

FY 2025 Borough Budget Consultations

Manhattan - Department of Sanitation

Meeting Date: **Thursday, September 28th at 0930**

The purpose of holding the Borough Budget Consultations is to provide Community Boards with important information to assist in drafting their statement of District Needs and Budget Priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. Community Board Members do not have expertise about funding sources and the process within agencies regarding funding of various programs and initiatives. However, Community Board members are very knowledgeable about local service needs.

This year's Manhattan agendas have three sections:

I. General questions about program funding.

1. What programs will see a significant increase or decrease in funding overall? To what extent, if any, is the increase or decrease in funding related to non-recurring federal funding allocations?
2. Which programs will be new or eliminated entirely?
3. What are your benchmarks for new and existing programs and what are your benchmarks/key performance indicators for measuring success?
4. What are your priorities, operational goals, and capital goals for FY25 and projected priorities, operational goals, and capital goals for FY26?

II. Considering the current migrant crisis in NYC, what do the impacted agencies expect regarding continued influx in FY 25 and what are plans to accommodate this.

III. What are the plans to accommodate a possible extension of PEGs into FY 25?

IV. Lastly, the agendas may include Boards' requests on district-specific budget questions that will not be included in district level consultations. We request that the agency respond in writing but have any further discussions on these items with the Community Boards outside of the consultation.

Please provide written responses or even a PowerPoint presentation that we can use to fully and accurately educate our Board Members.

AGENDA ITEM [1]: [Vehicles and Equipment](#)

1. What is the current inventory of vehicles and equipment in the Manhattan districts?

AGENCY RESPONSE

Currently Manhattan has over 700 vehicles in its inventory.

2. Please provide an update of any equipment purchases made in FY 2023 and anticipated acquisitions in FY 2024.

- a. Are these purchases for replacement vehicles or new vehicles?

The Department added 15 brand new rear loaders in FY 2024 for replacements of older vehicles.

3. Last year, you reported that "cuts to DSNY's capital budget caused you to delay the purchase of core fleet, including collection trucks, dual bins and salt spreaders." Meanwhile, the fleet continues to age and is more costly to maintain.

B. Can you update us on how close DSNY is to returning to a regular buy cycle for capital fleet?

The FY2023 Capital Equipment budget was primarily restored to a pre-covid level of funding. This level of funding allowed DSNY to purchase many types of vehicles that were not funded for 2-3 years.

Collection Trucks	Dual Bin Trucks	EZ-Packs	Roll On/Roll Offs	Vans	Passenger Cars	4X4s
299	18	21	20	9	19	70

AGENDA ITEM [2]: [Open Restaurant Program](#)

- [Please provide an update on the impact of the new Open Restaurant program on DSNY in relation to operations, budget, and any other pertinent details.](#)

AGENCY RESPONSE:

When the participating restaurant complies with maintenance requirements, there is little to no effect on DSNY Operations. Failure to maintain conditions around dining structures presents the following challenges:

- Street sweeping:** Mechanical brooms lose 30 feet of curb accessibility for each dining structure. Any litter within 15 feet of either side must be manually cleaned. It is the business owner's responsibility to maintain sidewalk - including 18 inches into the street - the area clean.
- Cleaning conditions:** Abandoned dining structures are affected by accumulations of litter around the perimeter and often become beacons for illegal dumping and/or illegal disposal.

2. What is budget Impact on Street Cleaning operations

AGENCY RESPONSE:

In FY2023, DSNY scheduled 163 MLP crews to participate in 204 dining structure removal operations.

AGENDA ITEM [3]: [Mechanical Brooms](#)

- [Please clarify the status of mechanical broom funding in FY2024 and anticipated FY2025.](#)

AGENCY RESPONSE:

In FY2023, alternate side parking regulations for street cleaning were restored to pre-pandemic frequency as posted on the signage throughout the City. Funding to maintain full street sweeping operations will continue for FY2024.

AGENDA ITEM [4]: [Staffing](#)

- [What are the current and projected staffing levels in Manhattan, including the assignment of Sanitation enforcement agents and Sanitation police?](#)
- [Will funding be available to maintain the DSNY headcount in FY25?](#)
- [What has the impact of the Mayor's pilot program for hybrid work been on DSNY staffing, employee attraction and retention?](#)

AGENCY RESPONSE:

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Citywide Enforcement Headcount	
Enforcement Unit = 127	Sanitation Police = 125
Captains = 3	Inspectors = 3
Lieutenants = 8	Lieutenants = 26
Sergeants = 29	Police Officers = 96
Sanitation Enforcement Agents (SEAs) = 87	
Manhattan Enforcement = 25	Manhattan Sanitation Police = 15
Captains = 0	Inspectors = 0
Lieutenants = 2	Lieutenants = 3
Sergeants = 4	Police Officers = 12
Sanitation Enforcement Agents (SEAs) = 19	

AGENDA ITEM [5]: [Adopt a Basket Program](#)

1. [In years prior, this valuable program saw a decline in participants. Please provide an update on the current status.](#)

AGENCY RESPONSE:

Adopt-A-Basket participant levels are holding steady with slight increases in some districts.

	Adopt-A-Basket enrollments												
	MN01	MN02	MN03	MN04	MN05	MN06	MN07	MN08	MN09	MN10	MN11	MN12	Total
As of August 2022	12	60	7	34	25	25	34	5	12	46	11	72	343
As of August 2023	12	61	7	34	25	25	35	9	12	46	14	77	357
Difference	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	3	5	14

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AGENDA ITEM [6]: [Street Recycling Program](#)

[Please update us on the status of the Street Recycling Basket initiative.](#)

- 1. [How many recycling baskets are currently deployed in Manhattan?](#)**
 - [a. \[How does this number compare to the previous fiscal year?\]\(#\)](#)**
 - [b. \[Do you anticipate the number of baskets will increase or decrease in FY2025?\]\(#\)](#)**

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AGENCY RESPONSE:

The total number of baskets in Manhattan is as follows:

2023: Total = 273	2022: Total = 393
Paper = 119	Paper = 177
M&G = 154	M&G = 216

These bins did not produce a meaningful amount of recyclable material due to high contamination. This program is most successful in locations where we have dedicated partners to help manage the level of contamination and ensure the baskets are properly used.

We anticipate the numbers will stay the same for FY2025.

AGENDA ITEM [7]: [E-Waste Programs](#)

AGENCY RESPONSE:

No E-Waste program currently in Manhattan. E-Waste can be disposed of at the Manhattan Special Waste site every Saturday and the last Friday of the month from 10AM-5PM. The Manhattan special waste site is located at 74 Pike Slip (in MN CB03).

AGENDA ITEM [8]: [Street Baskets](#)

[1. Can you describe the current status of basket collection in Manhattan?](#)

a. [What level of service has been funded in FY2024?](#)

In FY2023, City Council increased basket collection funding by \$22M to provide twice daily basket service in high density areas.

b. [Do you anticipate that funding for basket collection will be fully restored or increased in FY2025?](#)

This increase level of service will continue through FY2024.

[1-2. What is the current number of baskets in Manhattan?](#)

There are just under 9100 baskets in Manhattan either deployed by DSNY or approved for use by a BID.

a. [Can you brief us on the types of baskets currently being used by the DSNY \(i.e., wire, high-end, PSR, compactor, other\)?](#)

Litter baskets fall into two categories:

- Open design such as the standard wire litter basket
 - **Enclosed design** where the basket liner is not visible such as:
 - High End – A catch all for upgraded baskets usually purchased by CMs or BIDs
 - PSR – Public Space Receptacle. A specific high-end basket approved for use by DSNY
 - **Compactor** – A high-end basket that claims to compress refuse and extend the time needed between service.

b. [Has this number changed since last fiscal year?](#)

This number is basically the same number of overall baskets as in FY2023.

[3. What is the status of the “shipping delays” on litter baskets? In Early June, DSNY communicated there was such a delay and this delay resulted in many missing baskets.](#)

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AGENDA ITEM [9]: [Snow Removal](#)

[1. While the snow budget is established as a rolling average of the previous five years, what is the current FY2024 snow removal budget and what is the projected snow removal budget for FY2025?](#)

AGENCY RESPONSE:

The snow budget is established in the New York City Charter as a rolling average of actual expenses from the previous five years. The snow budget naturally fluctuates with the seasonal variations in snowstorms. DSNY is confident that we will have adequate resources to fight snow in the upcoming winter. The FY2024 snow budget as adopted is \$97.6 million. The current projected snow budget for FY25 is \$86.7 million.

2. Please provide an update on the Snow Removal Program in Manhattan, including the deployment of vehicles, snow melters, and Sanitation workers?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

In accordance with the borough snow plan, the allocated snow equipment and sanitation workers for Manhattan are:

Manhattan Snow Equipment Boroughwide

Large Spreader	Utility Haulster	Plowable Trucks	Front End Loaders	Plow Blades Assigned	V-Plows Assigned	Skid Steers	Snow Melter Small
68	15	337	47	988	12	16	8

Assignments

District	Address	Sanitation Workers
Borough Office	427 East 87 th Street	
Manhattan 1	353 Spring Street	40
Manhattan 2	353 Spring Street	60
Manhattan 3	South Street – Pier 36	70
Manhattan 4	780-786 12 th Avenue	58
Manhattan 5	353 Spring Street	52
Manhattan 6	South Street – Pier 36	64
Manhattan 7	780-786 12 th Avenue	76
Manhattan 8	423 West 215 th Street	70
Manhattan 9	125 East 149 th Street - BX	64
Manhattan 10	110 East 131 st Street	52
Manhattan 11	2495 2 nd Avenue	58
Manhattan 12	301 West 215 th Street	92
	Total	756

AGENDA ITEM [10]: SAFE Disposal

1. What funds have been allocated to SAFE disposal events in FY2024 and FY2025?

DSNY is OMB baselined \$2,605,502 in FY2024 and FY2025.

2. How many SAFE disposal events were in Manhattan and did each community board have at least one?

DSNY provides two SAFE Events per borough per year. In Manhattan, the events are held at Union Square and at Columbia University on W. 120th St. between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue.

AGENDA ITEM [11]: Pedestrian Safety

1. What is the current status of collection trucks with side-guards to enhance pedestrian safety? How many trucks in the Manhattan fleet have them? How many do not? What is the estimated timeline for retrofitting all applicable units?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

Currently DSNY has completed the install of sideguards onto all Department vehicles, also all new vehicles purchased are required to be delivered with factory installed sideguards upon DSNY's possession of vehicle keeping our fleet in full compliance.

AGENDA ITEM [12]: [DonateNYC](#)

1. [Please provide an update on the DonateNYC program. How many partners are currently participating?](#)

The DonateNYC partnership currently has 68 nonprofit partners.

2. [Now that the program has been in existence for a few years, are there any metrics on how much waste was diverted from landfills as a result of the program?](#)

The program has diverted 633 tons of durable goods and 2,382 tons of food since inception.

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AGENDA ITEM [13]: Vendor Enforcement

1. [What is budget and how has staff been increased to accommodate new DSNY jurisdiction for vendor enforcement.](#)

AGENCY RESPONSE:

Citywide Vending Unit		
Borough	Lieutenants = 4	Police Officers = 7
Bronx	1	7
Brooklyn	1	7
Manhattan	1	8
Queens	1	8

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1-2. [What training has been implemented for this new responsibility?](#)

AGENCY RESPONSE:

DSNY Street vending training consists of two days classroom training and two days of field training. Training includes power points regarding both the Laws, rules, regulations, and Department policy on vending enforcement for both food and general vending. Once the classroom training is complete, members will perform OJT field training and get a hands-on learning experience regarding field inspections, property seizures, issuing Summons, inventory property, etc. A member is not considered trained and will not be assigned to vending until they have completed both part of the training.

How many summonses has DSNY given for vendor noncompliance for FY2024?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

Manhattan Vendor Violations		
Community Board	FY2023	FY2024
MN01	31	60
MN02	20	9
MN03	7	5
MN04	0	0
MN05	24	21
MN06	2	0
MN07	8	6
MN08	9	2
MN09	1	0
MN10	1	0
MN11	1	0
MN12	1	0
Brooklyn Totals	105	103

