

# **NEWSLETTER**

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### **OCTOBER 17TH SCOPING MEETING**

MTA NYCT hosted a public Scoping meeting on October 17, 2019 at Sailor's Snug Harbor. Scoping is the first major step of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process and is intended to help focus the environmental review on critical issues. Members of the public were given the opportunity to review and discuss materials relating to the development of the Staten Island North Shore Bus Rapid Transit (North Shore BRT) system and the environmental process needed to complete the EIS. The technical analysis areas to be evaluated in the EIS are found in the <a href="Draft Scoping">Draft Scoping</a>.

Document which was made available on the project website, and in public repositories across the North Shore (eg. public libraries, Borough Hall, and local Community Boards).

Among the materials presented were a comprehensive list of technical analyses to be studied in the EIS, project timelines, a map of the proposed BRT alignment, and conceptual renderings of proposed BRT stations.

Several attendees provided public testimony and written comment on the technical scope of the EIS at the meeting. Individuals expressed interests as well as concerns related to a wide range of topics, including bicycle access, resiliency, traffic, and parking.

A public comment period was open from September 18 through November 18, 2019. During this time members of the public, agencies, and other community stakeholders submitted their comments via email, online submission, mail, and phone.



## WHAT'S NEXT?

The Scoping period ended on November 18, 2019, and the North Shore BRT environmental review is progressing. The comments received on the Draft Scoping Document are being reviewed and addressed as part of the Final Scoping Document, which is currently being prepared. The project team is gathering data and conducting the analysis outlined in the Scoping Document to examine how the North Shore BRT might affect the community and the natural environment. Data collected and analyzed over the next year will be compiled in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which will be published and available to the public in the Fall of 2020.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS TIMELINE**

### **Completed Milestones**

Release of Draft Scoping Document

Public Scoping Meeting Close of Public Scoping Comment Period

Upcoming Milestones

Fall 2019/2020 Fall 2020 Mid 2021

Release of SEQRA

DEIS, Public Hearing, & Public Comment Period

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Preparation of SEQRA

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Release of SEQRA FEIS

MTA Board Approval

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