

**Summary of Information provided by NYC Deputy Mayor of Operations Laura Anglin**  
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**Design Project Status**

- Infrastructure design support has slowed with priority for emergency and critical infrastructure repairs for the safety of city residents and workers. Design service contracts that are not focused on COVID-19 response, health and safety, or critical bridge and street reconstruction projects are largely paused while the City prioritizes protecting health, safety, shelter and access to food for all New Yorkers in order to be sure that necessary funding is available.

**What is the expected duration of the design project pause?**

- Paused projects may resume on a case by case basis in the coming months of 2020.

**What needs to occur for pauses to be lifted?**

- Currently, personnel and financial resources are focused on the emergency response. Additionally, if recovery funds are allocated to the City by way of an infrastructure or stimulus bill, these resources may be used to restart projects.

**What project-criteria will the City use to prioritize/sequence which design projects resume sooner vs later?**

- Criteria for the recovery and response to the crisis are in development, however, projects associated with crisis recovery will be prioritized.

**Capital Program Status**

**What are COVID19's expected impacts on City capital programs and new procurements?**

- The capital program and new procurements are under evaluation. It is anticipated that some programs may be slowed or postponed.
- Procurement of new design services are paused due to the financial impact of the crisis, with the exception of projects associated with COVID response, recovery, and other emergency work. Project procurement schedules may be revised as the capital program is evaluated.

**Does the City have a strategy with respect to economic reopening/recovery and the role of design projects within this context?**

- The City has a large pipeline of capital projects, however, the current strategy is responding to emergency needs and current resources. Once there is an indication of stimulus funding or rebounded revenue, the strategy will be reassessed.

**Does the City anticipate impacts on payments by City agencies to vendors (ie. professional engineering firms)? Are payments expected to slow, or remain the same pace?**

- The City is honoring its contracts and will process payments as expeditiously as possible.

**Is there anything the City can do to expedite payments?**

- The City recognizes the constraints many businesses are facing during this crisis and is working to process payments while addressing cash flow.

## **General**

### **Is there anything ACEC New York can do to assist your office at this time?**

- The City relies on the input of ACEC New York industry leaders as the City looks to recovery and opening. The City is grateful to have strong leaders and advocates across the construction and development industry.
- DM Anglin and DM Been co-chair the COVID recovery construction sector advisory council with the DOB, DDC, HPD, and EDC leadership to discuss a path to restarting the economy. Members include representatives from the design and construction industry such as SKANSKA, AECOM, Liro, SOM, KPF, Gilbane, and others.
- In the efforts to restart and recover, the City relies on your support and partnership in pursuit of Federal stimulus for infrastructure.
- The City is interested in input for an equitable recovery, and advice for legislation that will facilitate expeditious delivery of capital programs.