

## **ATLANTIC YARDS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

### **Weeks of October 8<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>**

In an effort to keep the Atlantic Yards Community aware of upcoming construction activities, ESD and Forest City Ratner provide the following outline of anticipated upcoming construction activities. We hope it keeps you informed and helps you plan for any possible inconveniences. Please let us know if there's any way we can improve these updates.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact ESD's Government & Community Affairs Manager, Derek Lynch, at 212-803-3736 or [dlynch@esd.ny.gov](mailto:dlynch@esd.ny.gov)

*Please note: the scope and nature of activities are subject to change based upon field conditions. In addition, during the utility work water shut-offs may be required; these shutdowns are done under the oversight of DEP and property owners will be given advance notice. All work has been approved by appropriate City and State agencies where required.*

### **Construction at the Arena Site Progresses as Scheduled**

The Temporary Certificate of Occupancy ("TCO") has been secured for the Barclays Center Arena. There are a number of punch list items that need to be completed and re-inspected within sixty (60) days, in order to secure the Certificate of Occupancy.

The Certificate of Substantial Completion has been executed by FCRC, Hunt & Ellerbe Beckett.

The work scheduled for the next reporting period will include these activities.

#### **Deliveries & Site Access**

- The primary delivery location from this point forward will be the permanent truck elevator and loading dock along Dean Street, near the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection.
- Temporary barriers will be placed as needed to segregate the public and any workers performing punch list work.

#### **Steel Erection Façade Installation**

- Façade and glass panels will continue to be installed/ replaced during this period as needed.

### Mechanical, Electrical, & Plumbing

- Mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection punch list will be performed during this reporting period.

### Interior Build-out

- The masonry, gypsum board and millwork contractors will continue working on punch list activities and change order activities at all levels during this reporting period.
- Activities related to the installation of the arena blackout curtains and the high ceiling lapidaries (noise dampening) curtains will continue this reporting period.

### **New Subway Entrance Moves Forward**

Beneficial Use was issued by NYCT 9/12/2012 and the station opened 9/17/2012 at 7:30AM to the public. Minor punch list item work is being coordinated with NYCT.

### **What's Happening in the Rail Yard**

#### Deliveries

- Posillico/Tully will continue to receive deliveries of material for the yard and CAB construction.

#### Rodent Control Measures Taken

- McKissack has implemented an ongoing rodent control plan which is being monitored weekly. There are over 166 bait stations laid in this area. Across the site, additional measures are being instituted to redouble efforts related to food garbage control, including the provision of additional garbage containers. In addition, baiting stations have been or will be inspected to confirm operation and repaired or relocated as needed.

Rodent control plan is currently being transitioned since the northern portion of the Rail yard is now controlled by the LIRR and the southern portion is the construction area. McKissack/Posillico are working with Colony Pest Management to re-implement this program in the southern yard.

#### Carlton Ave. Bridge

- The bridge has been reopened to vehicular traffic as a two way roadway. Vehicles are able to access this block from eastbound and westbound Atlantic Avenue and are now able to make left and right turns from Carlton Avenue onto Atlantic Avenue at this location.
- Contractor forces are continuing work to finish various portions of the CAB work that were not fully completed prior to inspection. These "punch list" items will be

completed primarily during the day, but may require night time or weekend work to complete.

#### Post Cutover

- The LIRR has begun operations in the north yard. Contractor forces are continuing work to finish various portions of the yard work that were not fully completed prior to the cutover. These include “Punch list” items generated by the LIRR and the design engineers who have both performed detailed inspections of the work.
- Subject to LIRR approval of work plan, permanent steel stairs will be installed at the east end of the LIRR yard starting on 10/5th. This work will be completed primarily during nights and/or weekends when there is no train traffic in the yard.

Some of this work will take place in the evenings during the week, and on weekends as it can only be done when no LIRR trains are present. This work is ongoing and will continue through this reporting period.

#### **Replacement of Adjacent Water Mains and other Utility Work**

- On behalf of the DEP, FCRC managed the installation of a new water trunk main and associated distribution mains on Flatbush Avenue and Atlantic Avenue west of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (a separate DEP water main replacement project took place in the median of Atlantic Avenue east of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue). The work under FCRC’s management was divided into three stages.

The installation of the new trunk water main and associated distribution main in all stages is complete. Cleaning, pressurization, inspection and chlorination are also essentially complete. Punch list work will continue for several weeks. This work is intermittent and is coordinated with other trades in the area.

#### **Block 1129 (Carlton, Dean, Vanderbilt, Pacific) – Construction Staging, Parking Lot and Wall Reinforcement**

Construction of the Block 1129 parking lot is substantially complete with work to be completed on the perimeter fence this period. Work will include installation of infill panels at the gates, grouting of posts, and touch up paint.

#### **Traffic Mitigation Site Work**

- Atlantic Avenue Medians

The medians to the north of the arena block are complete except for Punch list.

Milling, paving and striping around the arena block has been essentially completed. Punch list items may continue into this two week period if weather prevented completion.

DOT is responsible for milling paving and permanent striping of Atlantic Avenue, between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Vanderbilt. Work is expected to be conducted after arena opening.

- A traffic and lighting conduit will be installed across 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Dean and Bergen Streets during this two week period. The work is required to replace a damaged conduit. It is outside of the recently paved area of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Verizon has completed installation on Pacific Street, between 6<sup>th</sup> and Carlton. Work was not related to the arena.
- ConEd discovered some blockages and missing conduits in Atlantic and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues. ConEd crews may begin repair or replacement of the conduits in the next two week period.
- Removal of the grass strip on the north side of Pacific Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and Carlton Avenue will not be completed at this time, as had been reported in the previous Construction Alert, because of work related to the LIRR yard that will be performed January 2013 through December 2013. The sidewalk will be replaced in sections as the work progresses. In the interim, the area will be cleaned and replaced with mulch.
- Traffic on Pacific Street between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Carlton Avenue is now two-way.

### **Arena Site Work**

- All work is now substantially complete.
- Wayfinding directories, miscellaneous painting of fire hydrants and fenders and punch list items will be completed.

### **Broadcast Lot – Block 1128**

- All work is complete except for pavement markings, installation of the mesh on the north and east fences and punch list.

### **Dean Street Playground Comfort Station**

- As part of the construction impact mitigation requirements FCRC is constructing a comfort station in the Dean Street Playground near the eastern entrance to the park at Bergen Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and Carlton Avenues. The design, which includes men's and women's rooms, a small maintenance storage room and perimeter paving and

landscaping, has been approved by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, Community Board and the New York City Public Design Commission.

- Exterior work including windows, flashings and some masonry will continue. Interior finish work will also continue during this period. . Street utility work is complete except for National Grid which will install their own facilities. Site work will continue. The work is scheduled to be complete mid November.

### **How to Reach Our Community Liaison Office (CLO)**

Both the CLO phone line (866-923-5315) and email ([communityliaison@atlanticyards.com](mailto:communityliaison@atlanticyards.com)) are operational and community residents are encouraged to use both when making inquiries.

As of May 14<sup>th</sup>, the Community Liaison Office has been relocated to the existing building at 752 Pacific Street, due to construction on Block 1129. The CLO will continue to be open M-F from 9am – 4pm and the phone number, 866-923-5315 and email, [communityliaison@atlanticyards.com](mailto:communityliaison@atlanticyards.com) will remain the same. Visitors seeking the office should enter through the guard booth at the corner of Carlton Avenue and Pacific Street.