

FY 2016 Capital and Expense Budget Requests

CAPITAL PRIORITIES

- 1. Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) and Hudson Yards Development Corporation (HYDC):** Fully fund West 53rd Street and Ninth Avenue and West 48th and Tenth Avenue – the offsite affordable housing developments committed to the WRY rezoning and negotiation.
- 2. Department of Parks and Recreation, Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and Hudson Yards Development Corporation (HYDC):** The money promised for Block 4 of the Hudson Park and Boulevard needs to be committed to the FY16 Capital Budget. The design has already commenced.
- 3. Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR):** Provide funding for site acquisition of DEP property on Tenth Avenue between West 48th and 49th Streets - as committed to during WRY rezoning and negotiations - to be Hell's Kitchen Park West; next to affordable housing development in Capital Request 1 above.
- 4. NYC Fire Department (NYCFD):** Allocate funds to plan and construct a relocated ambulance station for the existing facility west of Tenth Avenue on West 23rd Street under the High Line.
- 5. Department of Transportation (DOT):** Bus Garage – in conjunction with the Port Authority, build a bus garage to accommodate over 500 rush hour layover and tourist buses serving Broadway, Lincoln Center, Time Square, Penn Station and currently parked at curbside throughout the neighborhood. (HY Rezoning FEIS)
- 6. Department of Transportation (DOT):** Extend the sidewalk at both corners of Ninth Avenue and West 41st Street (Hell's Kitchen Study), on the west side of Eighth Avenue between West 42nd and 43rd Streets (bike lane extensions), and on the south side of west 45th Street (west side of Ninth Avenue.
- 7. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR):** The planned comfort station originally planned for the Chelsea Waterside Park has never been built. Funds for this should be allocated as soon as possible.
- 8. Housing Preservation and Development (HPD):** Provide funding for the Clinton Urban Renewal Area (CURA) as the agency goes forward with the development projects at 540 West 53rd Street and 556-560 West 52nd Street.
- 9. New York Public Library (NYPL):** Renovate Muhlenberg Branch, including ADA compliance, at third floor community room, conference room (OST) new furniture and equipment. .

10. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Consolidate Ninth Avenue and Dyer Avenue 34A bus stops into a single bus stops west of Ninth Avenue and build bulb out for the westbound stop at Eighth Avenue.
11. **NYC Police Department (NYCPD):** Allocate funds to plan and construct a replacement for the Car Tow Pound.
12. **Hudson Yards Development Corporation (HYDC) and Economic Development Corporation (EDC):** #7 train station at West 41st Street. The money housed by the Hudson Yards Infrastructure Corporation (HYIC) should be used in part to build a second #7 train station on West 41st Street where a the shell for a station has already been built.
13. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Reconstruction of West 15th Street between Sixth and Ninth Avenues with neck downs on the west side of the intersections and parking swaps in the middle of the blocks.
14. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 55th to 34th Streets to implement changes resulting from the DOT study now underway. Implement neck downs on each street block directly to the East and West of Ninth Avenue.

CONTINUING SUPPORT: CAPITAL

1. **Housing Preservation and Development (HPD):** Provide further funding for major gut renovations at 330 and 332 West 51st Street (WRY negotiations).
2. **NY Public Library (NYPL):** Provide additional funds required for existing project at the Muhlenberg Branch for the HVAC Replacement (ID# LRCA14MBG).
3. **Department of Design and Construction (DDC):** Encourage DDC to locate all new catch basins 20 feet away from pedestrian crossing for all intersection in the project. Project ID: MED599.
4. **Housing Preservation & Development (HPD):** Increase funding to preserve and create housing in CD4 for low, moderate and middle income people using the following programs: Supportive Housing; New Housing Marketplace; Section 8A and Participation Loan; New HOP; and other new loan initiatives including potential federal and state aid programs. Where applicable, new sources of funding should be identified and used for site acquisition toward the creation of affordable housing. Such actions should include supportive housing for people with AIDS.
5. **Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA):** Continue funding and assistance for The Irish Arts Center to realize development plans for new or refurbished performing and studio spaces in the Clinton Urban Renewal Area.

EXPENSES PRIORITIES

1. **Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD):** Restore funding for affordable after-school care for low-income working families.
2. **Department of Education (DOE):** Provide full funding for after school programs at Public Schools 11, 33, 35, 51, 58 and 111, the Upper Lab and Museum Schools.
3. **Department of Sanitation (DOS):** Provide additional resources for enforcement of regulations and basket collection.
4. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Provide sufficient funds to implement the recommendations of the Hell's Kitchen Study: add proper signage for a no left turn at West 37th Street and for directing the Lincoln Tunnel traffic and diverting trucks to Eleventh Avenue; convert 11th Avenue from 57th Street to 42nd Street to one-way south to reduce queuing and congestion on Eleventh Avenue and provide more capacity for a new bus route; install a contra lane at Dyer Avenue between west 41st and 42nd Streets; and install 16 split phase signals on crash and fatality prone intersections, including West 57th Street and 9th Avenue; and West 42nd Street and 8th Avenue and along the bicycle lanes. Equip all crossings of the bike lanes with Audible Pedestrian signals.
5. **Department for the Aging (DFTA):** Expand funding for senior social programs and case management programs, including escort and home care services.
6. **Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH):** Enhance funding for prevention services related to HIV/AIDS and substance abuse through appropriate local medical and social service institutions. Increase funding for community-based AIDS programs funded thorough the DOHMH.
7. **Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD):** Raise funding levels for anti-displacement and housing improvement programs, such as the Community Consultant Program in the CB4 area. With community consultants playing an increasingly significant role in delivering technical, legal, organizing and management services to low-income tenants, funding for contracts should be increased to allow all viable groups to continue operating.
8. **New York Police Department (NYPD):** Allocate resources to direct traffic and enforce gridlock laws at peak hours on Weekdays and Weekends (Saturday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.) on Ninth Avenue at West 37th, 41st and Dyer Avenue at West 34th and 42nd Streets, and Eleventh Avenue at 43rd Street. Allocate resources to direct traffic and enforce gridlock laws at peak hours on week days on 10th Avenue at 37th and 38th Streets. Enforce idling laws for buses and trucks on West 34th, 37th, 42nd, 44th, high 50s Streets.
9. **New York City Police Department (NYCPD):** Allocate resources to enforce bicycle laws and driver summonses under section 19-190.

10. **New York Police Department (NYPD):** Allocate more personnel to enforce laws related to quality of life and street disturbances on blocks with a large volume of nightlife venues or patrons.
11. **Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA):** Allocate more inspectors to curb sidewalk encroachments and quality of life violations, like sidewalk cafes, parking and cabarets disturbances.
12. **Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC):** CB4 includes large swaths of historical structures and entire districts particularly in Chelsea. Provide sufficient personnel to perform the essential duties of designation and regulation. Recent temporary increases in staff must be incorporated in the baseline budget of the Commission. Further increases are required to meet the continuing threats to historic resources
13. **New York Public Library (NYPL):** Continue the level of sufficient professional and clerical positions at Muhlenberg, and Columbus and Central Libraries in order that libraries can remain open six days a week and provide funding for fulltime security guards at Columbus and Muhlenberg.
14. **New York Public Library (NYPL):** Continue the level of funding for books and materials at the Columbus and Muhlenberg Branch Libraries to reflect higher acquisition costs (prices).
15. **Department Parks & Recreation (DPR):** Provide sufficient DPR personnel including park maintenance workers, personnel for street tree maintenance, rat abatement and opening and closing fenced parks, and for adequately trained playground associates for programming. In addition, an increased presence of PEP officers is needed to reduce the ongoing problem of crime in parks, particularly DeWitt-Clinton.
16. **Department of City Planning (DCP):** Provide funds to enable DCP to make proactive planning an integral part of its normal activities. The recently completed “Study for the potential expansion of the Special West Chelsea District” should be an example of DCP’s standard approach to planning rather than an anomaly resulting from an agreement reached to resolve an earlier contentious rezoning.
17. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Pedestrian safety: increase sidewalk inspections and sidewalk repairs enforcement.