

CONTRACT NO. HBM1056A

REHABILITATION OF HOUSTON STREET OVERPASS AT FDR DRIVE

BIN No's. 2-23204-0, 2-23204-A, and 2-23204-B

30 DAY COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION FOR PAINT REMOVAL BY ABRASIVE BLASTING

The purpose of this notification is to inform you that New York City Department of Transportation, in an ongoing effort to maintain and rehabilitate the bridge infrastructure, has scheduled abrasive blasting and protective coating operations for the Houston Street Overpass at FDR Drive to begin on or about **March 30, 2016**.

The NYCDOT and its Contractor will strictly adhere to the safety requirements regarding lead paint removal as approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH), New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP), New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

I. The contract work involves removal of paint which may contain lead, by use of abrasive blasting. Abrasive blasting involves use of compressed air to propel abrasive particles against the surface to be cleaned. The area to be cleaned will be entirely contained within impermeable walls with the sealed joints. Negative pressure maintained within the containment during blasting operations will prevent paint waste dust from being released. The air in the area surrounding the containment enclosure will be monitored and tested with scientific equipment, and the abrasive blasting will be stopped if there is any indication that the containment enclosure is not working as designed. In the unlikely event of emissions, they will be cleaned utilizing high-efficiency HEPA vacuums in accordance with approved methods. All paint wastes will be packaged and shipped from the site for disposal, meeting all applicable local, state and federal guidelines, regulations and laws.

II. The paint removal by abrasive blasting is scheduled to begin on or about **March 30, 2016**.

III. This work may occur 24 hours per day, seven days a week and may generate some noise. The painting is scheduled to be completed by **September 30, 2017**. Paint removal by abrasive blasting will not necessarily occur during the entire time period specified above.

IV. If you have any questions or complaints regarding this project, you may contact:

COMMUNITY LIAISON: Melissa Johnson
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V. The public will be protected from paint wastes by the containment enclosure, by the air emissions monitoring and laboratory tests as per the Contract requirements. Warning signs will be posted at the project site in accordance with NYCDEP and NYCDOHMH guidelines. The paint removal workers will be protected by using personal protective equipment and by following the protection procedures set forth in the Federal OSHA regulations.

Additional copies of this notification are available upon request from your Community Board or from the NYCDOT. We invite you to distribute them to the members of your community.