positions of loading dock and Sally Port. Show proposed curbside parking and delivery/ maintenance vehivle standing locations.	The Design-Build Team is actively developing and refining visual renderings that depict the building façade and its relationship to the surrounding streetscape.
<i>Interior Experience - Public</i>	Where can visitors store wheelchairs or other mobility aids?	The Design-Build Team will incorporate ADA seating, furnishing and adequate circulation space to ensure accessibility needs are met. There will be lockers and storage area in the lobby.
<i>Interior Experience - Public</i>	Handicap access through main lobby	The Design-Build Team has incorporated universal accessibility design throughout the facility. The entrance to the facility in the main lobby will be ADA-accessible.
<i>Interior Experience - Public</i>	Bright/friendly colors in visitor lobby	The Design-Build Team will explore a variety of color palettes in the design of this space to provide a comforting experience. The intent of the public lobby design is to provide a welcoming, humane, and inspiring place.
<i>Interior Experience - Public</i>	Is there a designated area for children in the lobby?	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.
<i>Interior Experience - Public</i>	What would make it friendlier?	The Design-Build Team is committed to creating a welcoming and supportive environment in the public lobby, and will explore a variety of color palettes and materials to promote comfort and well-being.
<i>Interior Experience - Public</i>	Safety measures in the lobby?	The lobby will incorporate multiple safety measures to create a secure environment for all visitors, staff, and facility occupants. Visitors will need to go through security screening when entering the building. There will also be DOC staff in the lobby to help maintain a safe atmosphere.
<i>Interior Experience - Public</i>	Is there enough room for security checks to be conducted on visitors?	Yes, the design provides adequate space to accommodate security screening procedures in a manner that supports a safe, efficient, and humane visiting experience. There will be a first level of screening at the entrance which allows people to move through quickly.
<i>Interior Experience - Public</i>	Non Contact visitation renders - cant see through dirty glass	Updated renderings will be shared in the next Community Design Workshop to provide clearer and more accurate representations of the non-contact visitation areas, including improved visibility through glass partitions.
<i>Interior Experience - Public</i>	Create child centered visit areas that can accomodate nursing and access necessary supplies	The children's area is being designed to be durable and warm with plenty of natural light and furnishing appropriately scaled for children. There are children's areas located in the public lobby and visiting areas. Within the visiting areas there is a children's play area in the contact visiting space and an area for kids to play in the extended family rooms. The children's area will have appropriate activities such as books and play equipment. There is a private lactation room directly adjacent to the children's waiting/play area.

<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	How are men and women treated differently in therapeutic spaces?	Therapeutic spaces for men and women are designed to be separated yet provide equivalent types of environments and access to primary care services while maintaining consistent standards of treatment and support. The design also incorporates additional programming and care tailored to address the unique needs of patients.
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Why aren't women split amongst facilities? Why isnt there a separate women's 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.
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Don't use instiutional colors and thin mattress in cells. Could color be added to the interior of cells? It appears depressing white. Thickness of mattress seems small could they be bigger or are they a standard size for plus sized people.	The Design-Build Team will explore a variety of color palettes in the design of this space to provide a comforting experience, and is studying various furniture options throughout the facility.
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Stainless steel material?	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>	Lighting in cells at night?	Overhead lighting as well as task lighting will be provided in each cell. Task lighting can be controlled by people in custody.
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	How big is the law library who gets to use it? Each housing unit will have separate scheduled time to use the library?	The facility will include separate law libraries designated for men and women to allow equitable opportunities to access legal resources for people in custody and the facility staff. Use of the law libraries will be coordinated through a scheduled system to manage occupancy and allow fair and organized access for all housing units. Updated renderings of the law library will be available for the next Community Design Workshop.
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Horticuluture capacity and use? What happens in horticultre?	The program includes greenhouse, classroom, and an outdoor area which offer people in custody hands-on instruction such as planting, gardening, and related subjects. The horticulture space will be designed to accommodate up to 25 occupants, including staff.
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Womens library chairs look weird? Where are the books?	While the specific furniture has not been chosen yet, furniture shown represents what will be provided in terms of look and feel. Furnishings will use molded plastic and a soothing color palette to provide a comfortable and inviting environment. Updated renderings of the law library, including bookshelves, will be available for the next Community Design Workshop.
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Do we have medical services for everyone?	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>	With recent robbery in Kew Gardens, will there be enough security? Security features like cameras?	Security and cameras are present throughout the Facility to ensure the safety of both staff and people in custody.
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	How are outdoor rec areas sized?	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>	Create areas for private nursing of children and pumping of breast milk. Create refrigerated areas to store breast milk and formula and other forms of food and nourishment for children. Provide areas to warm breastmilk, formula, cereals and other foods and forms of nourishment.	Designated nursing and lactation areas, including refrigerated storage for breast milk and infant formula, are incorporated within the facility's design. These spaces are planned to provide a comfortable, private, and hygienic environment that supports the health and well-being of nursing individuals and their infants.
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Create adequate recreation areas including an outside yard and provide access to direct sunlight in nursery areas.	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. The nursery will have access to natural light to create a comfortable and supportive environment for infants and caregivers.
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Outdoor recreation facilities have access to direct sunlight	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>	Create and include play areas that are designed for infants. Create and include bathing areas that are private and accessible to parents in the nursery. There should be an area to store and retrieve personal care supplies and over-the-counter medications. The nursery should have an abundance of natural light in the common areas as well as the sleeping areas. Noise pollution should be a consideration in the design process.	The Design-Build Team is working to incorporate private, accessible areas within the nursery that include dedicated storage for supplies, access to natural light, and design strategies that mitigate noise pollution, ensuring a comfortable and supportive environment for infants and caregivers. The children's area will have appropriate activities such as books and play equipment and area for infants to be bathed.
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	The jail should be able to accommodate and provide a safe space where infants can receive access to medical and educational services along with the parent. Creating sufficient room in the housing area for these services is ideal.	The Design-Build Team is working to incorporate private, accessible areas within the nursery that include medical services, to create a comfortable and supportive environment for infants and caregivers.
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Create housing areas that accommodate a safe, private and quiet sleeping area with individual rooms for each child and parent, which includes space for age-appropriate infant beds.	There will be cribs/ beds for infants within the nursery along with access to natural light to create a comfortable and supportive environment for infants and caregivers.
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Create safe play areas within the nursery.	The Design-Build Team is incorporating play areas within the nursery that include a safe and supportive environment for infants and caregivers.
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	They don't have a walking track?	The outdoor recreation space includes fitness equipment, passive recreation opportunities and the ability to play other group activities. There is a larger indoor gymnasium to allow a larger area for walks.
<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	Are there more or less therapeutic beds? Quantity of beds	There will be 240 therapeutic beds within the facility, 140 for men and 100 for women.

<i>Interior Experience - Secure</i>	The new Queens jail should include space that provides ready access to pediatricians and medical care	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 (CHS) will meet individuals' needs no matter the setting in which their services are provided. While CHS does not employ pediatricians, staff work closely with the pediatrics department at NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst, and infants in the Queens facility nursery who require a higher level of care will be transported to the hospital by EMS.
<i>Operation</i>	Whats the process for visiting?	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. Visitors will go through an initial security screening at the public lobby, and an additional screening when they go from the visitor waiting room to the visiting areas.
<i>Operation</i>	Sallyport size? Transport during evacuation? How to evacuate 1,040 people safely and efficiently?	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. Evacuation procedures will be part of the DOC operations. 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.
<i>Operation</i>	Egress... How are the evacuation procedures run? Ventilation system during fire?	Evacuation procedures will be part of the DOC operations. 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.
<i>Operation</i>	How are PIC getting into the building? Route?	People in custody will enter the facility through a secure sally port located on 132nd Street. The sally port has been sized to allow space for bus staging. For security purposes, detailed transportation plans cannot be shared publicly.
<i>Operation</i>	On evacuation, how? How will PIC be evacuated in case of extreme scenario such as plane crashing or bomb blast?	Evacuation procedures will be part of the DOC operations. 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.

Operation	How is the design providing to any transgender people in custody since this is a male and female 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.
Operation	Can recreation areas be accessed at any time of day? Running? Jogging? Visibility?	People in custody will be able to use the recreation area anytime they have access to the dayroom. 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.
Operation	We want to see a secure presentation.	Security and cameras are present throughout the Facility to ensure the safety of both staff and people in custody. The streetscape is designed to have perimeter security cameras, NYC DOT street lights, building mounted lighting, and clear sightlines to the building to maximize light distribution and discourage hidden location, and armrests to break up continuous bench expanses. 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	We want to hear protocol if something happens.	Evacuation procedures will be part of the DOC operations. 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.
Operation	Queens community justice center had great questions about pic dignity, re-entry to society, having a beautiful landscape to look at or have a job to maintain while they are incarcerated	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.
Operation	Will there be enough staff, enough medical staff to separate men and women?	Yes, the Borough-Based Jail Facilities will be appropriately staffed. The number of staff assigned to the facility is currently under development and will progress concurrent with the design.
Operation	How many spots are in the story garage? What is the price? Will street parking spots be free or paid?	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 Borough Hall Municipal Parking Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking. The garage has been commissioned to DOT and pricing information can be found on DOT's website: https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/parkinglist.shtml

Operation	Parking is a nightmare.	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 Borough Hall Municipal Parking Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking.
Operation	We want to see people getting help.	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 departmental 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	Located to two buildings people do not want to get to.	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 locate the facilities within the boroughs, increasing access to communities and courts, while allowing people to maintain connections to families and service providers.
Operation	How did inmates react to facility?	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	Enough medical staff within?	The number of staff assigned to the facility is currently under development and will progress concurrent with the design. 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	Parking? What is authorized vehicle spaces?	The Queens Facility includes 100 parking spaces below grade for authorized City vehicles. Adjacent to the Facility, the newly constructed Queens Borough Hall Municipal Parking Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking.
Operation	DOT major concern is the parking of authorized vehicles around the site. Workers have become accustomed to parking all over, as if it were a perk to their job. What will be done to keep cars and parking clean, maintained? Safe for pedestrian shoved against Van Wyck, is actually a good location for jail.	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 Borough Hall Municipal Parking Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking.
Operation	Will the 200 + staff exceeding capacity in the Jail garage be expected to pay to park in the public garage?	The Queens Facility will include 100 parking spaces below grade for authorized City vehicles. Adjacent to the Facility, the newly constructed Queens Borough Hall Municipal Parking Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking.

Operation	How many of the projected one hundred visitors are expected to pay the high parking fee in the garage or expensive private garages rather than cruise the neighborhood seeking the rarest of occasional parking spots?	The Queens Facility will include 100 parking spaces below grade for authorized City vehicles. Adjacent to the Facility, the newly constructed Queens Borough Hall Municipal Parking Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking.
Operation	Where will the approximately 240 cars with placards issued by various city agencies which now park on the streets immediately surrounding the jail building be expected to park?	The Queens Facility will include 100 parking spaces below grade for authorized City vehicles. Adjacent to the Facility, the newly constructed Queens Borough Hall Municipal Parking Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking.
Operation	How were the cars with placards to be displaced from the project area streets included in the parking demand?	The Queens Facility will include 100 parking spaces below grade for authorized City vehicles. Adjacent to the Facility, the newly constructed Queens Borough Hall Municipal Parking Garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking. 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 and parking data and conditions. The 2019 FEIS and the 2024 Technical Memorandum can be reviewed at; https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/
Operation	What, if anything, is being done to address traffic congestion and ultimate security issue at intersections beyond those studied within the quarter-mile radius of the EIS?	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. Questions regarding traffic conditions beyond the study area for this project should be addressed with DOT.
Operation	What are realistic truck and bus estimates given the size and operational characteristics of the jail?	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. 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.

Operation	What is being done to manage the inmate transport vehicle traffic?	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	Where will inmate transport busses or vans be staged while awaiting scheduled transport?	The transport buses for people in custody will be staged within a secured area of the facility while awaiting scheduled transport.
Operation	Will any inmate transport vehicles be routed through residential neighborhoods, including Kew Gardens, Forest Hills and Briarwood?	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 is being done to accommodate and manage traffic from maintenance and delivery vehicles?	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 traffic routes were studied, if any, for those vehicles?	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	Where will those vehicles be staged when at the jail, either on a service call or awaiting loading dock access?	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. 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.
Operation	How is everyone transported to shared gymnasium?	People in custody will be escorted by DOC staff to the gymnasium.
Operation	Who determines if a person is contact or non-contact?	Visits between a person in custody and a specific visitor may be limited to non-contact if it is determined that such visits pose a risk to the safety, security, or orderly operation of the facility, or to the safety, security, or health of those in custody.
Operation	Community wants everyone to work together to maintain the campus.	DOC is responsible for maintaining the landscape and public realm around the Facility. DOC prioritizes a low-maintenance planting palette, including understory natives for all planting beds that provide year-round interest. DCAS will continue to maintain the surrounding Borough Hall Campus.
Operation	Who maintains building greenery?	DOC is responsible for maintaining the landscape and public realm around the Facility. DOC prioritizes a low-maintenance planting palette, including understory natives for all planting beds that provide year-round interest.
Operation	What happens after the building is built?	After construction completion, the building will go through commissioning and review by regulatory agencies prior to occupancy.
Operation	Who will maintain the garage in the future?	The newly constructed Queens Borough Hall Municipal Parking Garage has been commissioned to the Department of Transportation (DOT). The garage includes an additional 600 parking spaces available to the public to alleviate street parking.
Operation	Rikers island was once new who is going to maintain this jail?	The Borough-Based Jail Facilities will be maintained by the Department of Correction.
Operation	Worried about drought issues horticultuutre plant.	The horticulture instructors and persons in custody will maintain the space as part of the instructional program. Appropriate plants will be selected for this space.
Operation	How will plants be taken care of for the first two years?	DOC is responsible for maintaining the landscape and public realm around the Facility. DOC prioritizes a low-maintenance planting palette, including understory natives for all planting beds that provide year-round interest.
Operation	Who's keeping up with the context buildings?	The Facility's design aims to uplift its surrounding community, utilizing building materials and forms found in the surrounding neighborhood. 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.
Operation	The nursery should be a separate housing area	Yes, the nursery is a separate housing unit.
Operation	What is building capacity? What level are people placed in based on` crimes?	The facility will have 1040 beds. Every person in custody will go through an intake assessment before they are assigned to an appropriate housing unit. Assignments are based on a variety of factors.
Operation	Are people separated per floor based on level of crime?	Every person in custody will go through an intake assessment before they are assigned to an appropriate housing unit. Assignments are based on a variety of factors.
Operation	Maternity process - are pregnant inmates delivering here or transported to hospital? Full labor delivery? What if baby is born prematurely?	Following the current process, pregnant patients will be transported by EMS to deliver at NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst. If a pregnant patient delivers prematurely, both the patient and child will be immediately transported by EMS to the hospital for follow-up care.