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“Express Your Concerns on the Congestion Tax”
sign up at any of the virtual MTA Regional or Environmental Hearings

Public Meeting Dates

<u>Thursday, September 23, 10:00 a.m.-noon</u> Sign-up to speak or request services	Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens & Staten Island
<u>Thursday, September 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m.</u> Sign-up to speak or request services	Manhattan CBD (60th Street and below)
<u>Friday, September 24, 10:00 a.m.-noon</u> Sign-up to speak or request service	New Jersey
<u>Wednesday, September 29, 10:00 a.m.-noon</u> Sign-up to speak or request services	Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester Counties
<u>Wednesday, September 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m.</u> Sign-up to speak or request services	Long Island
<u>Thursday, September 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m.</u> Sign-up to speak or request services	Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens & Staten Island
<u>Friday, October 1, 1:00-3:00 p.m.</u> Sign-up to speak or request services	Connecticut
<u>Monday, October 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m.</u> Sign-up to speak or request services	New Jersey
<u>Tuesday, October 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m.</u> Sign-up to speak or request services	Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester Counties
<u>Wednesday, October 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m.</u> Sign-up to speak or request services	Manhattan outside CBD (61st Street & above)

Other ways to comment:

Online: [Submit a comment here](#)

Email: CBDTTP@mtabt.org

Mail: CBD Tolling Program, 2 Broadway, 23rd Fl, New York, NY 10004

Phone: 646-252-7440

Environmental Hearings – See next page.

Environmental Hearings

Public Information Outreach Meetings for Environmental Justice Communities

Federal agencies, including the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), are required to consider whether their proposed actions would result in disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority and/or low-income populations (also known as environmental justice populations) and, if any, to address as appropriate. This includes providing opportunities for full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities.

The United States Department of Transportation and FHWA essentially define minority and low-income individuals and populations for this purpose as follows:

- **Minority:** a person who is Black, Hispanic or Latino, Asian American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, or Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- **Low-Income:** a person whose median household income is at or below the United States Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines
- **Population:** any readily identifiable group of minority and/or low-income persons who live in geographic proximity, and, if circumstances warrant, geographically dispersed/transient persons of those groups who will be similarly affected

The New York Metropolitan region is home to a diverse population and includes many communities and neighborhoods where minority and low-income populations live and work. The study area for the Central Business District Tolling Program (CBDTP, the Project) includes New York City; Long Island; counties north of New York City; portions of southern Connecticut; and portions of northern and central New Jersey.

52% of the study area identify themselves as non-White
15% identify themselves as African-American
10% identify themselves as Asian
23% identify themselves as Hispanic or Latino
13% of the study area are low-income

The Project Sponsors will conduct public outreach activities throughout the environmental review process for the Project. These activities are designed to include coordination with elected officials and community leaders; environmental justice (EJ) webinar-style community meetings; and establishment of a CBDTP Technical Advisory Group and an Environmental Justice Stakeholder Working Group.

The purpose of the Environmental Justice Stakeholder Working Group is to provide a forum for people within the EJ communities who would like to share concerns and ideas, or want to know more about particular issues. The purpose of the CBDTP Technical Advisory Group is to help identify concerns of those in EJ communities, propose mitigation if needed, and help circulate information as widely as possible.

You may express interest in joining or suggest someone else for the Environmental Justice Stakeholder Working Group by [clicking here](#).

Upcoming public meetings will provide individuals and stakeholder groups with opportunities to:

- Receive information about the proposed CBDTP and its potential positive and negative impacts on EJ communities
- Comment on the proposed program
- Learn about Environmental Justice Stakeholder Working Groups that will be created as part of the project and opportunities to directly serve/suggest other participants.

Three virtual meetings will be held, one each for relevant counties in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, though anyone may attend any or all of these.

These virtual meetings are designed for the convenience of those who may want to offer public comment and for those who simply want to observe.

Those who prefer to participate by phone may do so. Only those who want to offer public comment and speak at any of the scheduled virtual meetings are required to speak. Please see below for sign-up information.

Thursday, October 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m. **New York**
[Sign-up to speak or request services](#)

Tuesday, October 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m. **New Jersey**
[Sign-up to speak or request services](#)

Wednesday, October 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m. **Connecticut**
[Sign-up to speak or request services](#)

Those who prefer to sign-up by phone may do so by calling the Public Meeting Hotline at (646) 252-6777.

Those who sign-up to speak or simply want to watch can join the meeting or meetings by:
 PC/Tablet/Smartphone: <https://mta.zoom.us/j/82606738045>
 Webinar ID: 826 0673 804
 Phone: Dial-in: +1 888 788 0099 (Toll Free) Webinar ID: 826 0673 8045 # then #

The meetings will also be livestreamed at <https://new.mta.info/project/CBDTP>

Residents in EJ communities may also participate in any of the 10 virtual public meetings (on page one) pertaining to the federal Environmental Assessment process.

For more information on all these meetings, the Project, or to leave comments, please use the following:

Project website: <https://new.mta.info/project/CBDTP>

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