

Public Notice



Broadway Junction Station Complex, ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Upgrades and Circulation Improvements, Brooklyn MTA Construction & Development Contract # A-37130

Public Notification of the land use for the ADA Upgrades and Circulation Improvements at the Broadway Junction Station Complex in accordance with 23 CFR 774.17 governing the Section 4(f) de minimis impact determination

Description of Broadway Junction Station Complex in Brooklyn

The Broadway Junction Station Complex is shared by the elevated BMT Canarsie Line and BMT Jamaica Line, and the underground IND Fulton Street Line. The Broadway Junction Station Complex is one of Brooklyn's major transit centers and includes three separate subway lines operating at, and with stations at, differing elevations. The stations were known historically by three separate names up until 2003. These were: the Eastern Parkway Station of the BMT Broadway-Jamaica (J, Z) Line (elevated); the Broadway Junction Station of the BMT Canarsie (L) Line (elevated); and the Broadway-East New York Station of the IND Eighth Avenue (A, C) Line (underground).

Impact of Project to a Section 4(f) Resource

The Broadway Junction Station Complex ADA work will necessitate permanent and temporary easements within the Callahan-Kelly Playground, an open space resource owned by the City of New York and under the jurisdiction of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (NYC Parks), which is considered a Section 4(f) resource.

Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 states that projects that receive funding or require approval by an agency of the U.S. DOT cannot consider use of land from a significant publicly owned park, recreation area, wildlife or waterfowl refuge, or any significant historic site for transportation project development unless the following conditions apply:

- There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of land; and
- The action includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the property resulting from use; or
- The use of the Section 4(f) property, including any measures(s) to minimize harm (such as any avoidance, minimization, mitigation, or enhancement measures) will have a de minimis impact, as defined in 23 CFR § 774.17, on the property.

A de minimis impact involves the use of Section 4(f) property that is generally minor in nature. A de minimis impact is one that—after considering avoidance, minimization, mitigation, and enhancement measures that are committed to by the applicant—results in no adverse effect to the activities, features, or attributes qualifying a park for protection under Section 4(f).

The purpose of the Proposed Project is to provide urgently needed ADA upgrades and circulation improvements to the Broadway Junction Station and maintain the station in a state of good repair. The Proposed Project would provide a direct transfer between the A/C and L stations and increase egress capacity with a new L station entrance on the east side of Van Sinderen Avenue. To provide the necessary improvements, the Proposed Project would expand the A/C control house into Callahan-Kelly Playground to enable the MTA C&D to use the property for construction of new elevators for ADA compliance and new pedestrian walkways to the L and J/Z stations. Chapter 548 of the Laws of 2022, enacted August 17, 2022, authorizes discontinuing the use as parkland of real property in Callahan-Kelly Playground and transferring such lands to the MTA to enable MTA C&D to construct new permanent at-grade station improvements and pedestrian bridges in such areas. The alienation authorization conditions the transfer of parkland to the MTA upon the dedication by the City as parkland the portion of Sackman Street proposed to be eliminated and additional land or capital improvements in existing parks should the fair market value of Sackman Street fall below the parkland alienated. Replacement of three existing escalators and repair of platform components at the J/Z line would ensure the station maintains a state of good repair.

During the construction period, MTA C&D has requested Temporary Construction Easements to provide space around the control house expansion for construction equipment and material laydown, as well as access to the park from Truxton Street. Construction fencing and barricades will be installed to maintain a secure area to separate temporary construction and park uses. While construction of the Proposed Project would temporarily affect areas immediately adjacent to the existing control house and underneath the proposed sky bridges for 37 months, the remaining areas of the park will be maintained for use by the public. Therefore, park users will continue to be able to safely access all areas of the park outside the temporary easement areas throughout the duration of construction and construction activities at this location will be sensitive to and accommodate ongoing park uses.

During construction, best management practices would be used to limit temporary impacts. This includes a maintenance and protection of traffic plan to maintain pedestrian flows using a detour around the work zone, and measures to manage noise and dust. Upon completion of the project, MTA C&D will restore the site to its original condition in accordance with NYC Parks' standards and requirements. Paved surfaces and green areas will be restored to NYC Parks' specifications. Construction activities would be confined within barricaded work zones, and pedestrian walkways would be protected and maintained throughout construction, providing safe and continuous access to the Broadway Junction Station Complex.

MTA C&D will provide the community with advance notice of the detour through various media such as the MTA website, local newspapers, and project site postings.

Please send us your comments.

Based on the aforementioned information, which involves the use of this area of park space for ADA upgrades and circulation improvements, MTA C&D invites you to submit comments. Comments will be accepted through November 14, 2023.

Please send all comments to:

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