



BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT ANTONIO REYNOSO

UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PROCESS (ULURP) APPLICATION

ULURP NUMBER	C260309PPK
PROJECT NAME	Con Edison Permanent Easement Gateway Microtunnel
APPLICANT TEAM	NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services
PROJECT BRIEF	An application by the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) for disposition approval of a permanent subsurface easement to allow construction of microtunnel and feeders by Consolidated Edison at 209 York Street (Block 56, part of Lot 7) in Community District 2, Brooklyn.
COMMUNITY DISTRICT	Brooklyn Community District 2
COUNCIL MEMBER	Council Member Lincoln Restler

BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

DATE	August 5, 2026		
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Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso

RECOMMENDATION FOR

Con Edison Permanent Easement Gateway Microtunnel – ULURP # C260309PPK

BE IT RESOLVED that the Brooklyn Borough President, pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, recommends that the City Planning Commission and City Council approve this application.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project Area is located at P.S. 307 Daniel Hale Williams Elementary School at 209 York Street in the Vinegar Hill neighborhood of Brooklyn Community District 2. The school occupies a full block bounded by York Street, Front Street, Gold Street, and Hudson Avenue and includes the school building, athletic fields, and playgrounds. The surrounding area is characterized by a mix of residential, industrial, and institutional uses. To the south and west are the Farragut Houses and Ingersoll Houses NYCHA developments, while the Brooklyn Navy Yard lies immediately east across Hudson Avenue. The area is served by the B57, B62, B67, and B69 bus routes, with nearby access to the F and A/C subway lines. The Project Area is located within an R6A zoning district, with a C2-4 commercial overlay along York Street. Surrounding zoning districts include R6, R6B, M1-2, M2-1, and M3-1.

The proposed action is associated with Con Edison's Brooklyn Clean Energy Hub, a transmission substation currently under construction on Hudson Avenue along the East River. The Hub will serve as a major connection point for offshore wind and other renewable energy sources, strengthening Brooklyn's electric transmission network while advancing New York City's clean energy goals. As part of this project, Con Edison will construct new underground transmission feeders connecting the Hub to the Gateway Substation in Canarsie and the Nevins Street Substation in Gowanus to improve system reliability and accommodate future electrical demand.

The proposed actions consist of the disposition of a permanent subsurface easement beneath approximately 3,900 square feet of City-owned property at P.S. 307. The easement would facilitate construction of an underground microtunnel and electrical feeders approximately 50 feet below the school's eastern playground. Due to the dense network of existing underground infrastructure and the irregular street grid in Vinegar Hill, routing the transmission line beneath the school property is necessary because the tunnel cannot make the turn from Hudson Avenue onto York Street. No above-grade improvements are proposed, and the playground and school operations would remain unaffected following construction.

COMMUNITY BOARD POSITION

Community Board 2 voted on June 17, 2026, to approve the application with a vote of 28 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstaining.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT PUBLIC HEARING

The Borough President held a hearing on this item on Wednesday, July 8, 2026. One member of the public provided testimony at the hearing, and the Borough President's Office received no written testimony via email.

APPROVAL RATIONALE

Borough President Reynoso recommends approval.

The proposed easement will facilitate construction of critical infrastructure supporting Con Edison's Brooklyn Clean Energy Hub, a major investment in New York City's clean energy future. The project will strengthen the reliability and resiliency of Brooklyn's electric grid and enable the integration of offshore wind and other renewable energy sources.

The proposal is consistent with the 2025 Comprehensive Plan for Brooklyn, specifically the Climate Element, Objective 1 ("Support a just transition to green renewable energy"), Strategy 1 ("Support the development of large-scale renewable energy projects"). Because the easement is entirely below grade, the project will not result in permanent impacts to the school's playground while advancing the City's clean energy, climate resilience, and long-term infrastructure goals.

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