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Ms. Josephine Fernandez-Byrne, Chairperson said Ms. Oliver you can go ahead and start.

Ms. Evelyn Oliver, Bronx Regional and Community Affairs for Consolidated Edison said thank you Josephine and thank you for providing this opportunity to us this evening. Our purpose here is to present a multi-year Con Edison electric project that will start this year. Nearly the entire footprint of this project is based in Community Board One boundaries however, there's a very small segment which crosses into Board 4 next year. Joining me are members of Con Edison Construction Management, Engineering and Project Management Department who are prepared to deliver details and information from an operational perspective of this important work. There will be plenty of time for discussion after we conclude our presentation so, we ask that you kindly please hold your questions or comments until the very end. At this time, we would like to review the agenda, Christine could you share the agenda.

So, this evening we're going to take a look at what this project is all about and why we're doing it, we're going to cover the benefits this work will provide to the area, we're going to talk about location, sales and schedule and stages in construction, we're going to cover our plans to mitigate community impact and demonstrate how we notify customers about our plans via the work notice and we're going to leave you with contact information and finally will wrap up the meeting with an opportunity for you to ask questions during our Q&A segment. So, now I'm going to hand the meeting over to Ed Pena in Engineering.

Mr. Ed Pena, Engineering Consolidated Edison said good evening all. So, what is the Con Edison West Bronx Network Reconfiguration Project. This Network Configuration Project stems from analysis the company performs to determine how a load is growing or projected to grow in an area. So, at a high level the analysis considers an intrinsic customer electric demand growth and also takes into account known new demand associated with future construction. This analysis helps inform and helps us predict what work we need to do now for the future.

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We're forecasting about 30-to-35-Megawatt load growth in the West Bronx area over the next few years. To better understand what this means I quickly scanned a few blocks in this area and created an unofficial average peak demand which is about .5 to 1 Megawatt per block so, we're looking at 30 to 35 times that so, in order to be able to satisfy this growth the company is embarking on this multi-year project to install facilities to meet the demand and the scope of the work will be outlined in later slides. So, what are some of the benefits of this project so, some of the benefits of this project are that it will optimize the system reliability in the area allowing us to meet the future electric demand, it allows us to continue to support customer expansion because customers continue to grow their footprint and this also gives way for future potential of electrification of the grid as we expect to see a rise in electrical vehicle usage as well as potential transitions to electric heating as an alternative to gas or oil burning methods. I will be passing it over to the next presenter.

Mr. Mike Walsh, Senior Construction Specialist Consolidated Edison said I will go through some of the stages of construction first we have the Engineering layouts for our planned routes, the first activity will be going on will be street marking and saw cutting of the roadway of the proposed route, will be doing some excavation and trenching, laying conduits and installing manhole structures, followed by cable installation and after that Con Ed crews will be splicing the cables, and backfill and roadway restoration. So, Community Impact and Mitigation this is a two-year construction timeline, we are currently working with the New York City DOT on working hours and stipulations we expect to have reduced hours around Hospitals and Schools to minimize the disruption. We will have some equipment staging and storage areas, there will be limited street parking during construction activities, there will be some increased noise, will have a noise mitigation plan in place to help mitigate that, there are no anticipated street closures, will have maintenance and traffic control plans in place as well as traffic flaggers, and again, most important housekeeping and general worksite maintenance. I'm going to pass it off to Christine Halkett.

Ms. Christine Halkett, Project Manager for Consolidated Edison said good evening everyone and I'll be going through the location of construction starting from this year. So, as you see here on the map of the area that we're speaking to the areas in white represent District One and you see here lines with several different colors the green is the work we're taking on in 2022, and the orange is representative of the work will be taking on in 2023. Most of this work will be taking place this year and also in District One. What I've noted here are major arteries that are going to be impacted by our work. So, we will start at East 133rd Street that's toward the bottom of the picture and the green as I mentioned is the majority from East 133rd and Willow Avenue will be going over to Bruckner Boulevard and moving west along East 138th Street and East 141st Street all the way to Grand Concourse on East 138th and up to Lincoln

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Hospital and East 141st Street. The orange which I will go through a little more later will be happening in 2023 and that's along Willis Avenue and St. Ann's Avenue as well as towards the top left area where we will be doing construction along Grand Concourse from the area of HOSTOS College up and passed the Cardinale Hays High School area. So, the Civil construction as mentioned earlier the markings and cuttings, excavation, laying conduits and installing structures as well as backfill and roadway restoration that's to take place in the two years 2022 to 2023. There is some remaining work in 2024 it does not involve excavation or any street construction work, it will be the smaller Con Edison vehicles and they will be partaking in the installation of cables as well as the splicing of cables. To go a little more into the construction location for this year we plan to start construction in the second quarter of this year around a June timeframe and as mentioned we will be looking to start from East 133rd Street from the southern tip of the map depicted there and Willow Avenue and we will be moving in a northerly and westerly direction along East 138th Street as well as East 141st Street and making a right towards HOSTOS College and Lincoln Hospital so, this work is planned for completion this year. As far as 2023 work is concerned the areas in orange as shown here we have some separate areas that will be taking on the first location will be along Willis Avenue and St. Ann's Avenue and that's from East 141st Street to around East 148th Street on Willis Avenue and East 149th Street and St. Ann's Avenue and along with that as you move your attention to the upper left-hand side of that picture you'll see the orange taking place around the vicinity of HOSTOS College moving in a northerly direction along Grand Concourse towards Cardinale Hays and up to 156th Street. So, at this point I would like to hand it over.

Ms. Evelyn Oliver, Bronx Regional and Community Affairs Consolidated Edison said we fully understand how important it is to communicate our construction plans to the public so, on the screen is a sample work notice we create and distribute to inform customers residing in the immediate area of upcoming work and its potential community effects. Also provides starts and completion dates and the work hours for specific segments of the work. As this project progresses from one location to the next a new work notice will be distributed to our customers located within those particular boundaries. The work notice is distributed via email to customers who have signed up to receive company information electronically and the work notice also gets emailed to the Elected Officials in the Community Board in that District. It's an automated process, the work notice is not mailed it's strictly an electronic delivery of information. Finally, we're going to leave you with contact information from me and the email address and phone number and Rolando Infante who manages community affairs activities in Community Board One. We're here to assist you after this meeting adjourns tonight and please use the same contacts to reach out for the duration of this project. So, this concludes our presentation. Thank you for your attention.

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Ms. Josephine Fernandez-Byrne, Chairperson asked does any Committee member have questions.

Questions and Answers

Ms. Josephine Fernandez-Byrne, Chairperson called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed. Motion carried

MEETING ADJOURNED.