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Public Meetings Announced For Lower Manhattan Access Study

The Federal Transit Administration and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) will hold four public meetings to receive comments and suggestions on the proposed scope of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Lower Manhattan Access Alternatives Major Investment Study (MIS).

The DEIS and the MIS are being prepared in accordance with federal requirements and will investigate how access to Lower Manhattan, the area south of Worth Street, can be improved and evaluate the impact of such improvements.

The alternatives may include no construction, operational improvements, constructing new facilities, or extending existing commuter rail services. The study will also look at new alternatives recommended by the public through this process.

These meetings will be held at the following locations:

Thursday, June 18 - Manhattan

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
U.S. Customs House
1 Bowling Green

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
MTA Board Room, 5th Floor
347 Madison Avenue

Tuesday, June 23 - Mineola, Long Island

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Social Services Auditorium
101 County Seat Drive

Wednesday, June 24 - White Plains, Westchester

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Westchester County Center
198 Central Avenue

Access for mobility impaired people and assistance for hearing impaired people will be provided at all meetings. The scoping document is available for public review at libraries, offices of elected officials and local community boards. Interested individuals may call (212) 799-4500 to request a copy or to get information on the nearest review location. The document can be translated to Braille upon request.