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OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

At the beginning of the visioning process, members of the Task Force were asked to identify the priority issues that needed to be addressed. From that discussion, one unifying theme emerged from the myriad of issues raised: the consistent desire to improve the environment and to create a place where businesses and residents would thrive. From this vision—this hope—the Task Force proceeded, building upon the desire to build a healthier, safer, cleaner and more sustainable community in Hunts Point.

The issues raised by the Task Force were grouped in four general categories.

- **Optimizing Land Use.** There is a clear need to guide development in the peninsula in a rational manner, making sure that businesses can thrive and that environmental standards are met.
- **Implementing Workforce Solutions.** With an unemployment rate on the peninsula reaching nearly 24 percent, the Task Force's goal is to better link employment opportunities to local residents. Additionally, creating an attractive neighborhood with basic retail amenities is essential for retaining and attracting qualified employees.
- **Creating Connections.** Stronger connections are needed between Hunts Point and (1) its waterfront, (2) the regional highway system, (3) New York's public transit system and (4) other Bronx neighborhoods.
- **Improving Traffic Safety and Efficiency.** More than 77,000 vehicles a day move through the Hunts Point peninsula, including some 15,000 trucks. Overcrowded streets result in delays and traffic congestion that have a negative impact on air, public health, residential quality of life and business production. Consequently, traffic management and promoting alternative modes of transportation are critical issues.

Each of these categories is explored in more detail on the following pages.



Pedestrian crosswalk in residential area at Spofford Avenue and Coster Street



Rail tracks and the Bruckner Expressway isolate Hunts Point from the rest of the Bronx