

## Report of the Special Committee on the Hudson River Greenway, June 2018

The committee held one public meeting this past year, on October 30, 2017. The purpose of that meeting was to review and discuss the second phase of the report by Metro-North's consultants on the feasibility of building the Hudson River Greenway. The meeting was well attended by the public. Minutes of the meeting were distributed to the community board, along with the second phase of the report.

The committee expected to receive the final report from Metro-North by the end of the year, but it was not delivered until the end of March, 2018. The committee then attempted to schedule another public meeting, but Metro-North declined and instead proposed to meet with the committee, Senator Klein, and a few others at its offices. At present that meeting is still being scheduled. It is likely to occur in July. Following that meeting, the committee will hold another public meeting to discuss the final report and the results of the meeting with Metro-North.

The final report has been distributed selectively because it is too large to distribute by email. The committee and Sen. Klein's office set up a working group meeting to discuss the final report. That working group reviewed the report, met, and discussed various issues that will be further explored at the upcoming meeting with Metro-North and then with the public, as noted above.

The next step in the process will be for the committee to investigate funding sources and other requirements necessary for an engineering study that will build on the findings of the feasibility study. That engineering study will be the basis for contacting government agencies that have jurisdiction over the Hudson River and the shoreline to find out what sort of permits and approvals must be obtained before the Greenway can proceed further.

The committee asks that the board renew the committee's mandate for the coming year.

Respectfully,

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