

This Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Farley Post Office/Moynihan Station Redevelopment Project responds to all substantive comments made on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that was accepted as complete by the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process. A DEIS was prepared for the proposed action, and a notice of completion for the DEIS was issued on April 27, 2006. A public hearing was held on the DEIS on May 31, 2006, and the public comment period remained open until June 30, 2006.

Subsequent to the issuance of the DEIS, there have been no substantive changes to the project. Since completion of the DEIS, a clarification has been made concerning the way in which the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will fulfill their requirements for complying with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. A Programmatic Agreement is currently being prepared among FRA, ESDC, the Moynihan Station Development Corporation (MSDC), the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation acting in its capacity as the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Developer C (if approved as the preferred developer), and perhaps the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The Programmatic Agreement will stipulate continuing consultation between ESDC/MSDC, the preferred developer, and SHPO concerning the project design. It will also stipulate the implementation of mitigation in the event that adverse impacts are identified from the proposed project. To comply with its Section 106 requirements, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has executed a Memorandum of Agreement with ESDC and SHPO for the transfer of the Farley Complex. More detailed information on the Section 106 processes can be found in the revised text of Chapter 8, "Historic Resources."

Other minor differences between the DEIS and FEIS include:

- A revised Executive Summary.
- A slight revision to Chapter 3, "Land Use, Zoning, and Public Policy" to reflect a request by the New York City Planning Commission that a reference be made to ESDC's exercise of its override power on the New York City Zoning Resolution to facilitate the use of the Farley Building for rail service.
- The addition of a commitment to consult with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and its constituent agencies, as well as New Jersey Transit and Amtrak on designing the proposed project and in planning for its construction.

In these instances or where other minor corrections were appropriate, the FEIS text was revised in response to comments or changes in the project. Revisions made by the addition of new text are indicated by double underlining. *

* The Foreword is new to the FEIS.