HERKIMER-WILLIAMS EIS
Foreword[1]

This document is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Herkimer-Williams EIS. Acting on behalf of the City Planning Commission (CPC), which is the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) lead agency, the New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) determined the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Actions to be complete and issued a Notice of Completion for the DEIS on May 30, 2025. Public Notice for a public hearing on the DEIS was published in the *amMetro NewYork* on September 22, 2025, in the *City Record* on September 23, 2025, and in the *Environmental Notice Bulletin* on September 24, 2025. The public hearing on the DEIS was held on October 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the CPC Hearing Room, Lower Concourse, 120 Broadway, New York, New York 10271. The public hearing was accessible to view and participate in both in person and remotely via the teleconferencing application Zoom. Comments were accepted at that hearing and throughout the public comment period, which remained open through 5:00 PM on October 20, 2025.

This FEIS addresses all substantive comments made on the DEIS during the DEIS public hearing and subsequent DEIS comment period. Those comments are summarized and responded to in **Chapter 26, "Response to Comments on the DEIS."** Written comments on the DEIS are included as a new **Appendix I, "Public Hearing Transcript and Comments Received on the DEIS,"** along with a written transcript of the public hearing. In addition, this FEIS also reflects all substantive changes to technical analyses resulting from agency reviews, and material changes in conditions since the issuance of the DEIS.

Principal changes between the DEIS and this FEIS include:

- Revisions to **Chapter 1, "Project Description,"** to reflect a modification to the proposed Large-Scale General Development (LSGD) Special Permit requested by the Applicant. The modification was also reflected in all other chapters where applicable.
- Revisions to **Chapter 7, "Historic and Cultural Resources,"** to reflect the New York State Historic Preservation Office's July 28, 2025 determination that the Atlantic Avenue Station is eligible for S/NR listing.
- Revisions to **Chapter 13, "Transportation"** to incorporate revisions to the No-Action and With-Action traffic, transit, and pedestrian analyses in response to agency comments. Further, a parking analysis has been provided in response to agency comments and is entirely new to the document.
- Revisions to **Chapter 14, "Air Quality"** to reflect the updated No-Action and With-Action traffic analyses, as well as revisions to include additional refinements/modeling related to mobile source annual average $PM_{2.5}$ analyses.
- Revisions to **Chapter 16, "Noise"** to reflect the updated No-Action and With-Action traffic analyses.
- Revisions to **Chapter 17, "Public Health"** and **Chapter 18, "Neighborhood Character"** to reflect updated conclusions in the areas of transportation and air quality.
- Revisions to **Chapter 19, "Construction,"** to include a quantified transportation analysis for the AM and PM peak construction periods.

[1] This Foreword is new to the FEIS.

- Updated conclusions in **Chapter 20, "Mitigation,"** and **Chapter 22, "Unavoidable Adverse Impacts,"** in the areas of transportation, air quality, and construction transportation to reflect further evaluation of potential mitigation measures conducted between the DEIS and FEIS in coordination between the lead agency (DCP) and other involved agencies.
- Revisions to **Chapter 25, "Effects on Disadvantaged Communities"** in the areas of transportation, air quality, and construction transportation to reflect further evaluation of potential mitigation measures conducted between the DEIS and FEIS in coordination between the lead agency (DCP) and other involved agencies.
- **Chapter 26, "Response to Comments on the DEIS,"** which is entirely new to the document.
- **Appendix H, "DEIS Technical Memorandum,"** which is entirely new to the document.
- **Appendix I, "Public Hearing Transcript and Comments Received on the DEIS,"** which is entirely new to the document.

Except where indicated, all text changes since publication of the DEIS are marked by double underlining and ~~strikethroughs~~ in this FEIS. No underlining is used for the **Foreword** or **Chapter 26, "Response to Comments on the DEIS,"** both of which are entirely new.