

Brooklyn Marine Terminal Advisory Task Force Meeting #2 Minutes Follow-up Items and Feedback Summary

The following document includes key follow-up items and feedback received during Advisory Task Force (ATF) meeting two for the Brooklyn Marine Terminal (BMT) planning process. The meeting was open for ATF Members to participate, and for members of public to observe. The [full list of ATF members is available here](#).

The focus of the meeting was to review the site plan, massing studies, circulation plan, and open space plan for the BMT North area of the site. ATF member feedback will inform the project team's work to develop the Design Guidelines for the General Project Plan.

Date: Thursday, April 23rd, 2026

Time: 10am – 12pm

Format: Zoom Webinar

[Link to Presentation](#)

Meeting Attendees

Project Team

- *Lizette Chaparro, NYCEDC*
- *Tali Goldman, NYCEDC*
- *Seth Ullman, NYCEDC*
- *Brooke Tango, NYCEDC*
- *Sam Justiniano, NYCEDC*
- *Maisie Jarrell, NYCEDC*
- *Bernice Clark, NYCEDC*
- *Michele Lamberti, NYCEDC*
- *Betty Cao, NYCEDC*
- *Jennifer Sun, NYCEDC*
- *Ally La Pinta, NYCEDC*
- *Betsy Daniel, NYCEDC*
- *Gabriella Green, ESD*
- *Destiny Burns, ESD*
- *Christopher Wassif, ESD*
- *Sarah Lohmar, WXY*
- *Adam Lubinsky, WXY*
- *Govardan Umashankar, WXY*
- *David Vega-Barachowitz, WXY*
- *Moon Mengqi He, WXY*
- *Danny Pang, WXY*
- *Bahij Chancey, WXY*
- *Alice Shay, Buro Happold*

- *Sam Frommer, Buro Happold*
- *Ubaldo Escalante, Buro Happold*
- *Maddie Connelly, Buro Happold*
- *Isabel Mulay, Buro Happold*
- *Marcy Monroe, Buro Happold*
- *David Bigio, Buro Happold*
- *Sydney Holgado, Buro Happold*
- *Somto Uyanna, Buro Happold*
- *Joseph Lenna, Buro Happold*
- *Pippa Brashear, Scape*

Agency Representatives

- *Ryan Lynch, DOT*

Advisory Task Force

- Hank Gutman
- Amanda Nichols, Cobble Hill Association
- Spencer Williams, Brooklyn Borough President's Office
- Bruno Daniel, Brooklyn Borough President's Office
- Erin Wright, Brooklyn Borough President's Office
- Rebecca Kobert, Community Board 6
- Michael Partis, Red Hook Initiative
- Michael Lopez, Red Hook Initiative
- Jesse Solomon, Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation
- Council Member Alexa Aviles
- Council Member Shahana Hanif
- Assembly Member Marcela Mitaynes
- Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon
- Carly Baker-Rice, Red Hook Business Alliance
- Samantha Razook, Red Hook Resident Representative
- Tori Kelly, Senator Gounardes
- Erin Wright, Brooklyn BP Office
- Emmitt Mendoza-Gaspere, Assembly District 51
- Rebecca Kobert, Brooklyn Community Board 6
- Tom Baratiini, Shipping Association of NY NJ
- Sharon Gordon, CSWD Association
- Arif Sunmonu, CSWD Association
- Bryan Woll, Columbia Street Waterfront Association
- Talia Hoch, Assembly Member Simon's Office
- Tom McMahon, International Longshoreman Association
- Maulin Mehta, Regional Plan Association
- Furhana Husani, Waterfront Alliance
- Ben Fuller-Googins, Carroll Gardens Association

Follow-up Items

The Project Team will address the following points, questions, and requests for information from the ATF in writing and/or during ATF meetings.

General

- A request to consider an alternative to breakout session meeting format to allow all members to weigh in on all topics.
- A request to share the dates for all forthcoming ATF meetings.
- A request to share draft meeting materials, like decks, as far in advance as possible.

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- A request to share updates about any current and planned work at Brooklyn Cruise Terminal and Red Hook Container Terminal.

Circulation and Pedestrian-First District Breakout Session

- A request to clarify whether the Van Brunt extension is a bus only corridor, or if it is a bus priority corridor that would allow some private vehicle traffic.
- A request to return to the ATF with estimated traffic counts for the amount of vehicles that would need to cross the BQE's limited crossings as a pre-requisite for further project planning and consultant work.
- A request for the daily truck and traffic volume, and an explanation of how the primary truck routes and traffic and pedestrian conflict points are being targeted.

Open Space Breakout Session

- A question as to how Pier 6 and other existing open spaces in Brooklyn Bridge Park have performed and how this will inform the programming of Pier 7.
- A request to consider less open space, particularly since streets will already have active pedestrian focus, in exchange for shorter building heights.
- A question if there are more opportunities to bring BMT North to the water since many who currently live and work in the area have no port or water access.

Site Plan and Urban Design Breakout Session

- A request to show eye-level perspective images at the 3 corners where BMT North blocks meet the existing neighborhood, and the north-west corner along the Greenway at Van Brunt extension and Congress extension.
- A request to share the projected number of residents in BMT North.
- A question whether different massing and density configurations affect the amount of revenue anticipated from Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs)
- A request to explore options that would reduce the amount of open space in favor of reducing building heights and the number of towers.
- A request to consider shadow impacts to adjacent park spaces like Van Voorhees Park, especially from the towers at Pier 7.

- A request to revisit the “bookend” massing scheme for BMT North that was shared during the BMT Task Force process.
- A request to clarify whether certain things are included in the Design Guidelines like delivery times and access points for trucks, and the aesthetic look of buildings.

ATF Plan Feedback

The Project Team will track ATF member’s feedback as it develops the GPP documents. The following feedback from ATF meeting two will inform the Project Team’s work going forward.

Circulation and Pedestrian-First District Breakout Session

- Desire for follow up to better explain how plan can adequately move people in and out of the neighborhood, prioritize buses while serving local traffic, and handle existing plus new traffic, given limited roads in and out of the neighborhood
- Concern raised about e-bikes and micromobility device users overwhelming the pedestrian corridors in BMT North.
- A request to consider the accessibility community in planning pedestrian corridor pick-up and drop-off.

Open Space Breakout Session

- A desire for new amenities that will fill existing gaps in the neighborhood including dog runs, playgrounds, places for sledding, and an amphitheater space.
- A desire to maximize the amount of publicly accessible and activated waterfront.
- A request to consider the Cove as a place for deeper public engagement since it’s the only new publicly-accessible waterfront access being provided.
- A request for separation between pedestrian and cycling flows along the length of the Greenway for safety and user experience, and considerations for sight lines at corners.
- A request to balance active and passive uses across the various open spaces.
- Concern that Pier 7 open space will feel only accessible to those in the private developments on the site.
- A request for an unprogrammed “great lawn” at Pier 7.
- A strong desire for sustainability, resiliency, and biodiversity to be incorporated into the design, specifically integrating the flood barriers and elevation changes thoughtfully.
- A desire to include an amphitheater on Pier 7 that is ensconced in nature with more access to tree canopy, greenery and the waterfront – an ask if nature can be brought to the end of the pier.

Site Plan and Urban Design Breakout Session

- A request to further consider direct access to and from the port entrances in BMT North for local light industrial and commercial businesses.
- Concern that the density and height in the area are overwhelming.
- A request to consider lower and larger footprint buildings for industrial ground floor uses, rather than taller residential towers.

- A request to consider light industrial uses that also have retail components, and which are compatible with micro-mobility freight to minimize trucking.
- A request that commercial spaces should be designed to be flexible so that they are less likely to sit vacant.
- A request to enable waterfront views where possible from and through BMT North.