



POLICE DEPARTMENT

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE  
WORLD TRADE CENTER CAMPUS SECURITY PLAN  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Project Identification**

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The New York City Police Department (NYPD), acting as lead agency, issued a Notice of Completion on April 8, 2013, for a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed World Trade Center Campus Security Plan in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law. The WTC Campus Security Plan is a direct undertaking by the NYPD and would be paid for, at least in part, with New York City funds. Therefore, the Proposed Action is subject to environmental review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) and City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) regulations and guidelines.

**A public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 4:00 PM, in Spector Hall, at the Department of City Planning, 22 Reade Street, in Lower Manhattan. Comments are requested on the DEIS and will be accepted until Wednesday, May 8, 2013.**

The New York City Police Department (NYPD) proposes to implement a Campus Security Plan for the 16-acre World Trade Center (WTC) Campus in Manhattan Community District 1 in collaboration with other New York City agencies, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) and other WTC stakeholders. The Project Area includes all streets, sidewalks and buildings that would be directly affected by the installation of the Site's security infrastructure. This area is generally bounded by Barclay, West, Albany and Church Streets. Four vehicular entry points are planned under the proposed Campus Security Plan at: Washington Street and Barclay Street; West Broadway and Barclay Street; Trinity Place/Church Street and Liberty Street; and Liberty Street and West Street/Route 9A. Exits from the secure zone are proposed at the following five locations: Church Street at Vesey Street; Vesey Street at West Street/Route 9A; Fulton Street at West Street/Route 9A; Liberty Street at West Street/Route 9A; and Greenwich Street at Cedar Street. The secure perimeter would consist of various types of vehicle interdiction devices, which would include static barriers (such as bollards) and operable barriers to allow vehicle access, all under NYPD control.

The Proposed Action also includes the reconfiguration of Trinity Place/Church Street from Cedar Street north to Vesey Street to create a northbound lane for screened vehicles within the security zone as well as an exit area north of Vesey Street. This secure lane would be created by constructing a four-foot-wide raised median on Church Street. An approximately 11-foot-wide inner secure lane would provide additional stand-off distance between the planned WTC buildings and the general traffic flow on Church Street. Three lanes of northbound Church Street traffic, having an approximate total width of 33 feet, would remain outside the secure zone.

The Campus Security Plan will create a comprehensive vehicle security perimeter for the WTC Campus (the “Campus Security Plan”) to protect against vehicle-borne explosive devices while ensuring an open environment that is hospitable to remembrance, culture, and commerce. The Campus Security Plan bars unscreened vehicles from entering the WTC Campus and certain areas at the perimeter of the Site and creates increased stand-off distances to reduce the risk of catastrophic damage to persons and property. A vehicle seeking to enter restricted areas would be subject to credentialing to determine whether entry is authorized and screening to ensure the vehicle does not contain dangerous material. The creation of a Trusted Access Program<sup>1</sup> (TAP), in which WTC office tenants with parking privileges on site, residents and owners of businesses located in non-WTC buildings within the secure zone (Liberty Street between Greenwich Street and Trinity Place), for-hire vehicle operators, and delivery vehicle operators could enroll, is expected to facilitate entry for those vehicles with destinations within the WTC Campus.

Construction of the Proposed Action is expected to commence in 2013. With or without the Proposed Action, it is unlikely that the planned street network within the WTC Campus would be completely constructed and accessible prior to 2019. As such, 2019 has been selected as the analysis year for the environmental analyses in the EIS.

The proposed project is subject to environmental review under SEQR and CEQR regulations and guidelines. The NYPD will act as the CEQR lead agency for this proposal.

The World Trade Center Campus Security Plan DEIS identifies significant adverse impacts related to Transportation. The DEIS identifies measures that fully mitigate some of the significant adverse Transportation impacts, but some unmitigated impacts remain. Additional mitigation measures will be studied further between the Draft EIS and Final EIS.

A hard copy of the DEIS is available for public inspection at the Office of Environmental Coordination, 100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor, New York, New York 10038, Robert Kulikowski, Director (212) 788-9956. The online version of the DEIS is available on the NYPD Counterterrorism Bureau’s website at:

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/crime\\_prevention/counterterrorism.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/crime_prevention/counterterrorism.shtml)

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<sup>1</sup> PANYNJ is currently developing the TAP program.