

# FY 2022 Borough Budget Consultations

## Manhattan - Department of Sanitation

Meeting Date: 9/29/2020

### AGENDA ITEM 1: General Agency Funding Discussion:

The purpose of holding the Borough Budget Consultations is to provide Community Boards with important information to assist in drafting their statement of District Needs and Budget Priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. As you know, Community Board Members are volunteers who may not be familiar with the budget process and how agencies' programs are funded. At the same time, Community Board members are very knowledgeable about local service needs.

This year's Manhattan agendas have three sections:

I. Agencies faced unprecedented cuts and new funding requirements this year due to COVID 19. Can you list the previously unplanned cuts to the FY 21 budget due to COVID and the new initiatives necessitated by the emergency? Please discuss the expected timeline for the new initiatives. What programs and capital projects will be continued uncut. Of the cuts in spending for FY 2021, please identify the most significant cuts that are currently expected to be permanent [or continued at the reduced level into FY 2022].

What is the overall budget decrease for FY 21 adopted budget compared to FY20 budget?

II. Then, the agenda continues with Community Boards asking about specific program funding.

III. Lastly, the agendas include Boards' requests on district-specific budget questions. We request that the agency respond in writing, but have any further discussions on these items with the Community Boards outside of the consultation.

For the first section, please present on the four topics below for 10-15 minutes at the beginning of our Consultation. Also, please provide written responses or even a PowerPoint presentation that we can use to fully and accurately educate our Board Members.

1. What are your priorities and operational goals for FY21 and projected priorities and operational goals for FY22?
2. What are the current proposed FY21 and FY22 service and operational goals and proposed funding?
3. Which programs is the agency adding, dropping, or changing for FY21 and projected for FY22?
4. What are your benchmarks for new and existing programs and what are your benchmarks/key performance indicators for measuring success?

### AGENCY RESPONSE:

#### OPENING REMARKS

The budget cuts this year included major reductions to DSNY's cleaning services. These included a 54 percent reduction in litter basket collection trucks compared to last fiscal year, a reduction from 736 trucks to just 337 trucks weekly.

## Cleaning Cuts

- Reduction in litter basket service funding
  - *63% effective cut in service frequency*
  - Reduced baseline litter basket service funding
  - Eliminated Sunday or Holiday litter basket service
  - Eliminated supplemental litter basket service funded in partnership with NYC Council
  - Eliminated litter basket service associated with rat mitigation and CleanNYC initiatives
- Eliminated dedicated syringe litter patrol unit
- Reduced headcount on Queens illegal dumping task force (5 personnel reassigned)
- Reduced vacant lot cleaning unit by 30% (38 personnel reassigned)
- Eliminated highway ramp cleaning

## Zero Waste Cuts

- Suspended SAFE events and household hazardous waste drop off sites for one year
- Suspended curbside organics collection for one year
- Reduced funding for community composting and food scrap drop-off sites
- Eliminated funding for GrowNYC Zero Waste outreach and education programs
- Eliminated curbside electronics collection program

## **DSNY is working on maintaining core services for all communities.**

On September 15<sup>th</sup> the Mayor announced the restoration of approximately 65 litter basket trucks weekly in areas across the city, a 24 percent increase from the previous level. These additional litter basket trucks will focus on the neighborhoods citywide that have been especially impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, as well as other areas across the City that will see increased pedestrian traffic as employees returning to the workplace.

## **MEETING NOTES:**

**NEW INFORMATION:** DSNY's goal for the remainder of the fiscal year is to preserve the agency's core functions. Among the top core functions are residential refuse collection and street cleaning.

The 63% cut in service frequency is the impact of cuts to the DSNY budget and cuts from Council funding.

Manhattan got about 20 of the 65 litter basket trucks that were restored.

Bob (CB2) asked how DSNY determines which neighborhoods to target to increase/restore services. DSNY responded that the agency is working with City Hall to identify where best to restore services. With about a third of the restored trucks going to Manhattan, northern and lower Manhattan have seen some additional services.

DSNY is continuously evaluating to determine how best to deploy the added trucks and other resources.

Mark (CB7) asked how people can go about adopting a block for cleanup. DSNY responded that the best way is to reach out to its Community Affairs Unit under Greg Anderson. DSNY can help sponsor, provide tools like "grabber arms" and plastic bags. DSNY can also assist with picking up the materials collected by neighborhood cleanups.

Chuck (CB5) asked about how many trucks were cut in Manhattan. DSNY responded that about 200 weekly trucks were cut. When 65 trucks were restored citywide, 20 were added back to Manhattan. Chuck followed up with whether elimination of trucks resulted in corresponding personnel/hour cuts. DSNY said that not one sanitation worker has been laid off as of this meeting. However, there will be planned headcount reduction through attrition due to cuts to the organics program. There is also a headcount reduction due to the elimination of the rodent mitigation program.

Jesse (CB4) requested DSNY to provide gloves and safety goggles for neighborhood cleanups. This is a concern from groups looking to volunteer for neighborhood cleanups and having them would make people feel more comfortable to volunteer.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** DSNY will provide the exact number of Manhattan trucks that were cut.

## AGENDA ITEM 2: Vehicles and Equipment

1. What is the current inventory of vehicles and equipment in the Manhattan districts?
2. Please provide an update of any equipment purchases made in FY 2020 and anticipated acquisitions in FY 2021.
3. Are these purchases for replacement vehicles or new vehicles?
4. How will anticipated budget constraints as a result of Covid-19 affect the purchase and maintenance of vehicles and equipment in the coming year?

### AGENCY RESPONSE:

Currently Manhattan has over 700 vehicles in its inventory.

Collection Trucks	Dual Bin Trucks	EZ-Packs	Roll On/Roll Offs	Vans	Passenger Cars	4X4s
321	17	21	22	10	31	58

The Department added 38 brand new rear loaders and 3 dual-bins in FY 2021.

These purchases were a combination of new vehicles and replacement vehicles offsetting condemned equipment.

FY22 budget cuts have affected all agencies in many ways including DSNY. Less funds will equate to less monies for purchasing newer, more fuel and energy efficient equipment. These budget cuts will cause DSNY to hold onto, operate, and repair an older fleet. The average age of the DSNY Fleet is 5.15 years old and our daily down rate is 16.15%, these average number will only increase as the fleet gets older. Currently parts for repairs are expensive and take some time to get. Additionally, DSNY's BME division is understaffed and overwhelmed with repair request. Unfortunately, with these budget cuts looming. All above numbers like age, down rates, parts, and mechanic workload will grow with less money to remedy these problems.

### MEETING NOTES:

**NEW INFORMATION:** DSNY is working with OMB on considerations of vehicle life cycle and ordering. OMB understands the value of keeping safety-sensitive equipment such as salt spreaders, collection plows, and key service vehicles updated.

The above grid does not reflect DSNY's fleet of snow trucks and salt spreader, which is why the total doesn't add up to 700.

Bob (CB2) asked about staffing capacity for truck maintenance and repair. DSNY will ensure required staffing is in place going into the winter season.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** DSNY will update the Manhattan fleet grid with a complete count of all trucks.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: Mechanical Brooms**

1. Has funding for mechanical broom operations has been maintained in FY 2021 and are changes anticipated in FY 2022?
2. Has the number of mechanical brooms assigned to Manhattan and the number of mechanical broom shifts changed since the last fiscal year?
3. How many mechanical brooms in Manhattan are currently equipped with GPS systems? Is funding available to increase that number in FY 2021 and FY 2022?
4. Will the recent changes in the Alternate Side Parking regulations where the street is only cleaned on the second listed day of the street sign become permanent? If so, what budget implications will that have on the number of mechanical brooms that must stand ready and future capital procurement in FY 22?

#### **AGENCY RESPONSE:**

On June 29<sup>th</sup> 2020, ASP was reduced from 2X a week sweep to 1X a week sweep. The number of mechanical brooms ran weekly went from 253 to 212 (15% reduction). The current amount of mechanical brooms equipped with GPS is 8. We are currently exploring revisions to the ASP program; however, no final decisions have been made at this time.

#### **MEETING NOTES:**

**NEW INFORMATION:** Despite the reduction of mechanical brooms, DSNY is still running them in plenty of areas. Mechanical brooms are the most effective and efficient tool to keep the city's streets clean.

DSNY is evaluating the impact of the suspension of ASP due to COVID-19. Some streets stayed clean. This may have been due to less people out on the streets.

DSNY is working with agencies such as DOT and DCP to consider how best to go about ASP and sweeps as the city's streetscapes change (e.g., additional bike lanes or bus lanes). If there is going to be dramatic changes to any part of streetscape or to signage, DSNY will seek community input.

For this fiscal year, DSNY is not looking to reduce staffing headcount or equipment in the area of mechanical brooms.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** No follow-up item.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: Staffing**

1. What are the current and projected staffing levels in Manhattan, including the assignment of Sanitation enforcement agents and Sanitation police?
2. How do these staffing levels compare to staffing levels last year?

3. Will funding be available to maintain the DSNY headcount in FY 2022?

**AGENCY RESPONSE:**

Enforcement is budgeted as follows:

<b>Enforcement Unit= 221</b>	<b>Sanitation Police = 80</b>
Captains = 3	Inspectors = 3
Lieutenants = 12	Lieutenants = 16
Sergeants = 39	Police Officers = 61
SEAs = 167	
<b>Manhattan Enforcement = 43</b>	
Captain = 1	
Lieutenants = 2	
Sergeants = 7	
SEAs = 33	

Enforcement’s headcount is down by 20 citywide, with Manhattan losing 6 SEAs. There is no change to the Sanitation Police headcount.

Every community board has at least one (1) agent assigned daily to patrol for all sanitation violations. Any community boards with complaints of overflowing litter baskets, litter conditions, etc., the number of agents can be increased as needed.

**MEETING NOTES:**

**NEW INFORMATION:** The difference between enforcement agents and sanitation police — enforcement agents cite code violations, and for COVID-19 has been assisting with the enforcement of masks and social distancing; sanitation police responds to illegal dumping and looks into violations on the criminal/penal side.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** No follow-up item.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Adopt-A-Basket Program**

Please update us on the Adopt-A-Basket Program in Manhattan.

1. The past three years have shown continued reductions in the number of baskets enlisted in the Adopt-a-Basket program from 879 three years ago to 694 last year. What is the current number of baskets in the program?
2. What funding is available for outreach to recruit more participants and will it increase in FY 2022?
3. Please describe the outreach that is being done to increase that number.

**AGENCY RESPONSE:**

Currently Manhattan has 512 participants in the Adopt-A Basket Program. We actively continue to work with businesses to seek out and engage new partners in efforts to expand this program. Typically, District Supervisors and Bureau of Community Affairs staff recruit participants while conducting outreach on commercial strips.

**MEETING NOTES:**

**NEW INFORMATION:** The Adopt-A-Basket Program is a program based on partnering with volunteers. Since COVID-19, there has been drop off of partners, including some business partners not renewing. DSNY will continue to solicit partnerships through its district offices.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** Bob (CB2) commented that CB2 discussed the Adopt-A-Basket Program recently and will reach out to DSNY to discuss.

## AGENDA ITEM 6: Illegal Posting Violations

Last year, you explained that as a result of a NYS Supreme Court decision, the department had modified its policy regarding illegal postings and was now issuing warnings before a violation would be issued.

1. Can you tell us how many warning letters were issued in Manhattan?
2. Can you tell us how many violations were issued in Manhattan? How does that number compare to the number issued in the previous fiscal year?
3. With regard to the allocation of enforcement resources, do enforcement agents proactively issue warnings and violations or is the program complaint drive?

### AGENCY RESPONSE:

Enforcement issued 400 warning letters in Manhattan

**Reminder:** The numbers are based on the companies that were sent letters, not the total amount of posters found.

Enforcement issued a total of 776 posting violations in FY 2020; 381 less than the 1,157 violations issued in FY 2019.

Yes, Sanitation Enforcement agents proactively issue violations.

### MEETING NOTES:

**NEW INFORMATION:** DSNY believes that the reduction in violations issued between FY2019 and FY2020 is partly due to the warnings issued prior to citing violations.

DSNY confirmed that every violation issued is preceded by a warning.

After a warning is given, there can be repeat violations (hence 400 warnings and 776 violations).

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** No follow-up item.

## AGENDA ITEM 7: Street Recycling Programs

Please update us on the status of the Street Recycling Basket initiative.

1. How many recycling baskets are currently deployed in Manhattan?
2. Considering the continuing contamination problem, is this program cost-effective? Has the department

considered scrapping it or are resources available to attempt to put it on a path to success, either by redesigning the baskets or through a public education campaign?

**AGENCY RESPONSE:**

Depending on the location, the public space recycling bins are more or less contaminated though contamination remains a challenge throughout the program. There is not any funding at present to launch a public education campaign. There was a process last year to redesign litter baskets including public space recycling bins. These newly designed bins are being tested, but there is not currently funding for a major replacement of bins.

**MEETING NOTES:**

**NEW INFORMATION:** Providing the opportunity to recycle is key to behavioral change. Despite high contamination in many public space recycling baskets, some behavior change has happened. Scavanging has decreased. DSNY always looks for opportunities to increase public awareness about recycling, unfortunately, due to budget cuts, DSNY does not have the resource for an active education campaign.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** No follow-up item.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: eCycleNYC**

Although the curbside E-Waste program is suspended indefinitely and enrolling new buildings in the cycle program is on hold, will funding be available in FY 22 to restore both programs?

**AGENCY RESPONSE:**

The eCycleNYC program in apartment buildings was put on hold during the COVID-19 Pause order. This program has restarted with Phase 1 focusing on catching up on the backlog of e-waste being stored by enrolled buildings. We are now working on Phase 2 reopening plan, which would allow for new buildings to enroll in the program. eCycleNYC is a no-cost contract for NYC and the work of the vendor is subsidized by the NY State law requiring producers to pay for e-waste recycling. As such, we plan to continue the program in the midst of budget cuts. The curbside e-waste pickup program is an operational cost and a discretionary program – there is no mandate for DSNY to provide the service. We hope to be given the opportunity to restart this program when the budget situation improves.

**MEETING NOTES:**

**NEW INFORMATION:** The suspension of the curbside e-waste collection program impacted low-rises that cannot enroll in eCycleNYC apartment pickup, which is for buildings with 10 or more units.

The NY e-waste producers' responsibility law requires electronics producers to pay for e-waste recycling. DSNY uses the money generated by the producers under this law to sustain the operation of the apartment e-waste program. However, DSNY has to pay for curbside e-waste pickup, which had to be suspended due to the budget cut.

DSNY and is "going back to the State" on the effort to strengthen the e-waste law — to expand producers' responsibility and to increase the threshold of what producers should pay for.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** No follow-up item.

## AGENDA ITEM 9: Snow Removal

1. Please provide an update on the Snow Removal Program in Manhattan, including the deployment of vehicles, snow-melters, and Sanitation workers?
2. What is the funding for FY 2021 and will funding change in FY 2022?
3. Also, how many snow laborers were hired in fiscal year 2020, how were they deployed and was the number adequate?

### AGENCY RESPONSE:

In accordance with the borough snow plan, the allocated snow equipment and sanitation workers for Manhattan are:

Large Spreader	Utility Haulster	Plowable Trucks	Front End Loaders	Plow Blades Assigned	V-Plows Assigned	Skid Steers	Snow Melter Small
66	15	346	45	740	12	16	9

District	Address	Sanitation Workers
Borough Office	427 East 87 <sup>th</sup> Street	
Manhattan 1	353 Spring Street	40
Manhattan 2	353 Spring Street	59
Manhattan 3	South Street – Pier 36	69
Manhattan 4	780-786 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	53
Manhattan 5	353 Spring Street	50
Manhattan 6	South Street – Pier 36	65
Manhattan 7	780-786 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	75
Manhattan 8	423 West 215 <sup>th</sup> Street	65
Manhattan 9	125 East 149 <sup>th</sup> Street - BX	62
Manhattan 10	110 East 131 <sup>st</sup> Street	52
Manhattan 11	343 East 99 <sup>th</sup> Street	51
Manhattan 12	301 West 215 <sup>th</sup> Street	92
	<b>Total</b>	<b>733</b>

#### Snow Budget for FY 21 and FY 22

Snow PS Budget – FY 21 - \$55,458,475 and FY 22 - \$46,148,250

Snow OTPS Budget – FY 21 - \$45,955,255 and FY 22 - \$43,760,887

**Total Snow Budget – FY 21 - \$101,413,730 and FY 22 - \$89,909,137**

#### Snow Laborers

2017 - 2018 – Hired = 5,236 Total

2018 - 2019 – Hired = 3,487 Total

2019 – 2020 – No Hires, Registered = 5,978

### MEETING NOTES:

**NEW INFORMATION:** DSNY's snow removal program is comparable in fleet and headcount as the previous year. DSNY does not expect challenges in the snow removal program for Manhattan.

Snow removal budgets are determined based on the last five years' average costs. Since last year didn't have a lot of

snowfall, the average lowered and this year's budget went down.

Snow laborer hiring: there was no hire last year due to lack of snow, but the infrastructure is still in place. DSNY will have a registration process to recruit snow laborers for this season.

Bob (CB2) asked whether buildouts from restaurants participating in Open Streets will impact snow removal. DSNY responded that it is working on how to clean streets with open dining. The expectation is that restaurants will do their part and remove/break down their structures if a big snowfall is anticipated.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** No follow-up item.

## **AGENDA ITEM 10: Collection NYC Organics**

Although the program has been suspended for one year, please update us on the status of the NYC Organics Collection program in Manhattan (at the point the program was suspended), including partnerships with other agencies to advance the program.

1. Has the enrollment of residential and institutional buildings in the organics collection program grown since last year?
2. If the program restarts on July 1, 2021, can you describe the resources that will be allocated to reengage participation by the public?

### **AGENCY RESPONSE:**

At the time of program suspension, we had approximately 2,000 buildings enrolled for curbside composting service. Agency buildings were also enrolled for service as part of a pilot program for municipal building participation. We look forward to restarting this program when funds are made available. There will need to be a significant re-education program to accompany the reinstatement of service. In addition to the curbside composting program, pre-COVID-19, we had 175 food scrap drop off sites citywide, 80 of which were in Manhattan. We were provided partial funding to re-open food scrap drop off and community composting sites this fall and are spreading this funding to ensure food scrap drop off sites are spread among all Boroughs. There is a map of open FSDO's here: [nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps](http://nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps).

When the organics program was suspended MNBO ran 8 high-rise trucks 3 times per week for a total of 24 per week. In addition, we ran a 4 green market trucks and 1 commuter organics truck for a total of 5 additional trucks. The total number of high-rise locations was 1,338 broken down as such:

<b>MN01</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>MN04</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>MN06</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>MN07</b>	<b>206</b>
<b>MN08</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>MN09</b>	<b>204</b>

MN10	128
MN12	121

The number of schools enrolled in the program was 273 with the following:

MN02	43
MN03	40
MN07	49
MN09	48
MN10	48
MN12	45

**MEETING NOTES:**

**NEW INFORMATION:** No new information.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** DSNY will provide a list of Manhattan food scrap drop-off locations.

**AGENDA ITEM 11: Job Training**

1. Please update us on the Subsidized job training program initiative?
2. What is the current funding and targeted headcount, and will these be maintained?

**AGENCY RESPONSE:**

The Job Training Program was suspended indefinitely on March 17<sup>th</sup> due to Covid-19.

**MEETING NOTES:**

**NEW INFORMATION:** Prior to COVID-19, DSNY was aiming to train 300 participants. DSNY is hopeful for a winter mobilization.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** No follow-up item.

**AGENDA ITEM 12: Pedestrian Safety**

1. What is the current status of collection trucks with sideguards to enhance pedestrian safety? How many trucks in the Manhattan fleet have them?

2. Will funding continue to be allocated to retrofit all applicable heavy-duty units by 2024?

**AGENCY RESPONSE:**

Summary below outlines Rear Loading Collection, Dual Bin Recycling and EZ-Packs that are allocated to DSNY's Manhattan District locations. The current compliance percentages are **63.61% combined**. We (DSNY) are processing Capital procured equipment in these segments on a daily-basis which will add to the compliance numbers as they enter service.

**Rear Collection / Dual Bin Collection / EZ-Packs**

**M1 – 16 Total**

10 of 16 Rear Complete  
No Dual Bin on location

**M2 – 24 Total**

12 of 21 Rear Complete  
1 of 3 Dual Bin Complete

**M3 – 27 Total**

12 of 22 Rear Completed  
0 of 2 Dual Bin  
3 of 3 EZ-Pack Completed

**M4 – 38 Total**

10 of 27 Rear Completed  
No Dual Bin on Location  
7 of 11 EZ-Pack Completed

**\*M5 – 22 Total**

17 of 20 Rear Completed  
1 of 2 Dual Bin Completed

**\*M6 – 29 Total**

20 of 23 Rear Completed  
No Dual Bin on Location  
5 of 6 EZ-Pack Completed

**M7 – 40 Total**

18 of 38 Rear Completed  
0 of 2 Dual Bin

**\*M8 – 39 Total**

37 of 39 Rear Completed  
No Dual Bin On Location

**M9 – 23 Total**

10 of 21 Completed  
1 of 2 Dual Bin Completed

**M10 – 28 Total**

17 of 28 Rear Completed  
No Dual Bin on Location

**\*M11 – 20 Total**

15 of 17 Rear Completed  
2 of 3 Dual Bin Completed

**M12 – 43 Total**

23 of 42 Rear Completed  
1 of 1 Dual Bin Completed

\*Indicates Districts that dumps at 91<sup>st</sup> Street MTS

**Total Vehicles – 349**

**Rear Loaders – 314**  
**Dual Bins – 15**  
**EZ-Pack – 20**

**Total Completed – 222**

**Rear Loaders – 201**  
**Dual Bins – 6**  
**EZ-Pack – 15**

**Percentage Completed – 63.61%**

**MEETING NOTES:**

**NEW INFORMATION:** DSNY said it is on pace to retrofit Manhattan's fleet by 2024.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** No follow-up item.

**AGENDA ITEM 13: DonateNYC**

1. Will the funding for DonateNYC be maintained in FY 2021 and what is anticipated for FY 2022??
2. Please describe the current status of this initiative?

**AGENCY RESPONSE:**

We continue to pursue our no-cost activities and partnerships through the donateNYC program, and to maintain and curate the online tools to exchange and ensure the reuse of goods and food. The donateNYC partnerships have played an important role during COVID-19 to place donated food with pantries. Many of the 70+ donateNYC partners shuttered during the NY State Pause and they are in different stages of reopening. The online tools – give+find map, goods exchange and food donation portal remain open and active. We are currently working on a plan to conduct our annual February “ReFashion Week” virtually with online programming.

**MEETING NOTES:**

**NEW INFORMATION:** For donateNYC partners looking to reopen, DSNY is working with them to restart.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** No follow-up item.

## AGENDA ITEM 14: SAFE Disposal

1. Although SAFE disposal events are canceled until June 30, 2021, do you anticipate any difficulties in restarting the program in July 2021?

### AGENCY RESPONSE:

We do not anticipate any difficulties restarting this popular program when the funding is reinstated. Any large events, such as these will be adjusted to ensure social distancing and compliance with other safety protocols necessary.

### MEETING NOTES:

**NEW INFORMATION:** No new information.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** No follow-up item.

## AGENDA ITEM 15: Street Baskets

1. Can you describe Covid-19 cuts in funding for basket collection in Manhattan? How will that reduce service to the baskets?

2. Last year, you reported that there are 9,073 litter baskets in Manhattan. Has that number changed in this fiscal year? Can you brief us on the types of baskets currently being used by the DSNY (i.e. high-end, Big Belly, wire, other) and where they are located?

### AGENCY RESPONSE:

Manhattan experienced a 65% reduction in litter basket service. Weekly basket trucks went from 354 to the current amount of 122. Manhattan currently has 9437 litter baskets. The locations are published on NYC Open Data. The breakdown is as follows:

Wire = 4,474

High-end = 620

PSR = 1,503

Big Belly Baskets = 46

BID & Private = 2794

### MEETING NOTES:

**NEW INFORMATION:** Last year's reported number (9,073 litter baskets) did not include some of the BID & Private baskets, so it looks like there is a big increase between last year and this year.

On the effectiveness of different types of baskets, DSNY has noticed people's behavior change since COVID-19, e.g., baskets with handles. Among the different types of baskets, wire baskets are the easiest to use.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** No follow-up item.

## AGENDA ITEM 16: Priority Capital Projects

Which capital projects would DSNY recommend as priorities for the FY 2021 budget?

### AGENCY RESPONSE:

Funds are needed in the capital budget for a variety of construction projects including funds for the Manhattan garage for Sanitation Districts 6/8/8A.

### MEETING NOTES:

**NEW INFORMATION:** No new information.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** No follow-up item.

## AGENDA ITEM 17: Priority Expense Projects

Which expense programs would DSNY recommend as priorities for the FY 2021 budget?

### AGENCY RESPONSE:

The Department of Sanitation currently provides the following services. Continuation in Fiscal Year 2022 depends on availability of funds. The Community Boards can support restoration/continuation of funds for the following services:

#### EXPENSE

Litter Basket Service: Maintaining/increasing litter basket service

In general, the Department provides litter basket service along busy commercial strips with heavy pedestrian traffic.

Cleaning Services

Maintaining/increasing MLP service. MLP's address illegal drop-off and dump-out conditions.

Center Malls: Maintaining/increasing center median cleaning

The Department of Sanitation has a "spraying program" to help control weed growth. Clean ups are handled on a periodic basis and were mostly handled by the ASW/JTP Program participants.

Vacant Lot Cleaning: Maintaining/restoring funding levels for vacant lot cleaning

Weekly Recycling: Maintaining curbside Recycling collection program

Curbside Organics Collection Program: Resuming the curbside organics collection program

Curbside E-Waste Program: Restoring the curbside E-waste collection program

Daily School Collection for Public Schools: Continuation of funds for school truck services, assistance to schools to maximize recycling, and support to help schools comply with their collection schedules (organics bins Monday through Friday before 4pm, paper/cardboard on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays by 4pm, metal/glass and plastic on Tuesdays and Thursdays by 4pm, refuse in accordance with the neighborhood's daytime schedule – set out after 5pm the day before, or before 6am the day of collection.)

Extra NYCHA Collection: Maintaining extra collection services at NYCHA sites

**CAPITAL**

Equipment - Acquisition of Collection Trucks and Other Vehicles and Equipment

The DSNY is funded to replace all overage vehicles and equipment for the major types of equipment.

Construction Projects (garages, etc.): Funds are needed in the capital budget for a variety of construction projects.

Manhattan

Construction - garage for Sanitation Districts 6/8/8A

**MEETING NOTES:**

**NEW INFORMATION:** No new information.

**FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:** No follow-up item.