



New York City Economic Development Corporation

Brooklyn Waterfront Rail Improvements Sunset Park, Brooklyn

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In an effort to improve water-to-rail transport of goods along the Brooklyn waterfront, NYCEDC has initiated a program to modernize the rail system serving South Brooklyn Marine Terminal (SBMT) by connecting SBMT to the national rail freight system. The project consists of the following components:

- **Construct new rail connection** along First Avenue from Bush Terminal to SBMT. This project element also includes reconstruction of the rail spur at 41st Street and a new connection for South Brooklyn Railway across Second Avenue north of 39th Street;
- **Construct on-dock rail yard at SBMT** for Axis Group automobile import processing center **and extend rail to the SIMS** Municipal Recycling Facility at 29th Street Pier;
- **Construct new storm sewer and water mains** along First Avenue to improve local drainage and water supply service.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Eliminates more than 4,000 truck trips per year;
- Reduces 3,100 linear feet of street track that formerly operated along 41st Street and Second Avenue;
- Supports over 300 new jobs at the Axis and SIMS facilities;
- Modernizes rail spurs to SBMT at 39th Street and to Industry City on First Avenue.

PROJECT IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

- Impact: Temporary street closures will occur in the project area during work hours.
 - Mitigation: NYCEDC and its contractors will coordinate with NYCDOT to create detours to minimize disruption to areas businesses.
 - Mitigation: Any street closings or detours will be publicized in advance.
 - Mitigation: Improvements will be made at Industry City Building 19/20 to create alternate truck access for tenants.
- Impact: Brief water shutdowns will occur
 - Mitigation: Affected businesses will be notified in advance, and shutdowns will take place in compliance with NYCDEP regulations.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Notice to Proceed issued on January 31, 2011
- Actual construction will begin on the First Avenue (39th Street to 43rd Street) component in February 2011 and is anticipated to be completed in summer 2011
- Construction on the rail extension at SBMT is anticipated to begin in March 2011
- Entire project will be completed by late January 2012
- Updates to the schedule will be distributed as construction progresses

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact information of the resident engineer, HAKS Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, P.C. will be distributed as soon as the field office is set up. In the meantime, please contact Antonio Mirabal at amirabal@haks.net or Josh Nachowitz jnachowitz@nycedc.com with the subject heading of SCurve Construction.