

Foreword

This document is the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Willets Point Development (the proposed project). The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the proposed project was accepted as complete by the New York City Office of the Deputy Mayor's Office for Economic Development (ODMED) and a Notice of Completion for the DSEIS was issued on March 13, 2013. A public hearing was held on the DSEIS in conjunction with the City Planning Commission's public hearing pursuant to the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) on July 10, 2013, at the City Planning Commission, Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, New York, NY, to accept oral and written comment on the DSEIS. The comment period was open for receiving written comments until July 22, 2013.

This FSEIS addresses all substantive comments made on the DSEIS during the public hearing and subsequent comment period. Those comments are summarized and responded to in Chapter 26, "Responses to Comments Received on the DSEIS." Written comments on the DSEIS are included in the FSEIS as Appendix F. Changes to the text and graphics from the DSEIS were made in this FSEIS, as necessary, in response to these comments.

Substantive changes between the DSEIS and FSEIS include:

- Revisions to Chapter 9, "Natural Resources," and Chapter 16, "Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change," to reflect the Federal Emergency Management Agency's new Best Available Flood Hazard Data and new projections on sea level rise from the New York City Panel on Climate Change.
- Revisions to Chapter 10, "Hazardous Materials," to reflect the Phase II Subsurface Investigation Work Plan and Health and Safety Plan for the Willets West portion of the project site that were approved by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection in July 2013.
- Revisions to Chapter 14, "Transportation" and Chapter 22, "Alternatives," to reflect further consultation with the New York City Department of Transportation regarding the feasibility of proposed mitigation measures. Revisions to Chapter 14 also reflect the commitment in the DSEIS to analyze three additional traffic and pedestrian analysis locations, as well as the analysis of another subway line.
- Revisions to Chapter 15, "Air Quality," to reflect the results of the refined mobile source analysis conducted for PM_{2.5} between the DSEIS and FSEIS in consultation with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.
- Updated conclusions in Chapter 21, "Mitigation," in the areas of child care and transportation, and the effect of transportation mitigation measures on air quality and noise, to reflect further analysis of potential mitigation measures conducted between the DSEIS and FSEIS; and

Riverside Center FSEIS

- Chapter 26, “Responses to Comments Received on the DSEIS,” which is entirely new to the document.

All text changes since publication of the DSEIS are marked by double-underlining and strikeouts in this FSEIS. No double-underlining is used for the Foreword or Chapter 26, which are entirely new. *