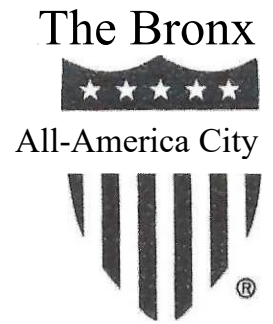


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Mr. Thomas G. Bayer, P.E. Assistant to the Regional Director said that tonight's presentation is on the proposed Bridge replacement project of East 138th Street over the Major Deegan Expressway, the existing Bridge is 155 feet.

The Project needs are that the existing Bridge deck has been in service over 80 years, the underside of the deck contains cracking broken concrete and exposed steel bars that requires steel mesh netting, the top of girders exhibit corrosion and the concrete deck is in poor condition allowing water to pass through, and the steel girders have been damaged by vehicular impacts.

Scope of the work involved would be to complete the Bridge replacement with a new concrete Bridge deck and steel girders, construction of new concrete abutments behind the existing retaining walls and the elimination of the center pier, replacement of the roadway pavement below the Bridge, and many utilities crossing the Bridge or located beneath the streets to be either relocated or protected in place.

Proposed construction will be in 6 Stages:

- Stage I Work Zone (5 Months) o The Permanent relocation of existing sewer and ITS fiber optic cables in Exterior Street, o Temporary relocation of Con Edison gas mains and Verizon electrical utilities on the Bridge. o Installation of temporary traffic signals and lighting to maintain service.
- Work needed to clear space to construct new west abutment behind existing retaining wall on Exterior Street.
- Use micro-tunneling techniques to minimize impact on traffic.
- Stage 2 Work Zone (10 Months) o Bridge replacement on the north segment of the Bridge.
- Maintaining vehicular travel lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks on the Bridge— shift/transition to south side of the Bridge.
- Stage 3 Work Zone (6 Months) o Bridge replacement — center segment of the Bridge.
- Maintaining vehicular travel lanes, bike lanes, and sidewalks on the Bridge — shift/transition on both sides of work zone.



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- Stage 4 Work Zone (6 Months) Bridge replacement – center segment of bridge
Maintaining vehicular travel lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks on the Bridge – shift/transition on both sides of work zone.
- Stage 5 Work Zone (10 Months) o Bridge replacement — south segment of the Bridge.
Maintaining vehicular travel lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks on the Bridge — shift/transition to north side of the Bridge.
- Stage 6 Work Zone (6 Months) o Replace Major Deegan Expressway pavement.
"Cattle Chutes" — single travel lanes passing between concrete barriers.
Sub-stages with "Cattle Chutes" will involve contractual requirement to provide 24/7 tow truck service to clear disabled vehicles.

The proposed improvements consist of eliminating all the structural deficiencies by replacing the Bridge with a new structure of a 75 year design life, providing new pavement on the expressway below the Bridge, installation of new underdeck lighting for to provide better daytime and nighttime visibility, and to provide better protection for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Project scheduled is in June 2021 letting (Bids Received), Summer 2021 contract award, Fall 2021 the start of construction, Fall 2024 the construction of the Bridge Replacement complete and Spring 2025 construction of the Major Deegan Expressway pavement completed.

NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ms. Waheera Mardah Senior Project Manager said that they were presenting the Lower Concourse Park located along the Harlem River and Exterior Street, between East 144th Street and East 146th Street.

In order to get feedback from the community on what they wanted in the park we held a Community Visioning session on November 14, 2019, an outreach meeting at Hostos on February 6, 2020 and made presentations at Community Board 1 Municipal Services Committee on December 11, 2019, January 30, 2020 and March 9, 2020. Out of these sessions the community requested for safety measures to be implemented such as improved lighting, lighting under the Major Deegan, better entryways for ADA accessibility improved sidewalks, and wayfinding and signage; active recreation for playground, kids soccer field, handball court and a pool; and landscape enhancements of native plants, trees for shade and natural grass.

The project goals consist of ensuring the final design adheres to the Design and Planning for Resiliency Guidelines by NYC Parks, create a living shoreline edge, create an opportunity for flexible space, provide an accessible and welcoming park entrance, integrate native planting throughout the park and infrastructure when possible, and to ensure that the final design of the project works seamlessly with the future surrounding development. Construction will start in 2023 and project completion in 2025.

Motion Made to adjourn. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

