

Public Hearing

The **Metropolitan Transportation Authority** (“MTA”), on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries, will hold a public hearing pursuant to **Article 2 of the New York State Eminent Domain Procedure Law** (“EDPL”) on the proposed acquisition of permanent & temporary property interests in properties in the Borough of Queens for the **Jamaica Capacity Improvement Project** (“Project”). The hearing will review the public uses, benefits, purposes, and location of the Project, the impact the Project may have on the environment and residents of the area and will give the public an opportunity to comment on the Project and the proposed Property acquisition.

Description of the Project

The Jamaica Capacity Improvement Project represents MTA’s plan for the future of railroad operations through Long Island Rail Road’s (“LIRR”) Jamaica Station. The objectives for Phase 2 of the Project include raising maximum allowable train speeds, increasing train throughput, adding parallel routing capabilities, implementing universal 12-car platform capacity as well as state-of-good repair work through Jamaica Station. The Project includes the installation and upgrade of power systems, signals, and switches both east and west of Jamaica Station. In particular, the signal work includes the installation of multiple signal equipment platforms adjacent to the existing right-of-way. This public hearing includes property interests needed for the Project.

Date, Time and Place of the Hearing

Thursday, July 27, 2023

**St. John’s University
8000 Utopia Parkway
Dangelo Building – Room 416
Jamaica, New York 11439**

Hearing begins at 6:00 p.m. Registration to speak can be made in advance by visiting <https://new.mta.info/transparency/jci-hearing>, which will remain open through the hearing date. Registration will close at 6:30 p.m. The public may join the Hearing via Zoom (<https://mta.zoom.us/j/88483773779>) or by calling 1-929-436-2866 or 1-646-518-9805 (Meeting ID 884 8377 3779). A link will also be provided on the MTA website.

For More Information, to Pre-Register to Speak, or to Submit Comments

Those wishing to pre-register to be heard at the Public Hearing must register on the website, <https://new.mta.info/transparency/jci-hearing>. Verbal presentations will be limited to two (2) minutes. You may present verbal testimony or submit written statements in lieu of or to supplement oral testimony concerning the proposed project. Written comments will be accepted online at <https://new.mta.info/transparency/jci-hearing>. Comments may also be submitted via postal mail to: MTA Government & Community Relations, Attn: Jamaica Capacity Improvement Project, 2 Broadway, D17.140, New York, NY 10004

All written and online comments must be received by 5:30 p.m. on August 10, 2023.

Comments received after this date and time will not be considered.

For questions about the Hearing, contact: Joe O’Donnell, Director of Public Affairs, MTA Construction & Development, 2 Broadway, New York, N.Y.10004 Tel.: 1 (646) 252-2959 or Joseph.O'Donnell@mtacd.org.

Any property owner or other interested party who may wish to challenge the proposed property taking via judicial review may do so only on the basis of issues, facts, and objections raised at the EDPL public hearing.

LOCATION & TYPE OF PROPERTY INTEREST THAT MAY BE ACQUIRED

Borough	Block	Lot	Property Address	Type of Interest
Queens	10152	195	Archer Avenue, Queens NY 11433	Permanent Full Taking
Queens	9998	91 (a/k/a7501)	147-40 Archer Ave, Queens NY	Permanent Easement
Queens	10156	40	166-10 Archer Ave, Queens NY 11433	Permanent Easement
Queens	10155	105 (a/k/a1001/1002)	92-61 165th Street, Queens NY 11433	Permanent Easement
Queens	10217	138	93-20 170th Street, Queens NY 11433	Permanent Easement
Queens	10217	48	168-23 Douglas Ave, Queens NY 11433	Permanent Easement
Queens	10217	45	93-30 170th Street, Queens NY 11433	Permanent Easement

Accessibility and Language Assistance Services



At the hybrid public hearing, CART Captioning and American Sign Language services will be available.

Members of the public who are deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred relay service of the free 711 relay service, and then ask to be connected to the public hearing hotline at 646-252-6777 to speak with an agent.

Members of the public who are blind or have low vision can request accommodations on or before **July 20, 2023**, by submitting a request online or by calling the public hearing hotline at 646-252-6777 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Members of the public who do not have access to a computer or who do not have access to the internet can listen to the Hearing by calling the Zoom webinar at 1-929-436-2866 or 1-646-518-9805 (toll-free). Then enter webinar ID 884 8377 3779, followed by the pound (#) sign.

If language assistance or any other accommodations are required, please submit a request at least three business days before the hearing date in one of the following ways: online, by calling the public hearing hotline at 646-252-6777, or by sending a letter to: **MTA Government & Community Relations, Re: Jamaica Capacity Improvement Project, 2 Broadway, D 17.140, New York, NY 10004.**



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