

FY 2015 Capital and Expense Budget Requests

Capital Priorities

1. **Housing Preservation and Development (HPD):** Provide funding for major renovations at 330 and 332 West 51st Street (WRY negotiations).
2. **Economic Development Corporation (EDC):** Charter Bus Garage – construction of a Charter Bus Garage to accommodate over 500 tourists buses serving Broadway, Lincoln Center, Time Square, Penn Station and currently parked at curbside throughout the neighborhood. (HY Rezoning FEIS)
3. **Economic Development Corporation (EDC):** #7 train station at West 41st Street. On January 1, 2013 the Hudson Yards Development Corporation (HYDC) ends its existence. The bond money housed by the Hudson Yards Infrastructure Corporation (HYIC) will then be overseen by EDC. We request that EDC use some of the bond money in HYIC to build a second #7 train station on West 41st Street where a the shell for a station has already been built.
4. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Install ADA compliant ramps at all intersections of Dyer Avenue with West 34th, 35th, 36th, 40th, 41st and 42nd Streets (WRY Agreement) and neck down at the south side of West 45th Street and west side of Ninth Avenue.
5. **Housing Preservation and Development (HPD):** Provide funding for the Clinton Urban Renewal Area (CURA) as the agency goes forward with the development projects at 500 West 52nd Street, 540 West 53rd Street, and 556-560 West 52nd Street.
6. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Consolidate Ninth Avenue and Dyer Avenue 34A bus stops into a single bus stops west of Ninth Avenue.
7. **New York Public Library:** partial renovation of Muhlenberg Branch. Sidewalk replacement and water proof vault, HVAC replacement and associated roof work.
8. **New York Public Library:** Columbus and Muhlenberg Branches. PC refresh, WiFi and VoLP Technology request.
9. **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR):** The planned comfort station and café building in Chelsea Waterside Park has never been built. Funds to accomplish this should be allocated as soon as possible.
10. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Extend the sidewalk at corner of ramp C and Ninth Avenue (Hell's Kitchen Study) and West 41st Street on Ninth Avenue and on the west side of Eighth Avenue between West 42nd and 47th Streets as part of the bike lane extensions.

11. **Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR):** Provide funds for site acquisition of new parks, specifically for the DEP property on Tenth Avenue between West 48th and 49th Streets

12. **Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR):** Provide funds for site acquisition of the network of privately and public owned properties along Dyer Avenue between West 35th and 41st Streets (WRY negotiations). In addition, provide funds for the expansion and/or creation of green streets.

13. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Reconstruction of West 15th Street between Sixth and Ninth Avenues with neck downs on the west side of the intersections and parking swaps in the middle of the blocks.

14. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 55th to 34th Streets to implement changes resulting from the DOT study now underway. Implement neck downs on each street block directly to the East and West of Ninth Avenue.

Continuing Support: Capital

Department of Design and Construction (DDC): encourage DDC to locate all news catch basins 20 feet away from pedestrian crossing for all intersection in the project. Project ID: MED599.

Housing Preservation & Development (HPD): Increase funding to preserve and create housing in CD4 for low, moderate and middle income people using the following programs: Supportive Housing Programs; New Housing Marketplace Programs; 8A and Participation Loan Program; New HOP; and other new loan initiatives, including potential federal and state aid programs. Where applicable, new sources of funding should be identified and used for site acquisition toward the creation of affordable housing. Such actions should include supportive housing for people with AIDS. [Programs to be updated].

Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA): Continue funding and assistance for The Irish Arts Center to realize development plans for new or refurbished performing and studio spaces in the Clinton Urban Renewal Area.

Expense Priorities

1. **Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD):** Restore funding for affordable after-school care for low-income working families.

2. **Department for the Aging (DFTA):** provide for reasonable cost of living increases for salaries paid under DFTA programs. In addition, expand funding for senior social programs and case management programs, including escort and home care services. [More language to be submitted].

3. **Department for the Aging (DFTA):** Expand funding for senior social programs and case management programs, including escort and home care services and further increase the eligible income for the Senior Citizens Rent Increase Exemption Program (SCRIE). [More language to be submitted].

4. Department of Transportation (DOT): Provide sufficient funds to implement the recommendations of the Hell's Kitchen Study: add proper signage for a no left turn at West 37th Street and for directing the Lincoln Tunnel traffic and diverting trucks to Eleventh Avenue; convert 11th Avenue from 57th Street to 42nd Street to one-way south to reduce queuing and congestion on Eleventh Avenue and provide more capacity for a new bus route; install a contra lane at Dyer Avenue between west 41st and 42nd Streets; and install 16 split phase signals on crash and fatality prone intersections.

5. New York Police Department (NYPD): Allocate resources to direct traffic and enforce gridlock laws at peak hours on Weekdays and Weekends (Saturday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.) on Ninth Avenue at West 37th, 41st and Dyer Avenue at West 34th and 42nd Streets, and Eleventh Avenue at 43rd Street. Allocate resources to direct traffic and enforce gridlock laws at peak hours on week days on 10th Avenue at 37th and 38th Streets. Enforce idling laws for buses and trucks on West 34th, 37th, 42nd, 44th, high 50s Streets.

6. Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH): Enhance funding for prevention services related to HIV/AIDS and substance abuse through appropriate local medical and social service institutions, with a special priority on addressing the growing problem of new alternative/boutique drugs, including but not limited to crystal meth. Provide appropriate "way-finding" signage for the Chelsea Health Clinic. Increase funding for community-based AIDS programs funded through the DOHMH.

7. Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD): Bring funding back to FY10 levels for anti-displacement and housing improvement programs, such as the Community Consultant Program in the CB4 area. With community consultants playing an increasingly significant role in delivering technical, legal, organizing and management services to low-income tenants, funding for contracts should be increased to allow all viable groups to continue operating.

8. Department of Education (DOE): Provide full funding for after school programs at Public Schools 11, 33, 35, 51, 58 and 111, the Upper Lab and Museum Schools.

9. Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD): Restore funding for essential community based youth services, especially in response to the needs of low-income and disaffiliated youth who live, work or go to school in CD4.

10. New York Public Library (NYPL): continue the level of sufficient professional and clerical positions at Muhlenberg, and Columbus and Central Libraries in order that libraries can remain open six days a week (and Donnell a Seventh Day on Sundays) and provide funding for fulltime security guards at Columbus and Muhlenberg.

11. New York Public Library (NYPL): Continue the level of funding for books and materials at the Columbus and Muhlenberg Branch Libraries to reflect higher acquisition costs (prices).

12. Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC): Provide sufficient personnel to perform the essential duties of designation and regulation. Increases in both designated properties and in development pressures have led to excessive demands on a Commission staff that not too long ago numbered no more than two-thirds of those in place at an earlier peak when demands were lower.

Recent temporary staff increases have enabled the Commission for the first time in years to keep up with its workload in timely fashion, to begin to meet the demand for designation of threatened buildings and districts, and to undertake surveys of a few areas threatened by indiscriminate development. At a minimum these increases must be incorporated in the baseline budget of the Commission. Further increases are required to meet the continuing threats to historic resources

13. Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA): Allocate more inspectors to curb sidewalk encroachments and quality of life violations, like sidewalk cafes, parking and cabarets disturbances.

14. New York Police Department (NYPD): Allocate more personnel to enforce laws related to quality of life and street disturbances on blocks with a large volume of nightlife venues or patrons.

15. Department Parks & Recreation (DPR): Provide sufficient DPR personnel including park maintenance workers, personnel for street tree maintenance, rat abatement and opening and closing fenced parks, and for adequately trained playground associates for programming. In addition, an increased presence of PEP officers is needed to reduce the ongoing problem of crime in parks, particularly DeWitt-Clinton. Provide additional funding for Green thumb projects in City parks. City parks need more Green thumb projects.

16. Department of Transportation (DOT): Pedestrian safety: increase sidewalk Inspections and sidewalk repairs enforcement.