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Vision for Brooklyn Marine Terminal

Public Workshop #4 Engagement Summary

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A. Public Workshop #4 Summary

Engagement to date
Public Workshop #4 Overview

Methodology

Community feedback is collected at each stage of the planning process, informing the BMT Task Force in their decision-making.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



Engage the public to understand community priorities.

FEEDBACK SYNTHESIS



Develop and implement a process for documenting and organizing all comments from engagement.

FINDINGS INFORM TASK FORCE MEETING



Share a feedback summary with the Task Force to inform their decision-making.

PUBLIC SHAREOUT



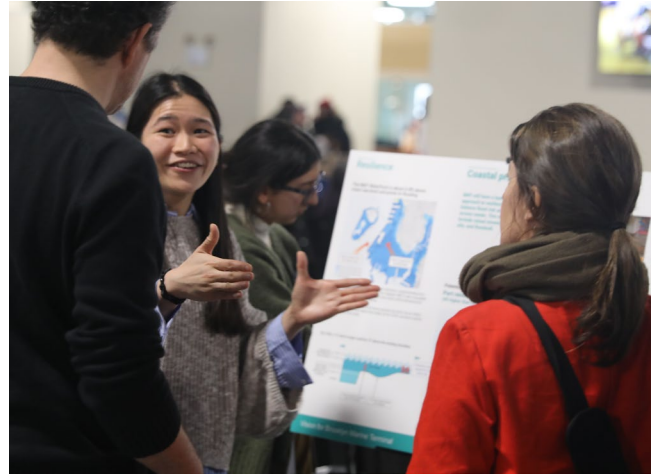
Synthesize feedback in a clear, accessible format to share publicly.

REPEAT

Public Engagement Overview

A range of additional virtual and in-person engagement opportunities have been conducted since our last engagement summary released on March 19th, 2025.

- Virtual Advisory Group All Hands Meeting
- Red Hook Business Alliance Meeting
- Public Workshop #4
- **3** Task Force Meetings
- **4** Advisory Group Meetings
- **3** Task Force Leadership Meetings



Public Workshop #4 – At a Glance

This workshop provided an overview of emerging themes from engagement and how they shaped the site plan, site systems, and the benefits this project can bring to the community.

Workshop Session

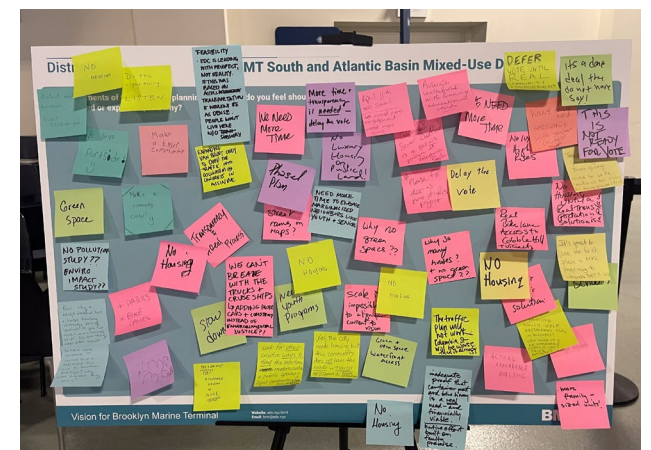
In-person at Brooklyn Cruise Terminal
Monday, March 24th | 6 pm to 10 pm
220 attendees

Activities

- Workshop Presentation and Q & A (2 Rounds)
- Interactive stations and workshop boards

Language Access

- Spanish, Mandarin, and Cantonese interpretation available



Presentation Materials

During the two rounds of the workshop presentation, participants deepened their understanding of the different land uses of the site plan, including modern maritime, site circulation, transportation, open space, resiliency, mixed-use/districts, and housing. Each round was followed by a dedicated Q&A period.



Modern Container Port and
Flex Terminal

Site Circulation and
Transportation

Open Space and
Resiliency

BMT Districts

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QR code to download
the Public Workshop
#4 Presentation!



Presentation and Q&A Sessions

Project Team lead two rounds of the workshop presentation followed by robust Q&A sessions. Participants strongly requested additional time for these Q&A period. The Project Team extended the duration of both Q&A periods.

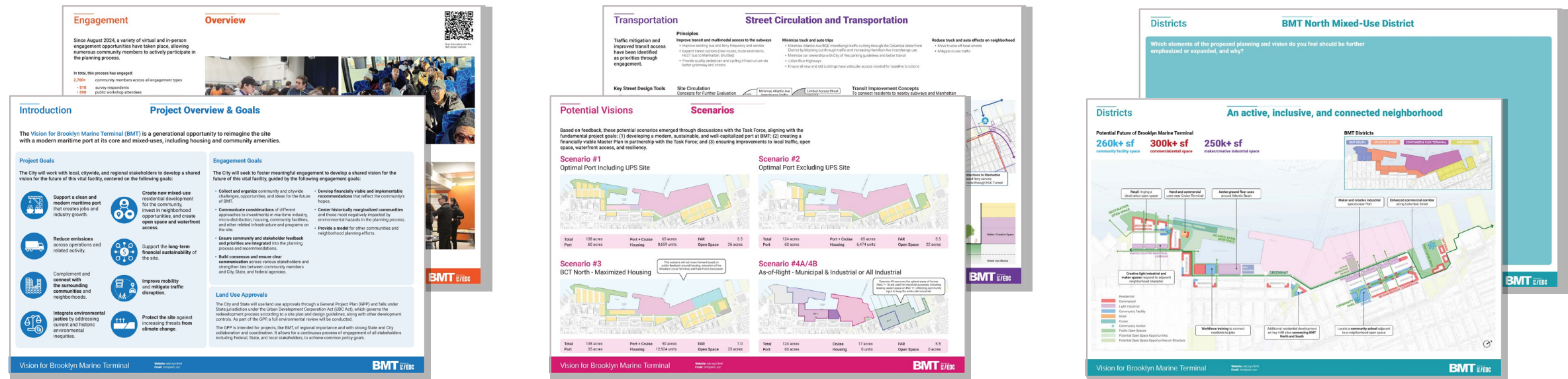
What we heard

- Calls for increasing the amount of **affordable housing units** included in the site plan and desire to ensure its **long-term affordability**. Support for funding repairs to the Red Hook Houses.
- Opposition to developing **new housing in a flood-prone areas** and desire to see **increased resiliency** for existing residents and neighborhood.
- Request for more details on the **transportation and site circulation proposals** and their impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.
- Frustration that the **planning and engagement timeline** feels rushed and **request for additional time** and opportunities for community engagement prior to the Task Force vote.
- Questions and challenges on how **community feedback has been reflected** in the site plan and the **cross-subsidization financial model**.



Interactive Stations and Workshop Boards

During the workshop there were workshop boards with in-person facilitators and note takers at each station. The boards covered process overview, engagement to date, scenarios, site circulation and transportation, resiliency, open space, container port and flex terminal, mixed-use/districts, and housing. There were two boards for dedicated written feedback.



Workshop Boards

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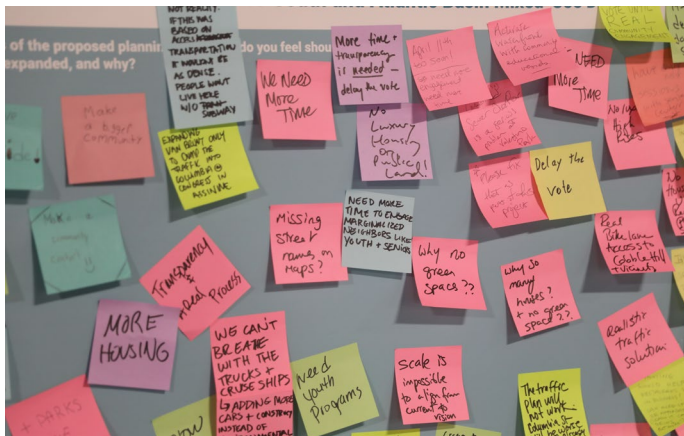
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B. Key Themes and Questions

Summary of Board Feedback
Key Themes Summary

Feedback Boards, Key Feedback, and Q&A

During the workshop, participants could share their feedback directly on boards, speak with, and ask questions during the two rounds of presentations.



Feedback Boards



Facilitators



Q&A

Process and Engagement Board

What we heard

- **Confusion about the planning process** and how community feedback has been incorporated. Desire for a clear connection between feedback and the proposed plans.
- Frustration that Red Hook has lacked City investment for decades, feeling that **current plans do not address existing needs** but rather create a new vision not for current users.

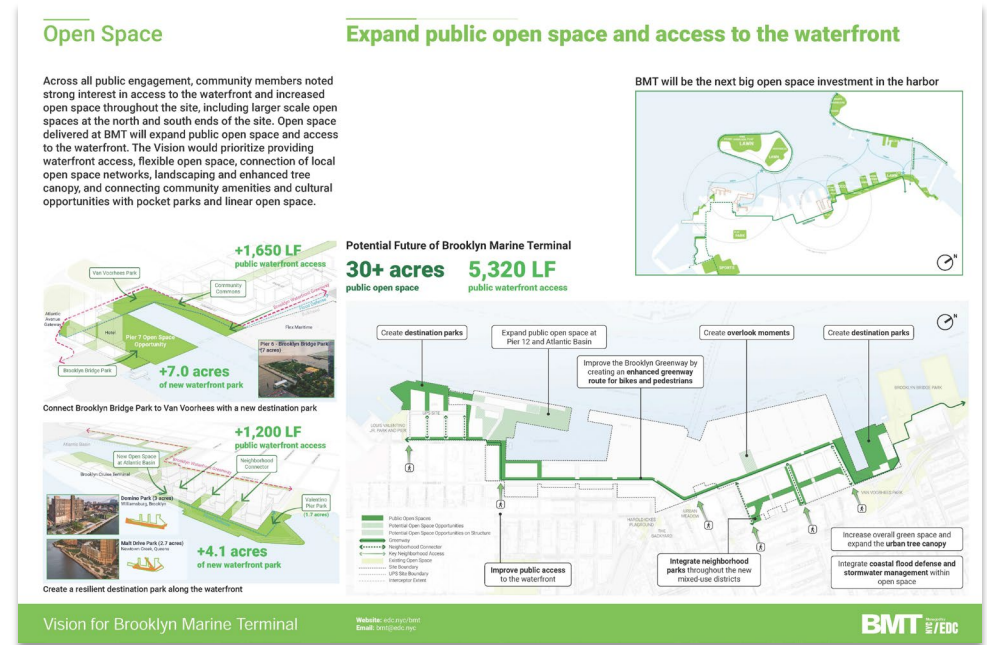


Workshop Boards

Open Space Board

What we heard

- **Dedicating areas** in Atlantic Basin for cultural and educational purposes.
- Areas of BMT should be transformed into a **year-round destination**, akin to Chelsea Piers, with attractions such as retail spaces, restaurants, and event venues.
- Ensure that newly developed open spaces include **playgrounds and recreational areas** to serve families and children.
- Security concerns surrounding the cruise terminal raised doubts about **true waterfront accessibility** for the public.
- Desire for visual access to the water, Manhattan skyline, and the Statue of Liberty.
- Community members remain skeptical about the actual **delivery of planned green spaces**, citing past examples where promised parks were repurposed.
- Proposed greenway should be enhanced and be made pedestrian-friendly given existing traffic congestion. Concern about existing **traffic congestion** along Van Brunt Street would contradict the plan's commitment to public and community spaces.
- Residents question whether the **UPS site acquisition** will take place, leading to concerns about public access to the waterfront.

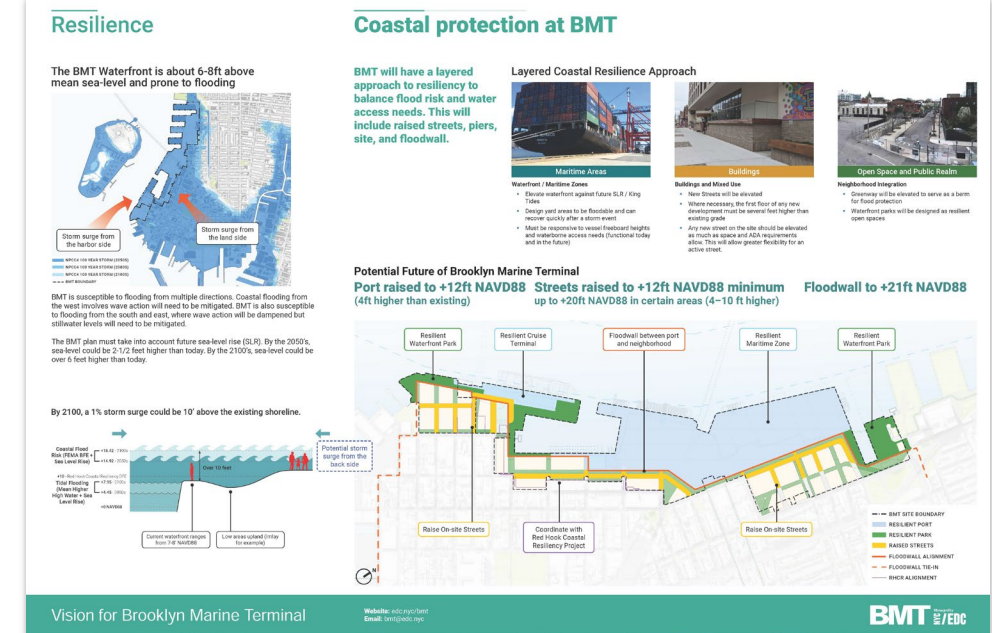


Workshop Board

Resilience Board

What we heard

- Ensure **comprehensive resiliency planning** beyond the project site to protect adjacent neighborhoods.
- Address **stormwater management and broader environmental concerns**.
- Explore **adaptive infrastructure** that can accommodate worsening climate conditions.
- Questions on how BMT's flood protection initiatives improvements will be integrated with RHCR's efforts and height of proposed flood wall.
- Ensure that housing developments are located in areas with **sufficient flood mitigation measures**. Concern about the BMT South and the suitability for residential development.
- Questions about the feasibility of building in a flood plain.

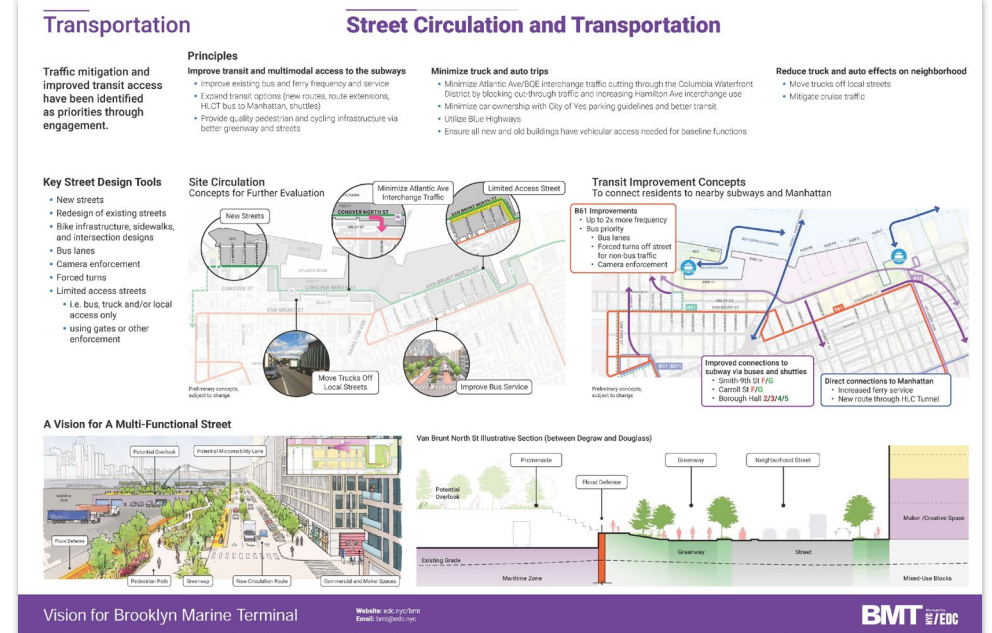


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Site Circulation and Transportation Board

What we heard

- Support for a bus route through the Hugh Carey Tunnel, increasing B61 Service, implementing shuttle service to subway stations, increasing ferry service and adding protected bike lanes.
- **Support for transit improvements** (bus, ferry) to be **implemented now** before any new development at BMT.
- Support for truck traffic enforcement and **limiting truck routes** that cut through the neighborhood/cut through the greenway.
- Support for more **through streets and/or pedestrian/bike connections over the BQE Trench**. Support for capping the BQE Trench.
- **Limited subway access and insufficient bus service** remain critical concerns.
- Concerns on how **BMT is being coordinated with DOT BQE Central**, and support to be considered holistically.
- Concerns about **anticipated increase in traffic congestion** due to any **new housing at BMT**. Concerns over increase of for hire vehicles in the area.

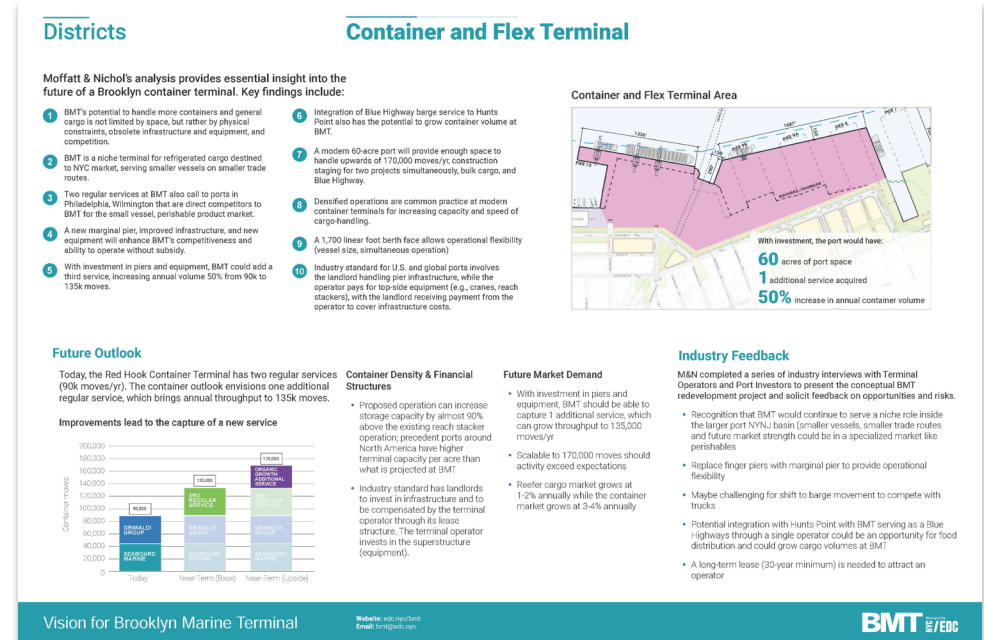


Workshop Board

Container Port and Flex Terminal Board

What we heard

- Support for **investment in modern maritime port** that hasn't happened in decades in New York City.
- Support to **address traffic before increasing Brooklyn Container Terminal (BCT) capacity**, through expanding public transit options and improving street management.
- Support for recreational, commercial, cultural uses and entertainment adjacent to Brooklyn Cruise Terminal to draw visitors to Red Hook and promote job growth.
- Questions about when cruise ships and containers ships will **fully transition to shore power**.
- Questions on the coordination with ConEd regarding **any improvements with an electrified port** and recommendation to sequence any upgrades.
- Questions on whether a cold storage facility will be included within the port.
- Request for additional clarity and **details on Blue Highways at BMT and how it connects to Hunts Point**. Some concern on the financial feasibility of Blue Highways.
- Concern about **increased truck traffic due to higher container volume**, impacting air quality and street safety.

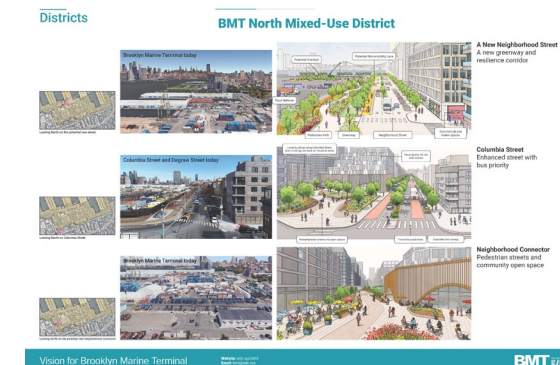
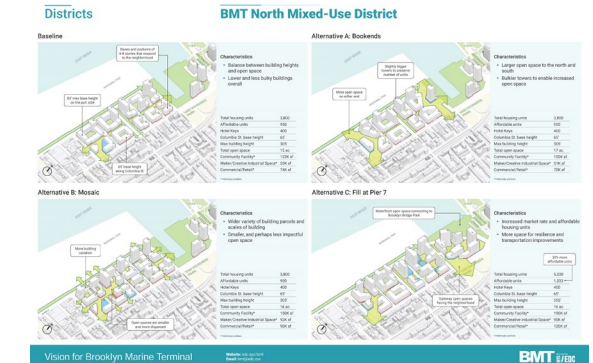
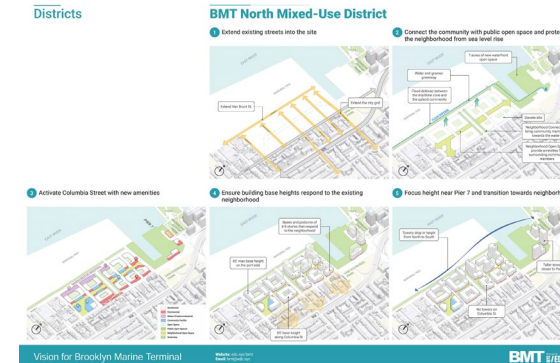


Workshop Board

Key Feedback: BMT North

What we heard

- Some support for **housing, but only if it is 100% affordable.**
- Concern on **tower-style housing in BMT North due to shadow impacts** on open spaces and streets, and that **high-rise development will alter visual corridors** and increase shade on Columbia Street. **Support for lower-height, contextual buildings** that align with the existing neighborhood.
- Concern about the AMI levels, which do not reflect Red Hook's lower-income demographics. **Support for deeper level of affordability.**
- Preference for **local businesses and organizations** to occupy commercial and community spaces. Request for indoor open space to foster community and the inclusion of recreation spaces.

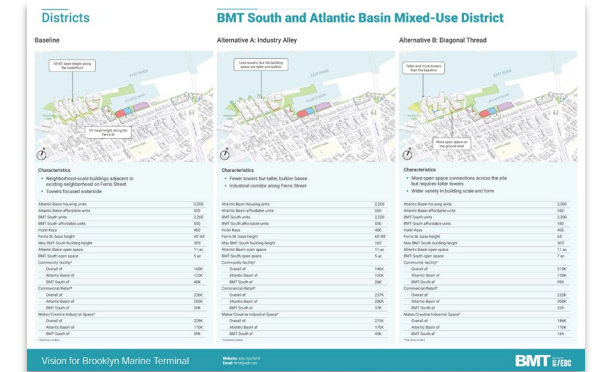
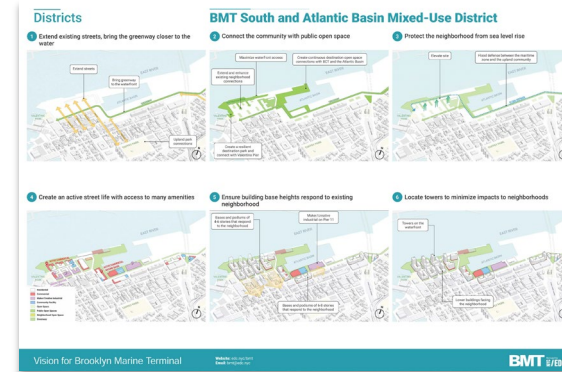


Workshop Boards

Key Feedback: BMT South and Atlantic Basin

What we heard

- **Prioritize access to the water**, with more community-friendly waterfront spaces.
- The new project should engage with **the history of the working waterfront** (e.g., museum, knowledge center).
- Concerns about **transportation challenges** with new housing. Concern with the location of the housing at BMT South given the resiliency risks.
- Concerns about **shadows from tall buildings** impacting open spaces and streets.
- Concern that any new open space will feel unwelcoming or too privatized given the new development.



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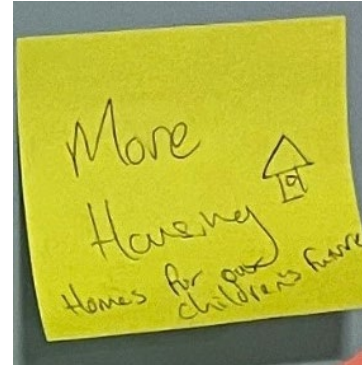
Written Feedback Boards: Key Theme - Housing

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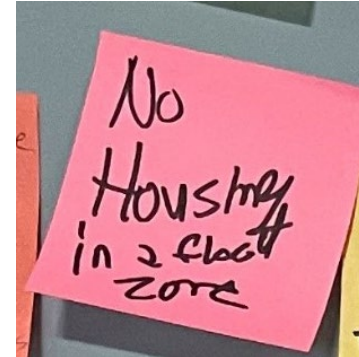
Questions about luxury housing on site, desire for deeply affordable housing for low-income residents, concern about building heights and environmental risks. Some opposition to any new housing on the site.

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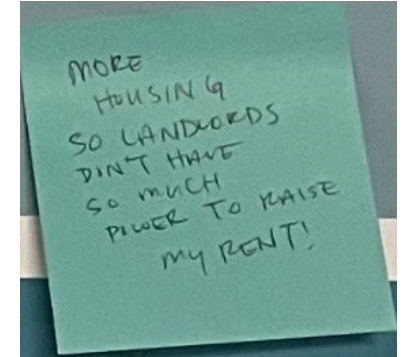
- Recognition that housing is necessary for future generations but must be designed intentionally with a focus on affordability and sustainability.
- Interest in mixed-use development that aligns with existing character of Red Hook neighborhood and integrates residential, commercial, and community spaces as a means of boosting local businesses stabilizing rent prices.
- Need for transportation and infrastructure improvements to support housing development.
- Some opposition to any new housing on site, citing concerns about overcrowding and placing housing in flood-prone areas.



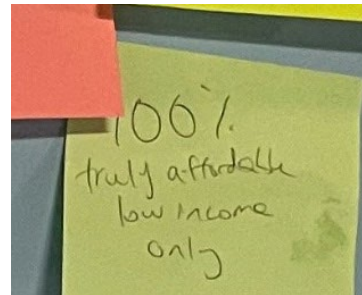
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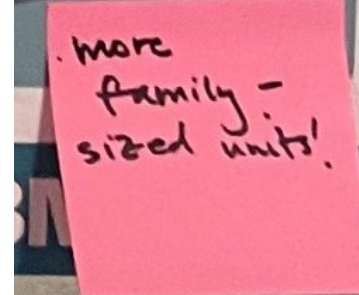
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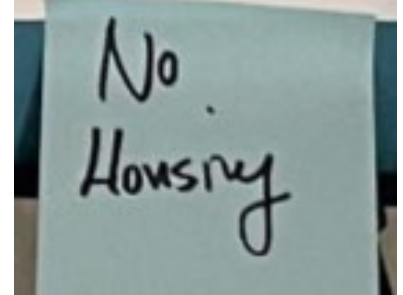
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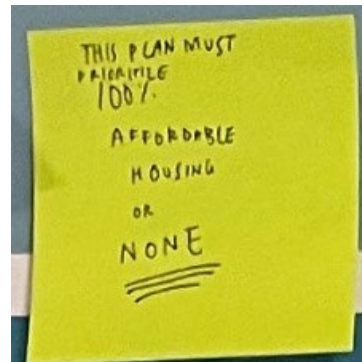
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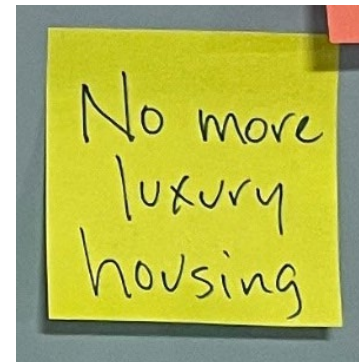
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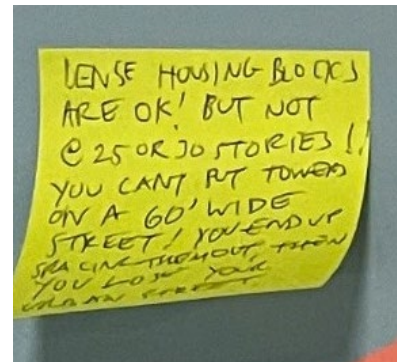
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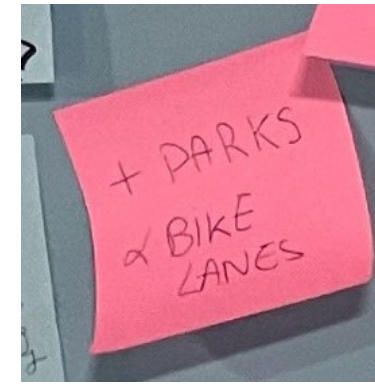
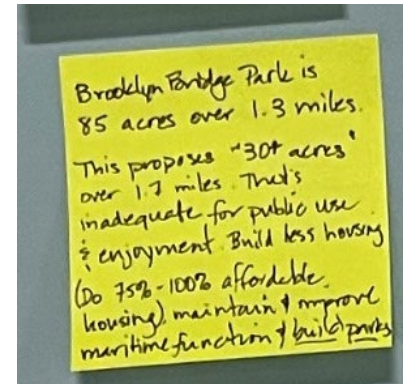
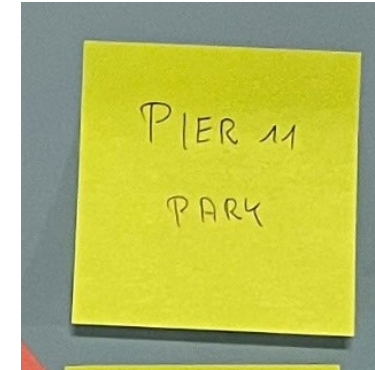
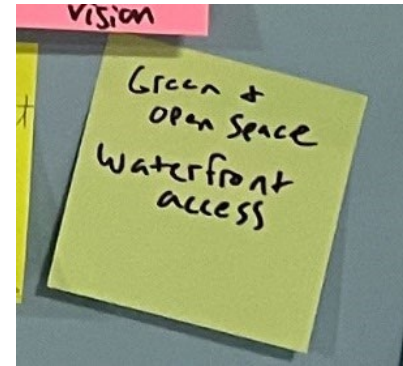
Written Feedback Boards: Key Theme - Parks and Open Space

What we heard:

Desire for more parks and waterfront access, with a focus on providing green space for public enjoyment.

Participants also noted

- Specific request for park located at Pier 11.
- Desire for greenways for bike and pedestrian access.
- As much open space should be provided as possible.



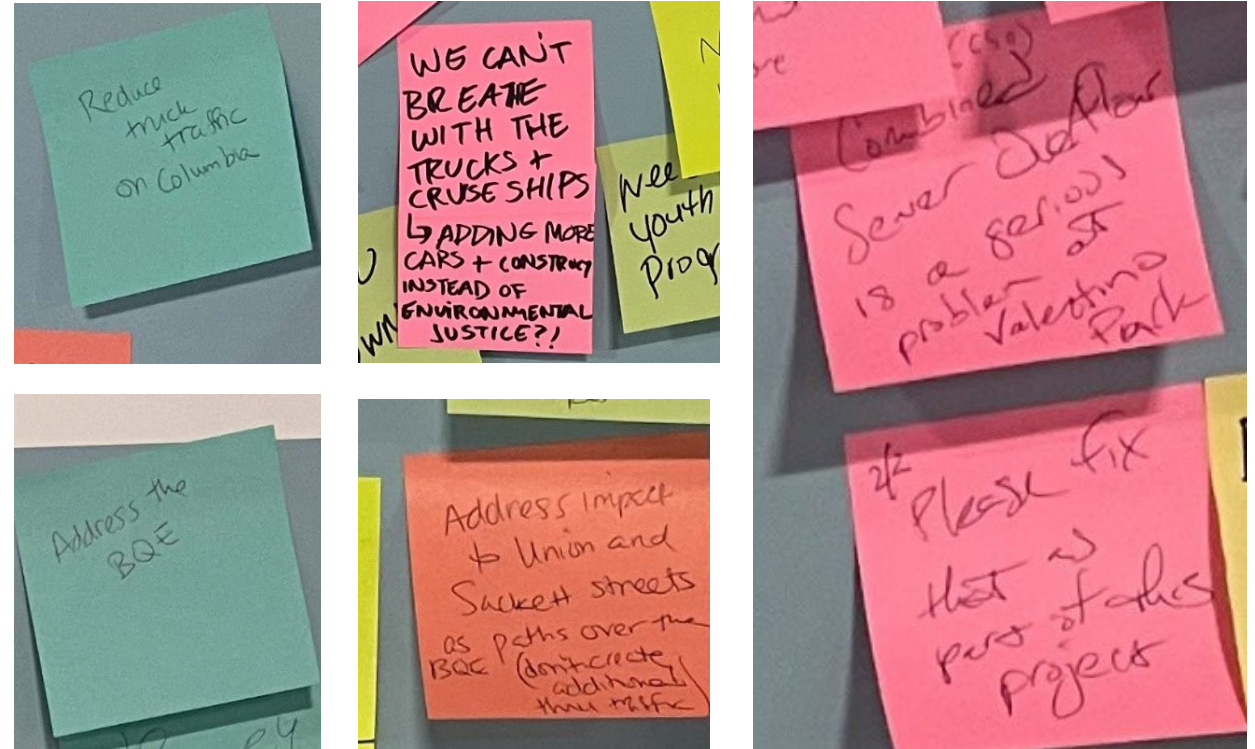
Written Feedback Boards: Key Theme - Transportation and Infrastructure

What we heard:

Concerns regarding worsening congestion and emissions from trucks and cruise ships and desire to address and mitigate BQE's impact on surrounding community through the Project

Participants also noted

- Need sustainable transit solutions that prioritize public health and the environment.
- Bike lanes would improve access to Cobble Hill and nearby areas.
- Need to address potential sewer overflow issue at Valentino Park and integrate this into proposed infrastructure improvements.
- Desire to reduce traffic on Columbia Street and prevent further truck traffic on Union and Sackett Streets.



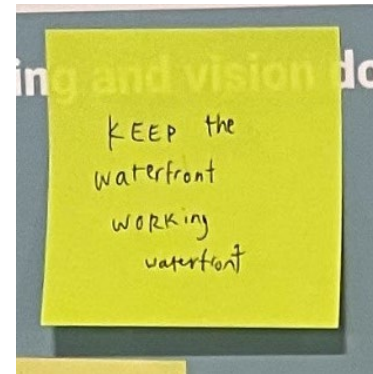
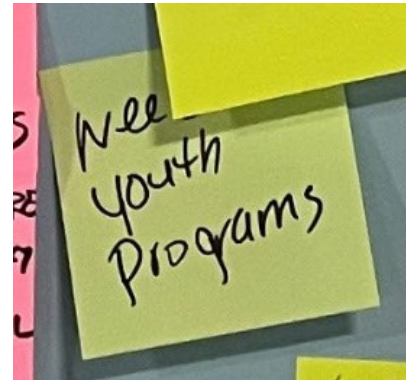
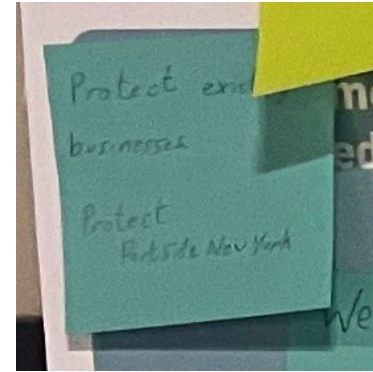
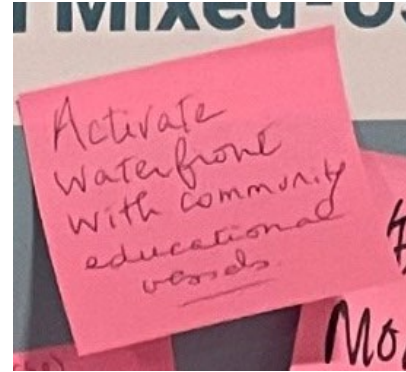
Written Feedback Boards: Key Theme - Education, Workforce, and Local Business

What we heard:

Interest in youth programs, schools, and community centers to support the growing community, and desire for preservation of maritime space to support working waterfront

Participants also noted

- Support for Portside New York to have a permanent home at BMT.
- Desire to activate waterfront with community-oriented and educational uses that serve the public.
- Preference for small-scale retail and support for local businesses.



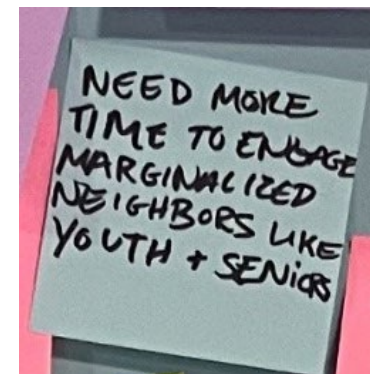
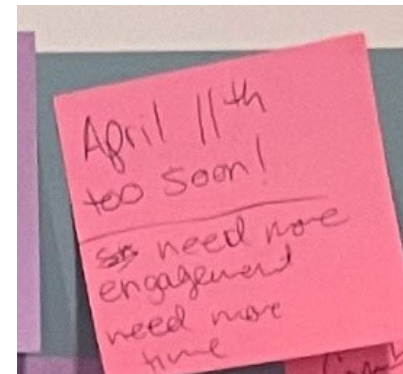
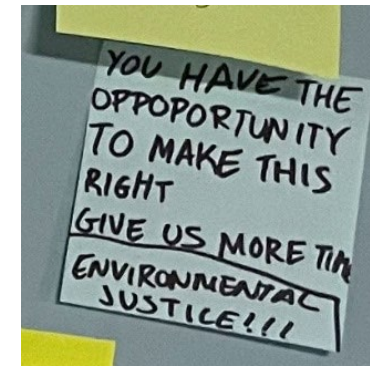
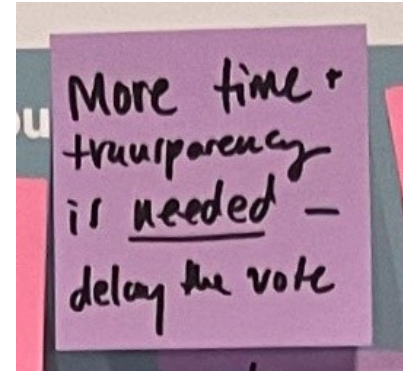
Written Feedback Boards: Key Theme - Process

What we heard:

Call for more time, transparency, and genuine community engagement with a particular focus on environmental justice as part of the planning process

Participants also noted

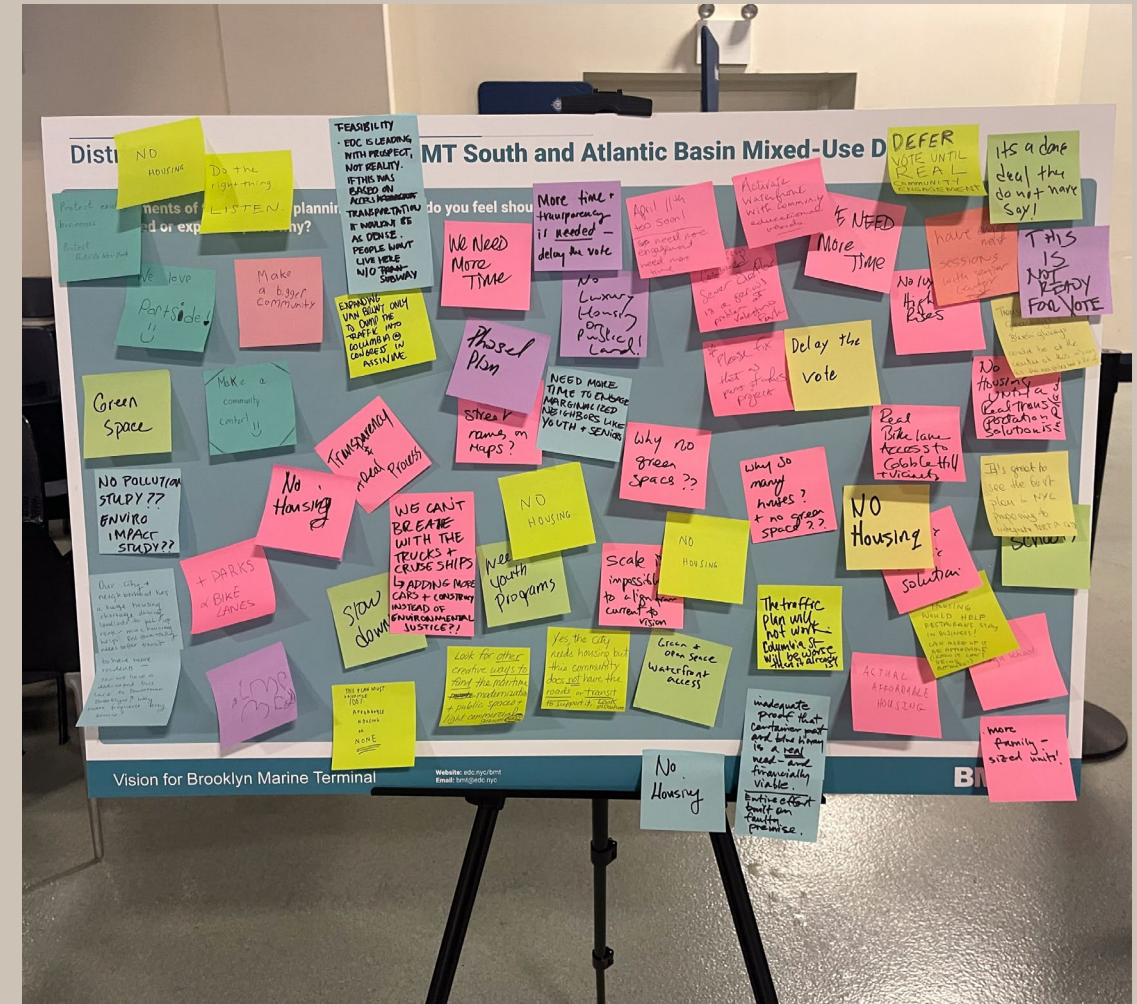
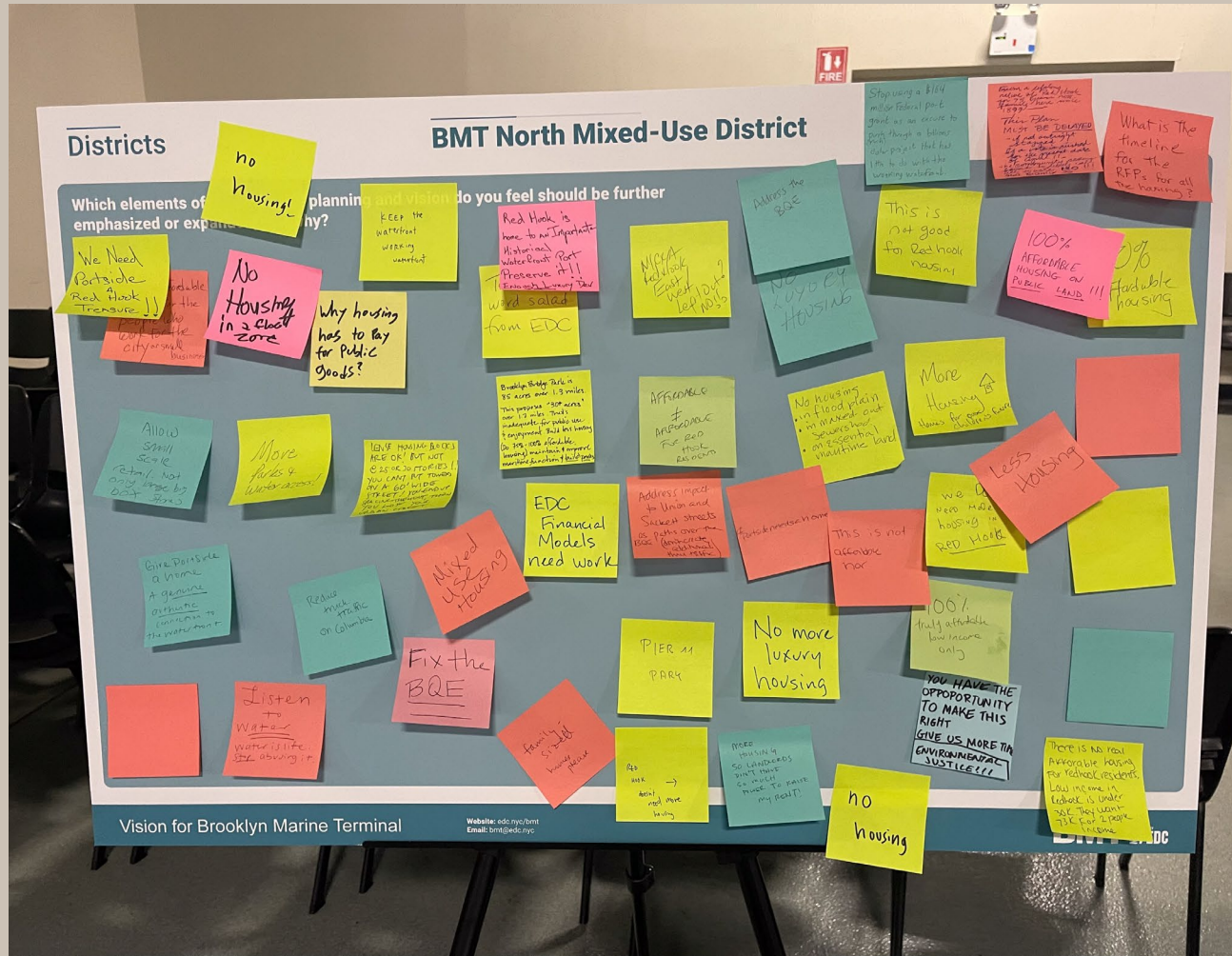
- Skepticism with financial model and cost assumptions, including the premise that the surrounding community must pay for a project that supports the region.
- Opposition to timeline and emphasis on need for community involvement and input, including the expediated GPP process.
- Concern regarding the number of jobs associated with the port given the cost of the project.
- Need for more environmental justice and impact studies at this stage in planning process.
- Preference for a phased plan with more engagement, specifically with marginalized populations such as senior citizens and NYCHA residents.



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C. Appendix

Feedback Board: BMT North and BMT South and Atlantic Basin



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