QueensWay: Metropolitan Hub & Forest Park Pass

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Project Overview

Background

- The QueensWay vision plan was developed through a partnership formed in 2011 between Friends of the QueensWay and Trust for Public Land, and proposes to convert the former LIRR Rockaway Beach Branch (RBB) into a new, public park
- In 2022, Mayor Adams announced $35 million, with $2.5 million from the NYC Council for design and construction of the first component, QueensWay Metropolitan Hub
- In 2024, NYC Parks was awarded a $117.6M federal USDOT Neighborhood Access and Equity grant to design and construct the second component, QueensWay Forest Park Pass.



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Goals

- EDC Capital Program to deliver two components of the QueensWay, the Metropolitan Hub and the Forest Park Pass, on behalf of the City and NYC Department of Parks and Recreation
- NYC Parks and NYCEDC's vision for the QueensWay Metropolitan Hub and Forest Park Pass includes:
  - A family-friendly linear park and cultural greenway that offers an opportunity to celebrate local history and culture.
  - Enhanced recreational facilities that will provide plentiful opportunities for exercise, play, connections to nature, including through nature walks with interpretive signage, and flexible gathering spaces.

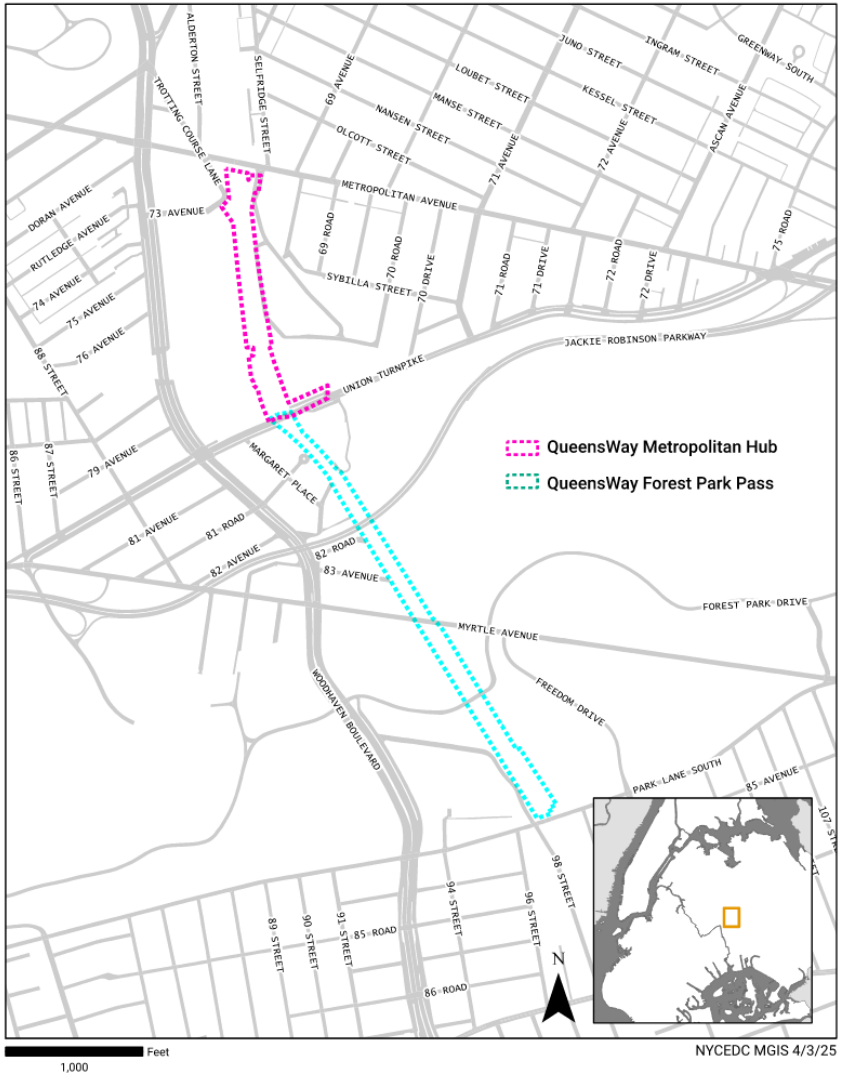


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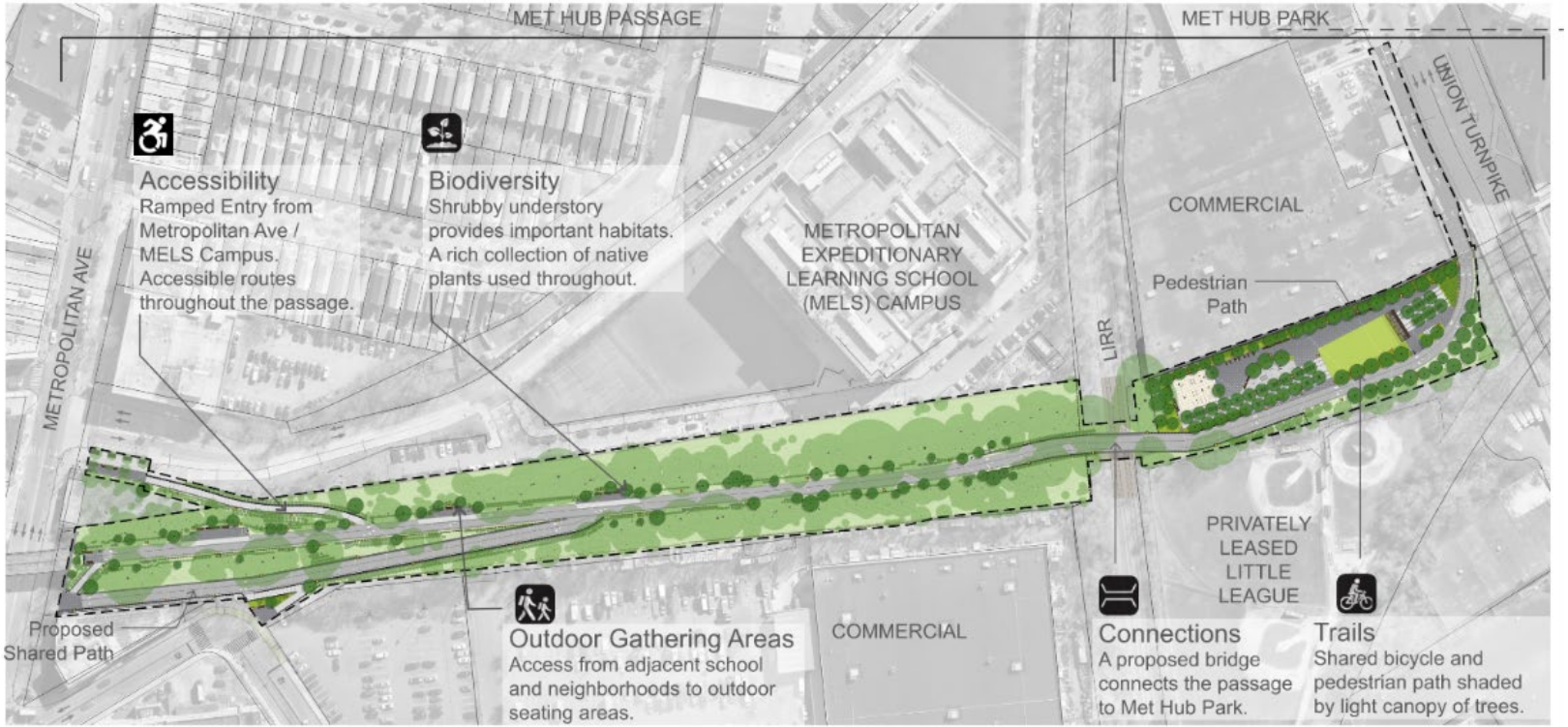
Project Location

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- The design and construction of the QueensWay linear park on former Rockaway Beach Branch Long Island Railroad (LIRR) corridor, including:
- Metropolitan Hub
  - Approximately 5 acres
  - Located in Forest Hills between Metropolitan Avenue and Union Turnpike and
- Forest Park Pass
  - Approximately 9 acres
  - Located in Forest Park between Union Turnpike and Park Lane South

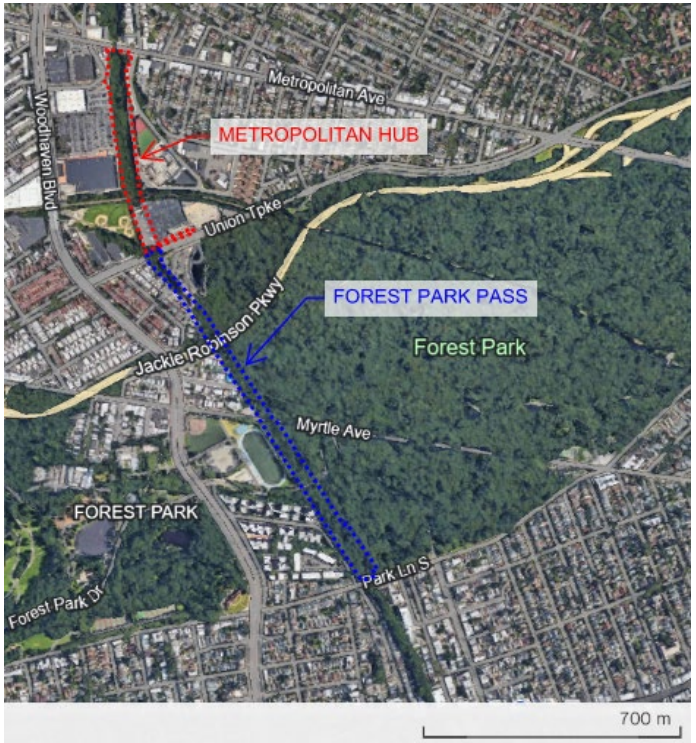


Project Details – Metropolitan Hub



Project Details – Forest Park Pass





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Executive Committee Request

Contract Authorization

- Request authorization to enter into contracts up to $152,687,000. Contracts will include a design contract for Forest Park Pass with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. which is anticipated at up to $12,000,000; approximately $1,700,000 for a new special inspections contract either through a new contract or for services under an existing special inspections retainer contract; approximately $1,200,000 will be used for one or more force account agreements; and all or most of the remaining balance will be used for a CM Contract.
  - Design Contract for Design and Related Consulting Services for Forest Park Pass Component
  - Consulting Contract for Construction Management Services for Metropolitan Hub & Forest Park Pass Components
  - Overall Project Budget: $152,687,000
    - $32.5M City Mayoral Funds, $2.491M City Council Funds and $117.696M Federal Funds
  - Contract Procurements:
    - Publicly Advertised RFP (Design Consultant, Construction Management Services, Special Inspections)
    - Sole Source (Force Account)
  - DBE Goal of Forest Park Pass Design Consultant RFP: 12%
  - Anticipated Contract Term: Q2 2025 – Q2 2030

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