

**Brooklyn Marine Terminal
Advisory Task Force Meeting #5 Minutes
Follow-up Items and Feedback Summary**

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

The focus of the meeting was to review the proposed transportation framework for BMT, including site access, the Pedestrian-First District, Transit Priority, and Car-Lite strategies. At the ATF's request, this session was held as a single full-group discussion. ATF member feedback will inform the project team's work to develop the Design Guidelines for the General Project Plan.

Date: Friday, July 31st, 2026

Time: 12:30-2:30 PM

Format: Zoom Webinar

Link to Presentation: [NYCEDC-BMT-ATF-Meeting-5-Presentation-7-27-2026.pdf](#)

Meeting Attendees

Project Team

- *Ally La Pinta, NYCEDC*
- *Betsy Daniel, NYCEDC*
- *David Lowin, NYCEDC*
- *Jennifer Sun, NYCEDC*
- *Lizette Chaparro, NYCEDC*
- *Maisie Jarrell, NYCEDC*
- *Michele Lamberti, NYCEDC*
- *Seth Ullman, NYCEDC*
- *Tali Goldman, NYCEDC*
- *Bernice Clark, NYCEDC*
- *Caroline Morris, NYCEDC*
- *Nate Gray, NYCEDC*
- *Rebecca Gafvert, NYCEDC*
- *Sam Justiniano, NYCEDC*
- *Destiny Burns, ESD*

- *Anna Pycior, ESD*
- *Christopher Wassif, ESD*
- *Gabriella Green, ESD*
- *Bahij Chancey, WXY*
- *Adam Lubinsky, WXY*
- *Moon Mengqi He, WXY*
- *Alice Shay, Buro Happold*
- *Adam Friedberg, Buro Happold*
- *Isabel Mulay, Buro Happold*
- *Sam Frommer, Buro Happold*
- *Jeff Smithline, TYLin*

Agency Representatives

- *Chris Hrones, NYC DOT*
- *Huma Husain, NYC DOT*
- *Stephen Solecki, NYC DOT*
- *Tiffany-Ann Taylor, NYC DOT*
- *Kashmir Flood, Office of Congressman Dan Goldman*

Advisory Task Force

- Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon
- Assembly Member Marcela Mitaynes
- State Senator Andrew Gounardes
- Arif Sunmonu, Columbia Street Waterfront District Resident
- Bennette Kramer, Cobble Hill Association (alternate)
- Bryan Woll, Columbia Street Waterfront Association
- Carly Baker-Rice, Red Hook Business Alliance
- Adem Kukiqi, Office of Assembly Member Charles D. Fall
- Emmitt Mendoza-Gaspar, Office of Assembly Member Marcela Mitaynes
- Cristian Macario, Office of State Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
- Jacinta Chen, Office of State Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
- Karen Blondel, Red Hook Houses West Tenants Association
- Maulin Mehta, Regional Plan Association
- Michael Partis, Red Hook Initiative
- Matt Malloy, Office of Council Member Shahana Hanif
- Louis Cox, Cobble Hill Association
- Randy Peers, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce
- Samantha Razook, Red Hook Resident Representative
- Sharon Gordon, Columbia Street Waterfront Association (alternate)
- Spencer Williams, Brooklyn Borough President's Office
- Bruno Daniel, Brooklyn Borough President's Office
- Erin Wright, Brooklyn Borough President's Office

- Thomas Barattini, Shipping Association of NY & NJ
- John Nardi, Shipping Association of NY & NJ
- Stephen Lyman, Maritime Association of NY & NJ
- Tori Kelly, Office of State Senator Andrew Gounardes
- Haya Rizvi, Office of the Deputy Mayor of Operations
- Lisa Bowstead, The Cobble Hill Think Tank

Follow-up Items

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

General and Process

- A request to provide presentation materials at a pace that allows participants with adequate time to review and discuss information.
- A request to clarify the purpose, timeline, and expected outcomes of the remaining public engagement process.
- A request to clarify the timeline for publication of the Final Scope of Work (FSOW) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).
- A request that future presentations demonstrate how proposed transportation strategies (such as improving bus speeds) advance commitments established in the Vision Plan.
- A request to publicly share the assumptions, methodology, and supporting data used to develop transportation projections.

Site Access

- A request to provide additional information on transportation connections to and from the BMT site, including how taxis, rideshare, ferry, bus, bicycle, and pedestrian trips are incorporated into the transportation analysis.
- A request to provide examples of comparable transportation strategies implemented under similar geographic conditions, e.g. bus priority and force turn in a similar road network that is not orthogonal and located at the edge of an area, like the waterfront.

- A request to clarify how transportation assumptions from similar large-scale projects compare with observed post-development travel behavior.
- A request to clarify how proposed truck routes and freight movement will be managed and enforced
- A request to apply more conservative traffic projections to ensure mitigation measures are adequately sized.
- A request for additional information regarding the location of planned truck gates and truck access for the port.

Pedestrian-First District

- A request to evaluate opportunities for near-term pedestrian improvements while long-term site improvements are under development.
- A request to provide additional information on how pedestrians will safely access surrounding neighborhoods and transit facilities.
- A request to evaluate immediate improvements to current bus stop conditions, accessibility, and pedestrian safety, particularly for seniors and NYCHA residents.

Transit Priority

- A request to provide additional information on the methodology used to estimate future travel behavior, including assumptions regarding future residents, existing residents, mode share, ridership, and traffic volumes.
- A request to clarify how the effectiveness of proposed transit priority, pedestrian-first strategies, and mode share targets will be evaluated.

Car-Lite

- A request to provide additional information on proposed circulation changes, including anticipated impacts on surrounding streets.

ATF Plan Feedback

General

- A preference for scheduling meetings after the summer and providing additional opportunities for community participation.

- A concern that community members do not feel adequately heard through the current engagement process.
- A strong preference for continuing coordination between EDC and DOT on BQE and BMT before and after the GPP.

Site Access

- A request to evaluate additional opportunities to improve access to and from the site, particularly across the BQE and Atlantic Avenue.
- A concern that port-related transportation impacts associated with Blue Highway may extend beyond those typically addressed through traditional land use review.
- A concern that the project will result in increased truck traffic and freight movement through surrounding neighborhoods.
- A concern that proposed transportation strategies do not adequately account for the unique geographic constraints of Red Hook.

Pedestrian-First District

- A concern regarding pedestrian safety at certain crossings and sidewalks in Red Hook given their current poor conditions and new HPD developments increasing foot traffic, including at Columbia Street and Lorraine Street.
- A concern regarding accessibility for seniors, NYCHA residents, and existing transit users.
- A desire for improved pedestrian connections between the site and surrounding neighborhoods.

Transit Priority

- A concern that transportation planning should not rely solely on future DEIS analysis.
- A concern regarding whether existing residents' transportation needs are being prioritized.
- A concern regarding the feasibility of proposed bus-priority measures given the limits of existing street network.
- A request to evaluate whether transportation performance targets, including maximum traffic volumes, could serve as project benchmarks.

- A desire for improved transit service and bus speeds.

Car-Lite

- A concern regarding the proposed circulation strategy and its potential impact on neighborhood streets.
- A concern that meaningful business engagement should occur before design decisions are finalized, based on experiences from previous projects.
- A concern regarding parking demand assumptions for future residential development.
- A request to expand outreach to the local businesses and residents about the anticipated benefits of proposed transit investments while addressing concerns regarding parking and vehicle access.