

ESCR CAG Meeting -- December 15, 2022
(via Zoom)

CAG members present

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DDC Presentation of Updates

Desiree Gazzo, HNTB-LiRo

[Link to Slide Deck](#)

- I. Project Area Overview
 - A. Over 1,400 ft of floodwall installed in PA2
- II. Construction Progress/Approach
 - A. PA2 | Construction Progress
 - 1. Stuyvesant Cove Park
 - a) Area #1 (north of E. 20th St) anticipated reopening in early 2023 as coordinated with Solar One and NYCEDC
 - b) Area #2 (south portion) scheduled reopening in early 2024
- III. Access / Signage / Safety
 - A. PA2 | Current Greenway Access
 - 1. Greenway area north of E. 20th St is open, area between E.18th and E. 20th closed with detour
 - 2. Stuyvesant Cove Park Ferry access remains open and is accessible from E. 18th St. only
 - 3. Access to East River Park remains open
- IV. Construction Progress / Approach
 - A. PA2 | Construction Progress
 - 1. See slide deck (slides 9 and 10) for progress photos for Stuyvesant Cove Park and Murphy Brothers Playground
 - B. PA1 | Construction Progress
 - 1. [Link to construction timeline](#) on project updates page of NYC website
 - 2. PA1 | 2022 - Early 2023 Construction Activities

- a) Esplanade dismantling is in progress along the waterfront. Soil stabilization activities for Phase 1 are completed. Floodwall (combi-wall) installation has started
 - b) Upcoming pedestrian detour at Delancey St.
 - c) Montgomery St floodwall construction anticipated early 2023
- C. PA1 | Construction Work Sequencing
 - 1. Waterfront / Esplanade
 - a) Currently working on installing the new combi-wall
 - 2. Inland
 - a) Floodwall pile installation in progress
- D. PA1 | Montgomery Greenway Floodwall Activities
 - 1. Sheet pile installation along the Greenway is about 50% completed
 - 2. Hours of operation have increased to try to finish sheet pile work so floodwall construction can begin (work occurs during the day; advance notice is given for night work, which is very limited)
 - a) Work hours for pile install are 7am-6am, however contractor may start to mobilize and perform other work at 6am
 - 3. Rendering in slide 15-17
- E. Corlears Hook Park construction photos slide 18, rendering slide 19
- F. PA1 | Combi Wall Bulkhead / Floodwall
 - 1. Pipe piles + sheet piles = combi wall (combination)
 - 2. Photos slide 20
- G. PA 1 | Delancey Street Pedestrian Detour
 - 1. Pedestrian detour on South St to begin the week of Dec 27, 2022 due to pier work for the Delancey St pedestrian bridge
 - 2. Sidewalk will close and detour will continue for several months; detour signage will be posted
- V. Access / Signage / Safety + Project Information Delivery
 - A. PA1 | Access and Signage Updates
 - 1. Team is working on additional signage to include “bridge closed ahead” at Delancey St.
 - 2. They’re working with Google Maps to update access per ESCR closures
 - 3. Pilot site signage: new centralized “Information Sign” located at Houston St. It’s a go-to place for updated information.
- VI. Q&A:
 - A. Wendy: Where is the new sign located?
 - 1. Desiree: It’s at Houston St up on the ramp, outside of the park
 - 2. Wendy: That’s a pretty congested area. We’ll see if it ends up being a good place for signage.
 - B. Wendy: There are two sections of the park that are just north of the track, around 8th St, that used to be storage, but they are still fenced and closed to the public. Will those be made public?
 - 1. Desiree: Great question—we’ll have to take that question back to Parks. Could you send us a picture of the location?

2. Wendy: Yes!
- C. Martin: Was the choke point by the ConEd plant ever figured out?
 1. Desiree: The flyover project? That is still actively in the design process with DDC. When more information is available on the project it will be shared with the public.
- D. Dianne: On the shared use path north of 6th S.t, is it still going to reopen for public use at the end of the year?
 1. Desiree: Working on getting a clearer answer on that. As soon as we find out, we'll let you know.
 2. In the detour area at Delancey St., there are several crossing points that you can take to get around the closure. Are there traffic lights at those crossing points?
 - a) Desiree: There is one traffic light at Lewis St. There are stop signs at the other crossings. Some but not all have crosswalks.
 3. Dianne: The sheet piles going in for the flood wall—they're very uneven. Are they going to be evened out?
 - a) Desiree: Yes, the wall will be evened out. They are installed at different depths depending on the ground conditions. They are cut to the same height, and then the rebar construction support gets built above them. If you go to the PA2 gallery you will see them all cut evenly in one of the photos.
- E. Dov Goldman: Regarding the Delancey Street closing—can I be looped in when things are happening, and is there a timeline for the closure? (Expressed concern re: signage and detour route)
 1. Desiree: We are trying to get updated information regarding the length of the closure. We can reach out directly once we have that information. I agree that signage will be important.

VII. Environment

- A. Environmental Reporting Update
 1. The quarterly AQM reports are being updated on the Environmental Monitoring page on the website under Project Updates. Q4 will be posted in January.
 2. PA1 AQM | November 2022 Update
 - a) The PM daily value (24-hour TWA) did not surpass the PEL for November.
 - b) Most exceedances were around 15-20 minutes; the most being about 38. Many of the recordings were after construction hours.
 - c) A lot of the exceedances around Montgomery St to Jackson St were traffic related.
 2. PA2 AQM | November 2022 Update
 - a) The PM daily value (24-hour TWA) did not surpass the PEL for November.

- b) There was one exceedance: 197 minutes on 11/4, due to idling construction vehicles unloading sheet piles for Murphy Brothers Playground.
 - II. Community Programming & Coordination
 - A. ESCR to YOUR School
 - 1. Kicked off community programming on 12/14/22 with a presentation at DDC with the ACE Mentor Program. Students were very engaged!
 - 2. In 2023 they will start presentations about the ESCR project at local schools, starting with schools who participated in the Call for Art Program.
- VIII. No additional questions

CAG-Only Portion

- I. Tara: As we discussed over email, we wanted to revisit the commitments we created over the summer. Some questions have come up, which we need to send to relevant city agencies to get answers. If you haven't had a chance to review the commitments document, please do and provide feedback by Monday at the latest!
- II. Tara: One thing that did come up is item #28. Part of the commitment from Parks was their installation of amenities to activate the Waterside Pier; that work was completed, but Dianne brought to our attention that there is little access to shade, access to the water, or a comfort station. We want to discuss whether these improvements are sufficient or not, and what next steps we might want to take to be ready for next spring and summer.
 - A. Dianne: I'll just say I made that comment a bit ago; there may have been some improvements since then, but I'm curious if people who live closer to that area could speak more to any updates or changes in that area.
 - B. Wendy: Is that area part of ESCR?
 - C. Tara: Yes.
 - D. Michael: It might be worthwhile to ask Desiree if she can address this at the next CAG meeting, since most of us here live farther south.
 - 1. Dianne: Maybe we could discuss the sports deck at Pier 42 in the same conversation, because there also is a lack of water and shade there.
 - E. Tara: We'll bring this back to Desiree.
- III. Michael: I request that Tara and Paula send a firmly worded email to folks who haven't participated in CAG meetings or provided input about the commitments to say this is your chance to ask questions about the commitments.
- IV. Dianne: There are questions in our commitments that have budget implications; I think it would be important for the CAG to discuss how these budget cuts affect the ESCR project. We should be informed about this and have a position.
 - A. Paula: We will incorporate that question when we reach out to the agencies.
- V. Wendy: Are there any updates around jobs? I'm not sure where LESSEN stands on this.

- A. Damaris: I can come back in January around our experience as a whole about this (e.g., the notifications of positions, the number of positions that have been filled with our positions).

Meeting adjourned approximately 1 hour early.