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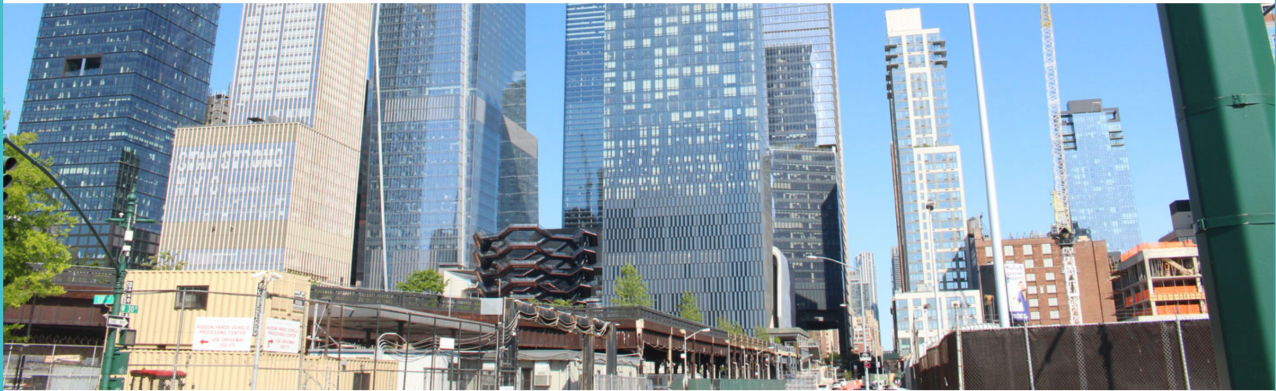


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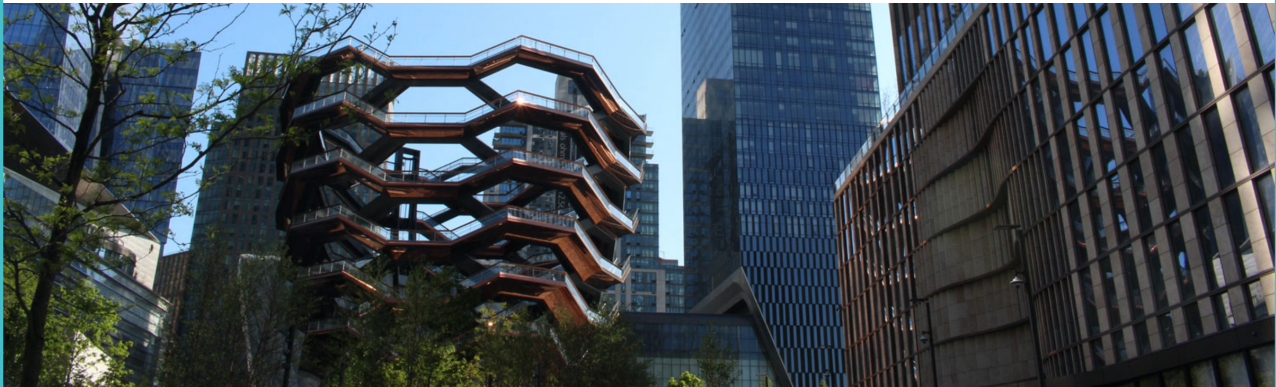
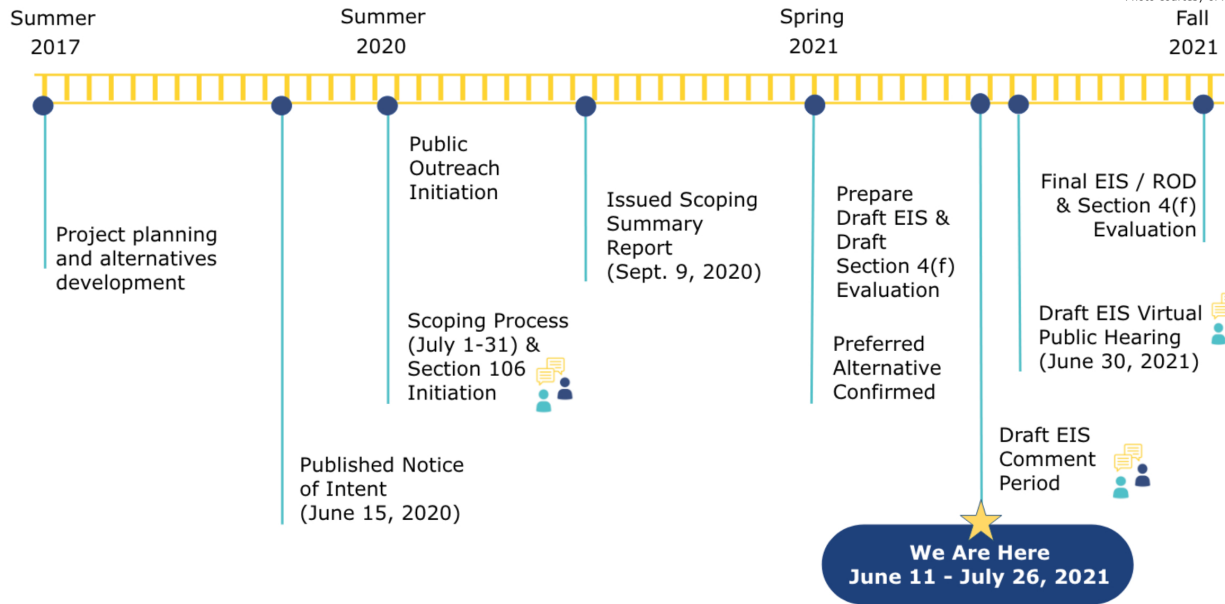


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Public Review of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS)

FRA prepared a Draft EIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation, which incorporates comments received during scoping, as appropriate, and provides detailed technical analyses related to potential social, economic, and environmental impacts of the Preferred Alternative. FRA is soliciting public comments on this Draft EIS through the end of the comment period, which is open for 45 days and will end on July 26, 2021. FRA will conduct the public review process virtually, and encourages submission of comments for the project and other documents electronically.

The Draft EIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation is available on this website ([CLICK HERE](#)) or go to the Library page, and on the Federal Docket system (Regulations.gov, Docket No. FRA-2020-0039-0023). [CLICK HERE](#)

The public and other interested parties are encouraged to comment by the following methods:

- The Draft EIS virtual Public Hearing took place on June 30, 2021.
- Go online to www.regulations.gov, and use Docket Number FRA-2020-0039-0023 [CLICK HERE](#)
- Leave a message at the following phone number exclusive to the project: (929) 229-5220
- send written comments by mail to the following address: Western Rail Yard Infrastructure Project, c/o FHI Studio, 416 Asylum Street, Hartford, CT 06103.

The Draft EIS Virtual Public Hearing took place on June 30, 2021 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Watch the recording of the virtual public hearing below:



Public Scoping Period (Completed)

FRA conducted a virtual scoping process from July 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020 to receive public input on the items bulleted below. As the project is subject to Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, FRA invited comments concerning potential effects of the project on historic and cultural resources during the scoping period. Individuals and organizations were also able to request to participate as a Consulting Party for this undertaking during this scoping period.

- The Purpose and Need for the project
- EIS Alternatives to be examined
- Environmental considerations
- EIS Analysis methodologies
- Public involvement and agency coordination process
- Section 106 considerations

Comments submitted during the public scoping period can be viewed at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) Docket No. FRA-2020-0039-0023.

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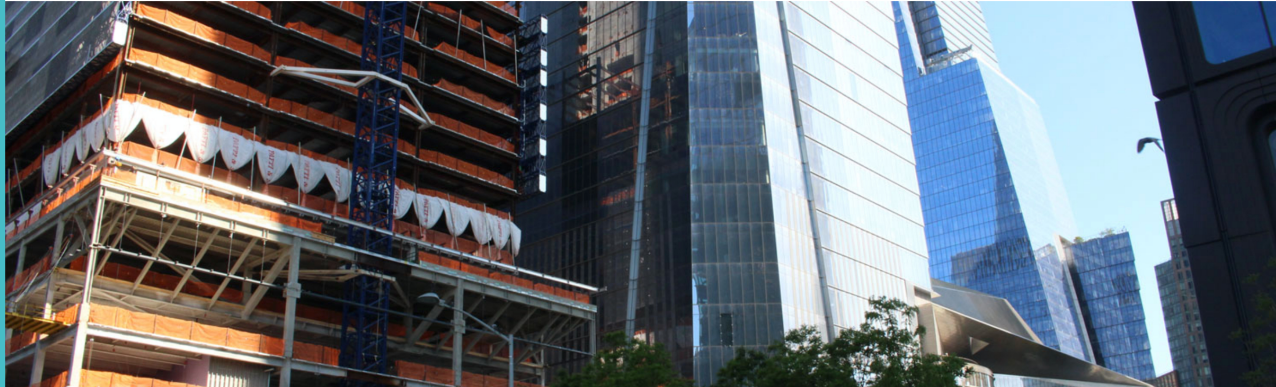


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FRA is soliciting public comments on this Draft EIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation through the end of the comment period. This Draft EIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation is available on the Federal Docket system (Regulations.gov, Docket No. FRA-2020-0039-0023), the project website at www.westernrailyardinfrastructure.com, and at the local repositories (Community Board 4 and 5 offices by appointment) listed on the project website.

- [June 30th Public Hearing Video](#)
- [Draft EIS and Draft Section 4\(f\) Evaluation](#)
- [Draft EIS and Draft Section 4\(f\) Evaluation Presentation](#)
- [Scoping Summary Report \(32mb\)](#)
- [Scoping Presentation \(English\)](#)
- [Scoping Presentation \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Agency And Public Coordination Plan \(Updated: February 14, 2021\)](#)
- [Notice of Intent \(NOI\) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement \(EIS\)](#)
- [Scoping Document for the Preparation of an EIS](#)
- [A Citizen's Guide to NEPA](#)
- [FEIS Notice of Completion 2009 Western Rail Yard Project.pdf](#)
- [2009 Western Rail Yard Project-Final Environmental Impact Statement \(FEIS\)](#)
- [Finding Of No Significant Impact \(FONSI\) 2013 Hudson Yards Concrete Casing Construction](#)
- [2013 Hudson Yards Concrete Casing Construction Environmental Assessment \(EA\)](#)
- [Finding Of No Significant Impact \(FONSI\) 2014 Supplemental Environmental Assessment \(SEA\) for Construction of a Concrete Casing Extension in the Hudson Yards](#)
- [2014 Hudson Yards Concrete Casing Construction Supplemental Environmental Assessment \(SEA\)](#)
- [Letter Of Resolution Among Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York City Planning Commission, New York State Office Of Parks, Recreation And Historic Preservation, And WRY Tenant LLC Regarding The Western Rail Yard Project](#)

FRA intends to make the EIS available electronically unless a specific request is made for a hard copy.



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Draft EIS Comments

To provide official comments on the Draft EIS please use this [link](#).

Project Questions

Please use the form below to be added to the Project Mailing List. You may also [email the project team](#).

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Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS)

The Draft EIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation includes descriptions of the Project Purpose and Need, Preferred Alternative, and the Analytical Framework used in the analyses. The Draft EIS examines the full range of environmental considerations Operational and Construction impacts, and potential measures to avoid, minimize or mitigate impacts.

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- All comments provided during the Public Comment Period for the Draft EIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation will be given the same consideration by FRA
- Methods to provide comments outside the Public Hearing are summarized [HERE](#)
- View the June 30th Public Hearing [HERE](#)

Explore the Draft EIS

Click below to follow the path to explore the Draft EIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation, review key areas of concern, and learn how to add your comment to the public Docket.



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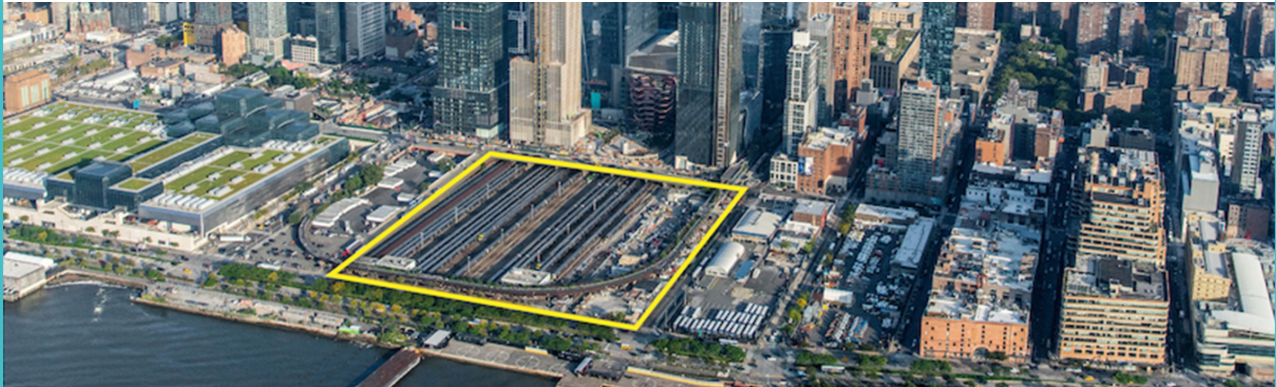
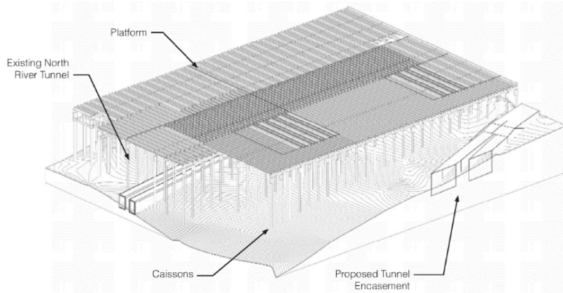


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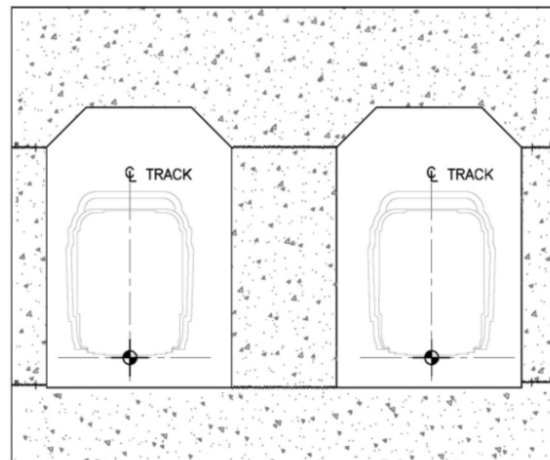
THE PLATFORM

The Platform A 9.8-acre structural steel and concrete "roof" over the MTA-LIRR Western Rail Yard that would house other important LIRR infrastructure, including critical life safety services and an extensive platform ventilation system.



The Tunnel encasement

A concrete tunnel running below a portion of the Western Rail Yard site to preserve railroad right-of-way for future use.



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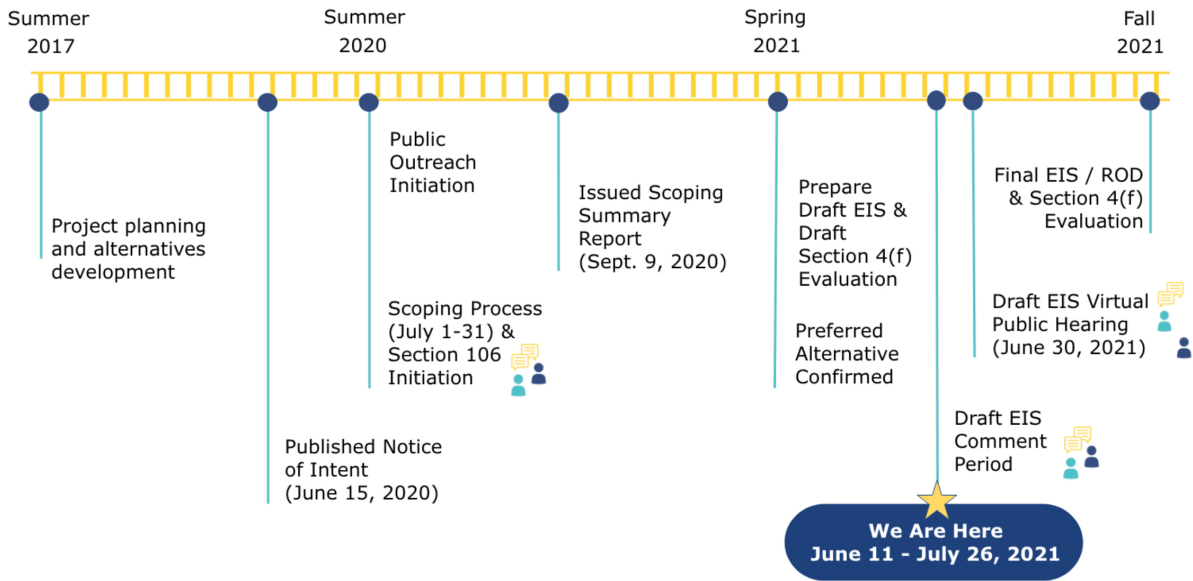
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PROJECT EFFECTS TO THE HIGH LINE AND NORTH RIVER TUNNEL

FRA evaluated the Project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act of 1966

The North River Tunnel and High Line are the only historic properties and 4(f) properties located within 90 feet of construction for the Preferred Alternative.

The Project Sponsor will develop a Construction Protection Plan (CPP) to protect the North River Tunnel and High Line.

FRA and NYSHPO determined that operation and construction of the Preferred Alternative would not result in any adverse effects to Section 106 historic properties or Section 4(f) properties with implementation of the CPP.



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Repositories

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