

8. REPSONSE TO COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK AND THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

This chapter summarizes and responds to all substantive comments on the Draft Scope of Work (Draft Scope) and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the East Fordham Road Rezoning made during the public review period. For the Draft Scope, these consist of oral comments and/or written comments received during the public scoping meeting held by the New York City Planning Commission (CPC) on April 30, 2013. Written comments on the Draft Scope were accepted through the public comment period, which ended May 10, 2013. For the DEIS, comments consist of spoken or written testimony submitted at the public hearing held by the CPC on July 24, 2013. Written comments were accepted through the public comment period, which ended on August 5, 2013. No written comments were received on the Draft Scope. Written comments received on the DEIS are included in Appendix B.

This chapter lists the elected officials, community boards, government agencies, organizations, or individuals who commented on the Draft Scope and DEIS, respectively. The organization and/or individual that commented are identified after each comment. These summaries convey the substance of the comments but may not necessarily quote the comments verbatim. Comments are organized by subject matter and generally parallel the chapter structure of the Draft Scope and DEIS. The commenters did not make specific comments related to the proposed approach or methodology for the impact assessments. If relevant and appropriate, edits, as well as other substantive changes to the DEIS, have been incorporated into the Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS").

Where more than one commenter expressed a similar view, the comments have been grouped and addressed together.

LIST OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT COMMENTED ON THE DRAFT SCOPE

1. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., oral comments delivered by James Rouse on April 30, 2013 (Diaz Jr.)
2. District Manager, Community Board 6, Bronx, Ivine Galarza, oral comments delivered on April 30, 2013 (Galaraza)
3. Fordham University, Joseph Muriana, oral comments delivered on April 30, 2013. (Muriana)

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ON THE DRAFT SCOPE

This section lists and responds to comments on the Draft Scope. The comments are organized by subject area, following the organization of the Draft Scope of Work.

Comments were accepted on the Draft Scope for the East Fordham Road Rezoning during a period commencing with the public scoping hearing held at the New York City Department of City Planning's Bronx Office on April 30, 2013, and extending until May 10, 2013. A Final Scope of Work was issued on May 17, 2013. Oral testimony was received from Joseph Muriana of Fordham University, Ivine Galarza of Community Board 6 and from Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.'s representative James Rouse, The comments received during the comment period for the Draft Scope were not related to the proposed approach or methodology for the impact assessments. Rather, the comments were general in

nature and were directed at the necessity for the proposed rezoning action for the Bathgate neighborhood and Bronx Community Board 6.

General Comments

Comment 1: *The community has been having meetings for years on what should happen along this stretch of East Fordham Road. We feel that the community input has been strongly received here and strongly considered. (Galaraza)*

I am pleased to testify in support of the proposed rezoning. This endeavor has long been overdue. I commend the leadership of Bronx Community Board 6, the Bronx Borough Presidents Office and the Department of City Planning. (Muriana)

I am pleased to support this proposal. The proposed rezoning is a necessary step toward remaking this stretch of East Fordham Road into a gateway to the Bronx and creating affordable housing that the borough seeks to encourage (Diaz, Jr.).

Response: Comment Noted.

LIST OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT COMMENTED ON THE DEIS

1. Fordham University, Joseph Muriana, oral and written comments delivered on July 24, 2013. (Muriana)

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ON THE DEIS

Comments were accepted on the East Fordham Road Rezoning DEIS during a period commencing with the public hearing held in conjunction with the City Planning Commission's ULURP hearing at the New York City Department of City Planning on July 24, 2013, and extending until August, 5, 2013. One speaker, Joseph Muriana, gave testimony at the hearing on behalf of Fordham University and the Four Bronx Institutions Alliance (FBIA). No other oral or written comments were received within or after the comment period. The comments received during comment period for the DEIS were not related to the proposed approach or methodology for the impact assessments. Rather, the comments were general in nature and were directed at the necessity for the proposed rezoning action for the Bathgate neighborhood and Bronx Community Board 6.

General Comments

Comment 1: *I am pleased to testify in support of the proposed rezoning along Fordham Road in the Bronx from Bathgate Avenue to Southern Boulevard. One concern shared by the FBIA and affordable housing groups is the slow over-saturation of one specific but limited type of affordable housing in the neighborhoods of Community District 6 and 7—one targeted primarily as supportive housing for single adults with major substance abuse disorders and related socio-behavioral syndromes. We believe that better economic diversity be considered as a matter of City housing. (Muriana)*

Response: Comment Noted.