



Infrastructure's Big Moment Is Coming

By Anthony Flint

Infrastructure was high on the agenda at the American Planning Association's National Planning Conference, which happened this past week. The location—New York City—is a veritable showroom of projects. I took a sold-out Acela train that glided into Penn Station and carried on under the Hudson River, where a new tunnel is planned. The Second Avenue subway is up and running; north of town, a new Tappan Zee Bridge is being built. The city planning directors from around the country who convened for this annual gathering got a tour of Hudson Yards, rising up near the convention center, and learned about financing innovations that made it possible, including value capture—harnessing a portion of the massive increases in property values associated with the extension of the 7 subway line.

But not far away, there's a reminder of how urban infrastructure can go wrong: the Sheridan Expressway, a few miles away in the Bronx. The short stretch of highway opened in

1963 in the Hunts Point neighborhood, part of the road-building frenzy orchestrated by New York's legendary get-things-done czar, Robert Moses. Like many other extensions through urban neighborhoods under the Interstate Highway Act, the jumble of asphalt and steel accelerated blight in the community, and, some would argue, further facilitated white flight to the suburbs.

Governor Andrew Cuomo now proposes spending \$1.8 billion to dismantle it, in the same spirit of urban reclamation behind highway re-dos in other cities, from Boston's Big Dig to San Francisco's Embarcadero Freeway. Deconstruction looks very promising in many respects. But it, too, is raising problems. Some fear the dismantling and redevelopment plan will fuel gentrification in the Bronx. So it is that a shovel-ready project from a half-century ago has become the bad gift that keeps on giving.

I bring up the Sheridan Expressway not to dwell on the negative, among all the shiny objects that surround us here, but to call for a stop-and-think moment as the nation readies for a promised \$1 trillion investment in infrastructure.



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NYS DOT Contract No: D263452
Bid Date: May 24, 2017

Description of project:
Construction of a new westbound bridge structure over Newtown Creek between Vandervoort Avenue in Brooklyn and the Long Island Expressway Interchange in Queens. The project includes a new cable-stayed main span structure over Newtown Creek and pre-cast concrete girder approach spans in Brooklyn and Queens. The project also includes realigned ramps in Queens, new retaining walls, and new green spaces.

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MTA LIRR Contract No. 6241
Bid Date: June 8, 2017

Description of project:
The LIRR intends to construct a new locomotive repair shop to replace the existing 125-year-old Morris Park Round House, which has outlived its useful life and is presenting an additional maintenance burden on operating resources. The new facility will be better equipped to maintain the LIRR's current fleet of diesel locomotives used in revenue service, as well as the fleet of diesel work locomotives. In addition, the project will provide new electrical service to the facility for lighting and shop equipment. The work shall include, but is not limited to: Shop Facilities—Front Shop Which Includes the Following: Four Service Tracks, One Release Track, Drop Table Tracks, and Inspection Pits.

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Long Island Railroad Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville
MTA LIRR Contract
Bid Date: July 6, 2017

Description of project:
The LIRR Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville is a strategic component in Governor Andrew Cuomo's comprehensive plan to transform New York's vital transportation infrastructure while improving the economy, environment, and future of Long Island. The Expansion is decades in the making. Residents and commuters along the Main Line corridor have long sought a mass transit solution to reduce congestion, improve safety and the environment, and provide an appealing alternative to driving, with minimal disruption to existing services and without residential property takings. The new plan includes construction of a 9.8 mile third track between the Floral Park and Hicksville stations, the elimination of 7 grade crossings to improve safety and reduce road traffic, and upgrades to infrastructure, stations, and parking along the route.

Subcontracting opportunities include, but are not limited to:
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Inviting qualified contractors, specifically MBE/WBE/DBE firms certified/eligible as listed above, to contact Shea McNally JV (Prime Contractor listed below) regarding subcontracting services and material supply opportunities in connection with the upcoming tunnel and shafts project.

The Work under this contract is located in Long Island (Babylon), New York. The Work consists of:

Southwest Outfall Replacement, Capital Project No. 8108
Owner: County of Suffolk – Dept. of Public Works-Yaphank, NY
Capital Project No. 8108
BID DATE: June 8, 2017 at 11:00 AM

Opportunities to participate exist in the following specific areas of soil and rock excavation, hauling, excavation support systems, underground blasting, structural steel, engineering, survey, instrumentation and monitoring services, materials testing, demolition and site preparation, environmental investigation, utility relocation, paving, fencing and gates, geotechnical and structural instrumentation, slurry wall, cased auger shaft construction, secant piles, cast-in-place concrete structures, reinforcing steel, ground stabilization, rock-bolts, steel dowels, shotcrete, concrete finishing, waterproofing, service utilities, grouting, mechanical equipment – hydraulic, sluice & weir gates, electrical services, pest control, IT services, security, waste disposal, cleaning services, and security services.

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Shea McNally JV set up an FTP site where you can view all plans, specifications and addendums for your convenience. Please contact Steve Fiore at (909) 595-4397, Steven.Fiore@jfshea.com, to receive instructions on accessing the FTP Site.

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Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
SUNY Polytechnic Institute, 100 Seymour Road, Kunsela Hall, Room A129, Utica, NY
Main Sponsor(s): Small Business Administration
Syracuse District Office, Mohawk Valley Small Business Development Center, Utica SCORE
Contact: Michael Stout, 315-471-9393 X 226, michael.stout@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required

Boots to Business Reboot is a two-step training program that provides participants an overview of business ownership as a career vocation, an outline and knowledge on the components of a business plan, a practical exercise in opportunity recognition, and an introduction to available public and private sector resources. Step one is the Introduction to Entrepreneurship course eligible to veterans of all eras, service members (including members of the National Guard and Reserve) and their spouses. Step two is the follow-on Foundations of Entrepreneurship course instructed by a consortium of professors and skilled business advisors from the SBA Network. Register for the May 16 or other Reboot classes at https://sbavets.force.com

Supporting Women in Business
Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 5:30 pm–7:30 pm
Peabody and Arnold, 600 Atlantic Avenue, Federal Reserve Plaza, Boston, MA
Main Sponsor(s): Center for Women Enterprise, Eastern Bank, and REBA
Contact: Nicole Cohen, cohen@reba.net
Fee: Free; registration required

Feel free to bring along other lawyers and real estate professionals—real estate brokers, property managers, bank officers, loan officers, mortgage brokers, appraisers, architects, engineers, landscape architects, designers, etc.—who may enjoy meeting other women in our professional community and becoming a part of our growing network. To attend, RSVP by May 18, 2017, to Nicole Cohen at cohen@reba.net. Your RSVP to Nicole Cohen at cohen@reba.net is required to enter this event.

The Right Foot Business Start-Up Workshop
Thursday, May 25, 2017, 9:00 am–11:30 am
Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce, 1 Chamber Way, Westerly, RI
Main Sponsor(s): Rhode Island Small Business Development Center
Contact: Susan Snyder, 401-874-7232, snyder@uri.edu
Fee: Free; registration required

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