

ESCR CAG Meeting -- October 27, 2022
(via Zoom)

CAG members present

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DDC Presentation of Updates

Desiree Gazzo, HNTB-LiRo

[Link to Slide Deck](#)

- I. Hiring Compliance
 - A. Two “Work With Us” events happened previously this month, and the Competitive Edge Conference is upcoming on October 31
 - 1. They filled an open administrative position with a local candidate through the Henry Street Settlement job fair.
 - B. Hiring compliance update is postponed to next month
- II. Construction Progress/Approach
 - A. Project Area Overview
 - 1. Project Area 2 (PA2)
 - a) Over 1,200 feet of floodwall installed to date
 - 2. Parallel Conveyance (PC)
 - a) Introduction to Community Construction Liaison (CCL) for PC: Tannia Wokoun, who has worked in construction for seven years, previously at NYSDOT before working for NYC DDC for the past four years
 - b) They presented at the CB3 Parks Committee meeting about PC, and will continue to update both the CAG and CB3 with information - link to presentation for that meeting listed in the presentation
 - 3. PA2 | Construction Progress
 - a) Asser Levy Playground is open
 - (1) Floodwall and floodgate #19 are installed
 - b) West Service Road
 - (1) Floodgate #17 in progress

- (2) Full completion anticipated completion in spring 2023
- c) Ongoing work at the E. 23rd St. Intersection
 - (1) Floodgate work #15 and #16 construction
- d) Stuyvesant Cove Park north of E. 20th St.
 - (1) Seat wall construction, grading, and finish pavement is well underway
 - (2) Plantings will start the week of October 31
- e) Stuyvesant Cove Park south of E. 20th St.
 - (1) Ongoing floodwall construction
 - (2) Ferry access will remain open
- f) Murphy Brothers Playground
 - (1) Under construction, work started September 26

III. Access/Signage/Safety

A. PA2 | Greenway Access

1. Access change starting October 31:
 - a) Greenway from E. 20th St. North will reopen, while E. 20th St. South will close. Access to East River Park will remain.
 - b) Stuyvesant Cove Park Ferry access remains open and is accessible from E. 18th St. only.

B. PA2 | Greenway Access Look-Ahead

1. Fall 2022
 - a) Greenway from E. 20th St. heading north will reopen
 - b) Greenway from E. 20th St. south will remain closed and access to East River Park from Stuyvesant Cove Park will end
 - c) Stuyvesant Cove Park Ferry access will remain open

IV. Construction Progress/Approach

A. Photos showing construction progress (on slides 14, 15, 20, & 21 of presentation)

B. PA1 | Construction Progress

1. Included link to PA1 Construction Timeline, no changes since last month

C. PA 1 | November 2022 Construction Activities

1. Many items are ongoing work activities
2. Floodwall that runs under the park installation is to begin later in November
3. Amphitheater asbestos abatement has been completed
4. ConEd work in Shared Use Path (E. Houston St. to E. 10th St.) will complete this year
5. E. 6th St. pedestrian bridge will close on November 3 for one construction day only (an advisory will be sent out, and signage with zip ties will be installed in advance)

D. PA1 | 2022 - Early 2023 Construction Activities

1. Much of this will be continued work through the end of this year and into next
2. Delancey Street utility work will begin

3. Montgomery St. & South St.: floodwall construction to begin
4. ConEd Shared Use work: they will figure out with the contractor what reopening to pedestrians looks like

E. PA 1 | Construction Work Sequencing

V. Environment

A. PA1 AQM | September 2022 Update

1. PM daily value didn't surpass PEL for month of September for PA1 or PA2
2. Minor exceedances, which were mostly under 15 minutes, due to construction activities; dust suppression techniques were applied

B. PA2 AQM | September 2022 Update

1. Only small exceedances: one overnight; others due to construction activities, and dust suppression techniques were applied

C. Exceedances are now linked to location, and they weren't concentrated in any one area

VI. Q&A:

A. Sandra: Will there be any breaks/openings in the handrail close to the new Solar 2 building so that people can access the waterfront?

1. Desiree: This has been brought up before, but I don't believe there are gates in the handrail to access the waterfront. Originally with the Solar 2 building, they had planned to allow kayak access, but it was determined the water isn't a safe access for kayaking.
2. Sandra: It wouldn't just be for kayaking, since the water is quite low in that area, so we're wondering if breaks or gates could be incorporated into the project.
3. Desiree: I don't believe it will be changed at this point since it has already been reviewed from a safety perspective, but I will bring back that question to DDC.

B. Sandra: Are there barriers on both sides of the greenway? (Referencing right photo on slide 14 of presentation)

1. Desiree: Yes, because there is parking on that side, they installed jersey barriers along the full way so that the Greenway is protected.
2. Sandra: We're hoping to get rid of the parking, but it looks like it's too late to uninstall the barriers. Is it installed the full way?
3. Desiree: Yes, it is. Jersey barriers are potentially not as permanent as the wall, but it's within this project contract.
4. Sandra: How often can you get off the Greenway if you have to exit?
5. Desiree: Access/exits to the Greenway are at 20th, 18th, and 23rd—same as before.

C. Wendy: I'm getting questions related to Pier 42, which I understand has been transferred to Parks, about the turf. Can you fill me in on that?

1. Desiree: Since that's not a part of the ESCR project, you would need to contact the CCL for Pier 42, Rick Fogarty at 347-334-8153, or Pier42UplandPark@gmail.com

CAG-Only Portion

- I. Tara: We just want to open the floor to see if there is anything of concern that folks want to bring up now?
 - A. Tara: Paula and I are going to revisit the document we all drafted in the summer that included the points of agreement to do another refresh with DDC over this month. We can share that with you all again to see if there is anything (questions, additions) outstanding there.
 - B. Robin: I have a question about parallel conveyance. I still don't understand why the onus is on the residents to pay for construction. For example, when they're digging, we're told we have to pay for it because it falls on some of our property, but I don't understand that. And a clearer idea of when that is beginning.
 1. Tara to request more information on that.
 - C. Dianne: It would be great if next month we could get more information about the timeline for next year. They had predicted that parts of southern areas of East River Park would open as early as next summer, but they're still doing sewer work and installing the floodwalls, so that previous timeline seems unlikely. What can we expect—not just for the first quarter of next year, but for 2023 as a whole?
 - D. Tara: Just a note: we're meeting the week before Thanksgiving in November, which is the week after they present at CB3. I encourage you all to attend that meeting. But we'll ask them to prepare a timeline for next year at the upcoming meeting.
 - E. Tara: If you haven't already voted on the by-laws, please do!

(Meeting adjourned approximately an hour and 15 minutes early.)