

Foreword

This document is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed land use actions in support of a new Center East building (Proposed Project) to replace the existing New York Blood Center (NYBC) building at 310 East 67th Street, Block 1441 Lot 40 (the “Development Site”). The New York City Department of City Planning (DCP), acting on behalf of the City Planning Commission (CPC), published a Notice of Completion for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on April 16, 2021. A Public Notice for the Hearing on the DEIS was published in the City Record on July 14, 2021 as well as the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Environmental News Bulletin on July 14, 2021, and was also placed in the New York Daily News on July 14, 2021. A public hearing on the DEIS was held on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the City Planning Commission Hearing Room at 120 Broadway, Lower Level, New York, NY 10271. The public hearing was also accessible remotely via NYC Engage Portal in support of the City’s efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. Public comments on the DEIS were accepted at that hearing and throughout the comment period, which remained open through Monday, August 9, 2021.

This FEIS addresses all substantive comments made on the DEIS since its publication, during the public hearing and in the subsequent comment period. Those comments are summarized and responded to in Chapter 22, “Response to Comments on the DEIS.” Changes to the text from the DEIS have been made in this FEIS, as necessary, in response to these comments.

In addition to Chapter 22, the principal changes between the DEIS and FEIS include the following:

- The Executive Summary and Chapter 1, “Project Description,” have been updated to reflect the changes described below.
- Chapter 2, “Land Use, Zoning, and Public Policy,” has been updated to include additional text.
- Chapter 17, “Mitigation,” has been revised to describe updates to potential mitigation measures.
- Chapter 18, “Alternatives,” has been updated to include additional text.
- Chapter 19, “Unavoidable Adverse Impacts,” has been revised to reflect the revisions made to Chapter 11, “Mitigation.”
- Appendix F has been created to include the comments received during the public comment period for the DEIS.

Substantive text changes or additions to the FEIS are indicated by double-underlining. Text that has been removed for the FEIS has been identified by strikethroughs. However, neither underlining nor strikethroughs are used for chapters presented for the first time in this FEIS, such as this Foreword and Chapter 22, “Response to Comments on the DEIS.” *