

# 960 FRANKLIN AVENUE REZONING EIS

## Foreword<sup>1</sup>

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This document is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the 960 Franklin Avenue Rezoning. Acting on behalf of the City Planning Commission (CPC), which is the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) lead agency, the New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) determined the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Actions to be complete and issued a Notice of Completion for the DEIS on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Public Notice of completion of the DEIS and a public hearing on the DEIS was published in the City Record, the Environmental Notice Bulletin, and in the *New York Post* on July 13, 2021. CPC held a public hearing on the DEIS on July 29, 2021 at 10 AM. In light of the Governor’s announcement on June 24, 2021 of the end of the State-declared state of emergency, and in support of the City’s continued efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, the public hearing on the DEIS was accessible both in person and remotely. The public hearing was held in person in the NYC City Planning Commission Hearing Room, Lower Concourse, 120 Broadway New York, NY. Comments were accepted at that hearing and throughout the public comment period, which remained open through August 9, 2021.

This FEIS addresses all substantive comments made on the DEIS during the DEIS public hearing and subsequent DEIS comment period. Those comments are summarized and responded to in Chapter 26, “Response to Comments on the DEIS.” Written comments on the DEIS are included as a new Appendix VI. In addition, this FEIS also reflects all substantive changes to technical analyses resulting from agency reviews, and material changes in conditions since issuance of the DEIS.

Principal changes between the DEIS and this FEIS include:

- Updated descriptions and conclusions in Chapter 17, “Mitigation,”.
- Chapter 26, “Responses to Comments on the DEIS,” which is entirely new to the document.
- Updates to various appendices for consistency with revisions to analyses.
- Appendix 6, “Written Comments Received on the DEIS,” which is entirely new to the document.

Except where indicated, all text changes since publication of the DEIS are marked by double underlining and ~~striketroughs~~ in this FEIS. No underlining is used for the Foreword or Chapter 26, “Response to Comments on the DEIS,” both of which are entirely new.

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<sup>1</sup> This Foreword is new to the FEIS.