

PUBLIC SCOPING HEARING NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Hoboken has contacted the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Green Acres Program, proposing the permanent underground diversion of approximately 0.426 acres of parkland in the City of Hoboken's 1600 Park (Block 256, Lot 1.01 in the City of Hoboken; Block 11, Lots 1 and 2 in the Township of Weehawken) and approximately 2.986 acres of parkland in the City of Hoboken's Harborside Park (also referred to as Cove Park located on Block 265, Lot 1; Block 267, Lot 1; Block 269.04, Lot 1) for permanent subsurface easements totaling approximately 3.412 acres for the Hudson Tunnel Project.

No surface work will be undertaken at these parks. However, construction activities will occur in close proximity to both parks. Given that the parks are used for active recreation, which is generally not noise sensitive, and the relatively short duration of the construction activity, noise will not be an adverse impact. Tunneling activities will be approximately 90 feet below the surface in this area. While minor vibration from the tunnel boring machine may be discernible for a few days as the tunnel boring machine passes these parks, this would not be disruptive.

The proposed diversions would allow for the construction and operation of the Hudson Tunnel Project. NJ TRANSIT is the public transportation operator that will utilize the Hudson Tunnel Project and is managing the property acquisitions and regulatory permits in the State of New Jersey. Amtrak is the intercity rail transportation operator that will utilize the Hudson Tunnel Project and will be responsible for dispatching trains through the Hudson Tunnel Project, as part of Amtrak's Northeast Corridor. The purpose of the Hudson Tunnel Project is to preserve the current functionality of Amtrak's Northeast Corridor (NEC) service and NJ TRANSIT's commuter rail service between New Jersey and Pennsylvania Station New York (PSNY) by repairing the deteriorating North River Tunnel; and to strengthen the NEC's resiliency to support reliable service by providing redundant capability under the Hudson River for Amtrak and NJ TRANSIT NEC trains between New Jersey and the existing PSNY. These improvements must be achieved while maintaining uninterrupted commuter and intercity rail service and by optimizing the use of existing infrastructure.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.8(a), a scoping hearing to obtain public comment on this request will be held via Zoom Webinar on:

Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 7 P.M.

All interested parties who wish to attend the above hearing may choose one of the following options:

Topic: Hudson Tunnel Project Green Acres Public Scoping Meeting

Date/Time: Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 7 P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89951068177?pwd=STNRdm1TN1VFYjNRR0FiRHZiaWlrQT09>

Or

Dial by Phone: (646) 558-8656

Webinar ID: 899 5106 8177

Passcode: 664848

In addition to oral comments presented during the scoping hearing, written comments may be submitted to the agencies listed below. Written comments should be submitted to the City of

Hoboken with a copy to the NJDEP Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration at the following addresses. Emailed comments are preferred.

Cathleen Wolf
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Department of Community Development
94 Washington Street, 2nd Floor
Hoboken, NJ 07030
cwolf@hobokennj.gov

NJ Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Transactions and Public Land
Administration
401 East State Street
P.O. Box 420
Mail Code 401-07B
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420
Attention: Hudson County Compliance
Officer
Maude.Snyder@dep.nj.gov

Public comment on this diversion request will be accepted during the scoping hearing and until **Thursday, June 16, 2022**, which is two weeks after the scoping hearing.

Si necesita una traducción, por favor comuníquese con cwolf@hobokennj.gov