



WHAT IS SCOPING?

Scoping is the process by which the issues to be addressed in the Draft EIS (DEIS, or Draft EIS) are identified and it has five basic objectives:

- Focus the draft EIS on the potentially significant adverse environmental impacts
- Eliminate non-significant and non-relevant issues
- Identify the extent and quality of information needed
- Identify the range of reasonable alternatives to be discussed
- Provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the identification of issues

What is the purpose of Scoping?

The purpose of Scoping is to narrow issues and to ensure that the draft EIS will be a concise, accurate and complete document for public review. It allows open public discussion of issues of concern and permits the inclusion of relevant, substantive public issues in the final written Scope.

What can the public contribute to the Scoping process?

In many situations, individuals living adjacent to a project site or individuals familiar with it can identify site characteristics or potential adverse impacts not readily apparent to the project sponsor or lead agency. For example, long-time residents may be familiar with seasonal patterns of intermittent drainage systems, potential project impacts on sensitive receptors, or past uses of the site.

Source: Division of Environmental Permits New York State Department of Environmental Conservation The SEQR Handbook Fourth Edition 2019.

SCOPING MEETING SCHEDULED

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority New York City Transit (MTA NYCT) is hosting a public Scoping meeting on **Thursday, October 17, 2019** for its proposed Staten Island North Shore Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). **The meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center's Lower Great Hall on Staten Island.**

The Scoping meeting will provide the public, agency representatives and elected officials an opportunity to learn about and provide input on the Staten Island North Shore BRT. Attendees will be able to view informational materials, hear a Scoping presentation, meet with MTA NYCT officials and provide oral/written comments on the Draft Scoping Document. The Draft Scoping Document is available for public review on the project website at <https://new.mta.info/northshorebrt>.

Those wishing to be heard at the Scoping meeting must register in advance either by calling **646-252-6777**, on the MTA website, or in person at the meeting.

Comments* on the Draft Scoping Document may be submitted through the end of the public comment period closing at **5:00 pm ET, November 18, 2019** via:

- **Website** at <https://new.mta.info/northshorebrt>
- **Email** to NorthShoreEIS@nyct.com
- **Phone** at 511 (MTA General Call Center)
- **Mail** to: MTA New York City Transit
Staten Island North Shore EIS
C/O Government & Community Relations
2 Broadway, D17.112, New York, NY 10004

Accessibility and interpreter services - This Scoping meeting has been scheduled at a location that is accessible to people with physical disabilities. Interpreter and American Sign Language services will be available upon request in advance of **registration no later than October 4, 2019**, by calling the Scoping meeting Hotline at **646-252-6777**. Representatives are available from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Customers who are hard of hearing or have speech disabilities should dial 711 for relay services and then ask to be connected to the Scoping meeting Hotline to communicate with an agent to request a sign language interpreter.

GET INVOLVED!

We want to hear from you! The MTA NYCT encourages members of the public to participate in the process by providing feedback as the proposed Staten Island North Shore BRT environmental review process. After Scoping there will be additional opportunities to provide input.

For more information on the project, visit <https://new.mta.info/northshorebrt>