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**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
RESOLUTION NO. 1615**

**Resolution approving the decision of the City Planning Commission on Application No. N 170317 ZRM, for an amendment of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, modifying Article IX, Chapter 3 (Special Hudson Yards District), Community District 4, Borough of Manhattan (L.U. No. 715).**

**By Council Members Greenfield and Richards**

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission filed with the Council on July 14, 2017 its decision dated July 12, 2017 (the "Decision"), pursuant to Section 201 of the New York City Charter, regarding an application submitted by BOP NW, LLC, for an amendment of the text of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, modifying Article IX, Chapter 3 (Special Hudson Yards District), (Application No. N 170317 ZRM), Community District 4, Borough of Manhattan (the "Application");

WHEREAS, the Decision is subject to review and action by the Council pursuant to Section 197-d(b)(1) of the City Charter;

WHEREAS, upon due notice, the Council held a public hearing on the Decision and Application on July 27, 2017;

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the land use implications and other policy issues relating to the Decision and Application; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the relevant environmental issues, including the environmental assessment statement (EAS) issued on March 31, 2017 (CEQR No. 17DCP127M), (the "Environmental Assessment Statement");

RESOLVED:

The Council finds that the action described herein will have no significant impact on the environment as set forth in the Environmental Assessment Statement.

Pursuant to Sections 197-d and 200 of the City Charter and on the basis of the Decision and Application, and based on the environmental determination and consideration described in the report, N 170317 ZRM, incorporated by reference herein, the Council approves the Decision.

Matter underlined is new, to be added;

Matter ~~struck out~~ is to be deleted;

Matter within # # is defined in Section 12-10;

\* \* \* indicates where unchanged text appears in the Zoning Resolution

ARTICLE IX  
SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS

Chapter 3  
Special Hudson Yards District

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93-70  
PUBLIC ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL SITES

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93-72  
Public Access Areas at 450 West 33rd Street

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93-721  
Design and maintenance requirements for public access areas at 450 West 33rd Street

Public access areas at 450 West 33rd Street provided pursuant to the requirements of Section 93- 72 shall comply with the applicable design reference standards set forth in paragraph (a), and the maintenance provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section.

(a) Design reference standards

The public access areas required by paragraphs (c) and (d) of Section 93-72 (Public Access Areas at 450 West 33rd Street)s

(1) at least two litter receptacles in such public access areas shall be provided;

(2) ~~all open spaces within the public access areas at 450 West 33rd Street shall provide open space signage pursuant to the standards set forth in Section 37-751 (Public space signage systems).~~ the following public signage system:  
~~In addition, a minimum of two wayfinding #signs# shall be provided;~~

(i) One entry plaque shall be provided in each of the following locations:

(aa) the Dyer Avenue access point to the West 31st Street Passageway;

(bb) the Tenth Avenue Podium access point to the West 31st Street Passageway; and

(cc) the #street# level entrance to the Tenth Avenue Podium.

(ii) Each entry plaque is subject to the signage standards as set forth in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a) (4) of Section 37-751 (Public space signage systems).

(iii) Each entry plaque shall be mounted on a wall, a permanent free- standing post, or on a post located within a planter, with its center five feet above the elevation of the nearest walkable pavement. The maximum height of such free-standing post shall be six feet, with a maximum width and depth of 16 inches. Each entry plaque shall be in a position that clearly identifies the

entry into the portion of the public access areas at 450 West 33rd Street that such plaque is provided in connection with, and placed so that the entire entry plaque is obvious and directly visible, without any obstruction, along every line of sight from all paths of pedestrian access to that portion of the public access areas at 450 West 33rd Street.

(iv) A minimum of two information plaques, constructed from the same permanent materials as the entry plaque, or combined with one or more of the required entry plaques, shall be provided within the public access areas. Information plaques shall be mounted on a wall, a permanent free-standing post, or on a post located within a planter, with its center five feet above the elevation of the nearest walkable pavement. The maximum height of such free-standing post shall be six feet, with a maximum width and depth of 16 inches.

(v) The information plaque is subject to the signage standards as set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(6) of Section 37-751, except that paragraph (b)(3) shall be modified to read: ‘in lettering three-eighths of an inch in height, the words “This public access area contains:” followed by the total linear feet of seating, the type and quantity of trees and the number of additional required amenities, such as moveable seating, that are provided in the portion of the public access area in which the entry plaque or information plaque is provided.

- (3) the minimum level of illumination shall be 1.5 horizontal foot candles (lumens per foot);
- (4) no gates, fences or other barriers shall be permitted within such public access areas; and
- (5) for the purposes of applying the #sign# regulations to #building# walls facing public access areas, such public access areas shall be considered #streets#.

(b) Maintenance

The owner(s) shall be responsible for the maintenance of all public access areas, including, but not limited to, litter control, management of pigeons and rodents, maintenance of required lighting levels, and the care and replacement of furnishings and vegetation.

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93-73

Public Access Areas on the Ninth Avenue Rail Yard

For the purposes of this Section 93-73, inclusive, the Ninth Avenue Rail Yard shall be considered the area bounded by the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue, the northern #street line# of West 31st Street, a line located 498 feet west of the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue and the southern #street line# of West 33rd Street. Such area shall include the tax lots located at Block 729, Lots 50 and 60, existing on April 29, 2014. Any #development# in such area shall provide public access areas in accordance with the provisions of this Section 93-73, inclusive.

Public access areas on the Ninth Avenue Rail Yard shall be comprised of the types of public access areas listed in this Section. Public access areas shall also include the area of the sidewalk widenings along Ninth Avenue and West 33rd Street required pursuant to Section 93-61 (Pedestrian Circulation Space). The entry plaza and the art plaza, as set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) of this Section, respectively, shall be subject to the hours of access provisions set forth in Section 37-727. All other public access areas listed in this Section shall be accessible to the public between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m.

(a) Entry Plaza

- (1) Location and minimum dimensions

A publicly accessible space, open to the sky (hereinafter referred to as the “entry plaza”), shall be located within

the area bounded by the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue, the southern #street line# of West 33rd Street, a line 168 feet south of and parallel to the southern #street line# of West 33rd Street and a line 60 feet west of and parallel to the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue, as shown on Map 1 (Subdistrict B: 450 West 33rd Street and Ninth Avenue Rail Yard Public Access Area Plan) in Appendix B of this Chapter. The entry plaza shall have a minimum area of 10,080 square feet, shall have a minimum frontage along Ninth Avenue of 168 feet and shall provide a direct connection to the central plaza required pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section. No more than 50 percent of the entry plaza area shall be covered by the permitted obstructions described in paragraph (a) of Section 37-726.

(2) Required amenities

The entry plaza shall have the following amenities:

- (i) a minimum of eight trees (or other amounts equivalent to a minimum of 32 caliper inches);
- (ii) at least 336 linear feet of seating including a minimum of 48 moveable chairs and 12 moveable tables. At least 50 percent of the seating, including movable seats, shall have backs and no more than 50 percent of the seating with backs shall be movable seating;
- (iii) two or more planting beds which, in the aggregate, occupy an area of at least 800 square feet. No more than 35 percent of the linear feet of the planting beds shall have bounding walls exceeding 18 inches in height above an adjacent walking surface;
- (iv) ground floor transparency, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c) of Section 93-14 (Ground Floor Level Requirements), shall apply to at least 70 percent of the length of all #building# walls facing the entry plaza; and
- (v) one clear pedestrian circulation path with a minimum width of 12 feet shall be provided adjacent to the #building# facing the entry plaza and shall extend for the full length of the #building# frontage.

(b) Central Plaza

(1) Location and minimum dimensions

A publicly accessible space (hereinafter referred to as the “central plaza”), shall be located within an area bounded by the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue, a line 168 feet south of and parallel to the southern #street line# of West 33rd Street, a line 478 feet west of and parallel to the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue, a line 187 167 feet north of and parallel to the northern #street line# of West 31st Street beyond 40 feet of the western street line of Ninth Avenue, and a line 478 40 feet west of and parallel to the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue, and a line 187 feet north of and parallel to the northern #street line# of West 31st Street within 40 feet of the western street line of Ninth Avenue, as shown on Map 1 in Appendix B of this Chapter. Except as provided in paragraph (b)(3) of this Section, the central plaza shall have a minimum area of 47,800 square feet, and shall have a minimum north-south dimension as measured from the #building# walls of the #buildings# facing onto the central plaza of 100 feet. The central plaza shall be open to the sky, except:

- (i) for the area occupied by the pavilion permitted by paragraph (b)(2)(vii) of this Section.; and
- (ii) within a line 115 feet west of and parallel to the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue, a #building# may cantilever over the central plaza and required circulation paths located therein, provided such cantilever extends no greater than 10 feet over such central plaza.

(2) Required amenities

The central plaza shall contain the following features and amenities:

(i) Landscaped area

A landscaped area shall be provided and shall contain a minimum of 44 trees (or other amounts equivalent to a minimum of 176 caliper inches), and planting beds which, in the aggregate, occupy an area of at least 7,500 square feet.

Within the area bounded by the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue and a line drawn 45 feet west of the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue, a minimum of 1,000 square feet of such total requirement shall be occupied by planting beds.

(ii) Seating

A minimum of 725 linear feet of seating shall be provided, with 120 moveable chairs and 30 moveable tables. At least 50 percent of the required seating shall have backs.

Within the area bounded by the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue and a line drawn 45 feet west of the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue, a minimum of 50 linear feet of seating of such total requirement shall be provided of which 50 percent shall have backs.

(iii) Event space

The portion of the central plaza located beyond a line drawn 295 feet west and parallel to the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue may be used for events (hereinafter referred to as the "event space"). Such event space ~~shall have~~ may be used for events not exceeding a maximum area of 4,500 square feet, except as set forth below for summer public events and winter public events, and may contain a temporary stage or platform and temporary seating associated with events. When such the event space is not being used for an event (general public events, summer public events, winter public events and private events), it shall contain a minimum of 192 linear feet of seating, with 96 moveable chairs and 24 moveable tables, and, during the period April 1 to November 15, a minimum of two moveable food carts within the event space or on the periphery thereof. Such tables and chairs shall be in addition to the amount required for the landscaped area in paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this Section. When the event space is being used for an event (general public events, summer public events, winter public events and private events), the additional tables, chairs and moveable food carts may be removed.

(aa) General Public Events

At all times of the year, the event space may be used to host general public events which are open and accessible to the general public and free of admission. During such public events, the event space may contain associated temporary structures and seating.

(bb) Summer Public Events

For not more than 75 days between April 1 and November 15, the event space may be used for summer public events which are open and accessible to the general public and free of admission charge where the temporary structures and seating associated with such summer public events may extend beyond 4,500 square feet, provided that the total area used for such summer public events does not exceed an additional 2,000 square feet and is located beyond a line drawn 295 feet west of and parallel to the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue.

(cc) Winter Public Events

Between November 15 and April 1, an ice skating rink, together with associated temporary structures, may extend beyond 4,500 square feet, provided that the total area used for the ice skating rink together with associated temporary structures does not exceed an additional 2,000 square feet and is located beyond a line drawn 295 feet west of and parallel to the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue. The ice skating rink shall be open and accessible to the general public, but a fee for use of the ice skating rink may be charged, provided the

combined total admission and equipment rental fees do not exceed the highest of such combined fees charged at any one rink operating in a #public park#.

(dd) Private Events

The City Planning Commission may allow the closing of the event space for up to 12 private events per year pursuant to a restrictive declaration acceptable to the City and recorded in the office of the City Register for New York County and indexed against the property.

For all events specified in this Section, temporary structures or seating associated with such an event (general public events, summer public events, winter public events and private events) permitted by this paragraph may be installed in the event space, provided the circulation paths required in paragraph (b)(2)(iv) of this Section remain unobstructed at all times.

(iv) Circulation paths

Circulation paths in the central plaza shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- (aa) pedestrian circulation paths ~~extending the full length of the central plaza~~ with an aggregate width of not less than 30 feet shall be provided;
- (bb) at least two of the required circulation paths with a minimum clear width of twelve feet shall be located within 20 feet of the facade of each #building# facing the central plaza;
- (cc) in addition to the circulation paths required by paragraph (b)(2)(iv)(aa) of this Section, at least two circulation paths shall be provided through the landscaped area required by paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this Section, which connect with the circulation paths required by paragraph (b)(2)(iv)(bb) of this Section;
- (dd) all circulation paths shall be unobstructed during events held in the event space permitted by paragraph (b)(2)(iii) of this Section; and
- (ee) a clear paths, with a total minimum aggregate width of at least 20 feet shall be ~~maintained~~ located at the boundary between where the entry plaza, required pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section, and the central plaza, required by paragraph (b) of this Section, ~~intersect~~ and at where the boundary between the art plaza, required pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section, and the central plaza, required by paragraph (a) of this Section intersect, provided that up to eight feet of such required clear path may be located within the entry plaza and within the art plaza, respectively, and that all clear paths counted toward the aggregate minimum width required by this paragraph shall be a minimum of 7 feet, 6 inches in clear width, and be located no further than 12 feet apart from one another.

(v) Transparency

The transparency requirements of paragraph (c) of Section 93-14 (Ground Floor Level Requirements) shall apply to the ground floor level of at least 70 percent of the length of all #building# walls facing each side of the central plaza.

(vi) Retail continuity

At least 40 percent of the frontage of any #building# fronting on the central plaza shall comply with the retail continuity requirements of paragraph (a) of Section 93-14 (Ground Floor Level Requirements) and at least 50 percent of the aggregate frontage of all #buildings# fronting on the central plaza shall comply with the retail continuity requirements of paragraph (a) of Section 93-14 (Ground Floor Level Requirements). Such retail space shall have a minimum depth of 30 feet measured perpendicular to the

wall adjoining the central plaza.

(vii) Pavilion

A #building# (hereinafter referred to as a "pavilion") containing #uses# listed in Use Groups 6A and 6C may be located within the central plaza, provided that such pavilion, and any seating associated with a use in the pavilion, shall be located at least ten feet west of the prolongation of the east face of the #building# fronting on the north side of the central plaza. The pavilion shall have a minimum #lot coverage# of 1,000 square feet and a maximum #lot coverage# of 3,000 square feet, with a maximum width of 40 feet parallel to Ninth Avenue. Such pavilion shall be no more than one #story# in height, except such one #story# limitation may be exceeded by portions of the pavilion allocated to mechanical equipment as well as restrooms and a food preparation kitchen occupying, in the aggregate, no more than 200 square feet area. Such pavilion shall not exceed a height limit of 25 feet, except that the permitted obstructions set forth in Section 33-42, as well as restrooms and a food preparation kitchen located above the level of the first #story# may be permitted to exceed such height limit provided that the height of such restroom and food preparation kitchen do not exceed ten feet. Seating may be provided for the #uses# in the pavilion provided that the total area occupied by the pavilion and such associated seating does not exceed a maximum #lot coverage# of 3,600 square feet and that such seating shall not count towards meeting the seating requirements set forth in paragraphs (b)(2)(ii) and (iii) of this Section. Floor space within the pavilion shall not be considered #floor area#. At least 60 percent of the exterior walls of the pavilion shall be transparent except for structural supports, provided that 100 percent of the east facing wall of the pavilion shall be transparent except for structural supports.

(3) Alternative design option

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (b)(1) of this Section, the minimum north-south width of the central plaza may be reduced to no less than 80 feet for at least 50 percent of the aggregate frontage of the #buildings# fronting on the central plaza, provided that such narrowed portion begins no further than 150 feet from the western #street line# of Ninth Avenue, and further provided that the minimum size of the central plaza is not less than 41,382 square feet. The minimum height of a #building# wall fronting upon such narrowed portion shall be 45 feet, and the maximum height of such #building# wall shall not exceed 85 feet. Above a height of 85 feet, the minimum setback distance shall be 10 feet and the minimum distance between #buildings# fronting on the central plaza shall be 100 feet.

(4) Closing of event space

The City Planning Commission may allow the closing of the event space for up to 12 events per year pursuant to a restrictive declaration acceptable to the City and recorded in the office of the City Register for New York County and indexed against the property.

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**93-731**

**Design and maintenance requirements for public access areas on the Ninth Avenue Rail Yard**

Public access areas on the Ninth Avenue Rail Yard provided pursuant to the requirements of Section 93-73, shall comply with the applicable design reference standards set forth in paragraph (a), and the maintenance provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section.

(a) Design reference standards

- (1) seating shall meet the minimum and maximum dimensional standards set forth in paragraphs (1) through (7) of Section 37-741 (Seating), inclusive;
- (2) where planting areas are provided, they shall meet the soil depth, continuous area, permeable surface and irrigation requirements of Section 37-742 (Planting and trees). Where trees are provided, they shall meet the planting standards, soil requirements and irrigation standards set forth in Section 37-742;

- (3) steps shall meet the minimum dimensional standards set forth in Section 37-725 (Steps);
- (4) kiosks or open air cafes shall meet the operational and service requirements listed in paragraphs (a) and (b) of Section 37-73 (Kiosks and Open Air Cafes) and shall not occupy in the aggregate more than 20 percent of the public access areas required by Section 93-73. Seating provided as part of an open air cafe shall not count towards meeting the seating requirements of a public access area listed in Section 93-73;
- (5) ~~all open spaces within the public access areas on the Ninth Avenue Rail Yard shall provide open space signage pursuant to the standards set forth in Section 37-751 (Public space signage system). In addition, a minimum of two wayfinding #signs# shall be provided; the following public signage system:~~
- (i) One entry plaque in each of the following locations:
- (aa) the entry to the Entry Plaza from West 33rd Street;
- (bb) the entry to the Central Plaza from Ninth Avenue;
- (cc) the entry to the Art Plaza from West 31st Street;
- (dd) the sidewalk level entry to the West 31st Street Connector; and
- (ee) the entry to the Dyer Avenue Platform from West 33rd Street.
- (ii) Each entry plaque is subject to the signage standards as set forth in paragraph (a)(1) through (a)(4) of Section 37-751 (Public space signage systems).
- (iii) Each entry plaque shall be mounted on a wall, a permanent free-standing post, or on a post located within a planter, with its center five feet above the elevation of the nearest walkable pavement. The maximum height of such free-standing post shall be six feet, with a maximum width and depth of 16 inches. Each entry plaque shall be in a position that clearly identifies the entry into the portion of the public access areas on the Ninth Avenue Rail Yard that such plaque is provided in connection with, and placed so that the entire entry plaque is obvious and directly visible, without any obstruction, along every line of sight from all paths of pedestrian access to that portion of the public access areas on the Ninth Avenue Rail Yard.
- (iv) A minimum of one information plaque, constructed from the same permanent materials as the entry plaques, or combined with one or more of the required entry plaques, shall be provided within the Art Plaza, Entry Plaza, Central Plaza and Dyer Avenue. The information plaque shall be mounted on a wall, a permanent free-standing post, or on a post located within a planter, with its center five feet above the elevation of the nearest walkable pavement. The maximum height of such free-standing post shall be six feet, with a maximum width and depth of 16 inches.
- (v) Each information plaque is subject to the signage requirements as set forth in paragraph (b)(1) through (b)(6) of Section 37-751 except that paragraph (b)(3) shall be modified to read: ‘in lettering three-eighths of an inch in height, the words “This public access area contains:” followed by the total linear feet of seating, the type and quantity of trees and the number of additional required amenities, such as moveable seating, that are provided in the portion of the public access area in which the entry plaque or information plaque is provided.

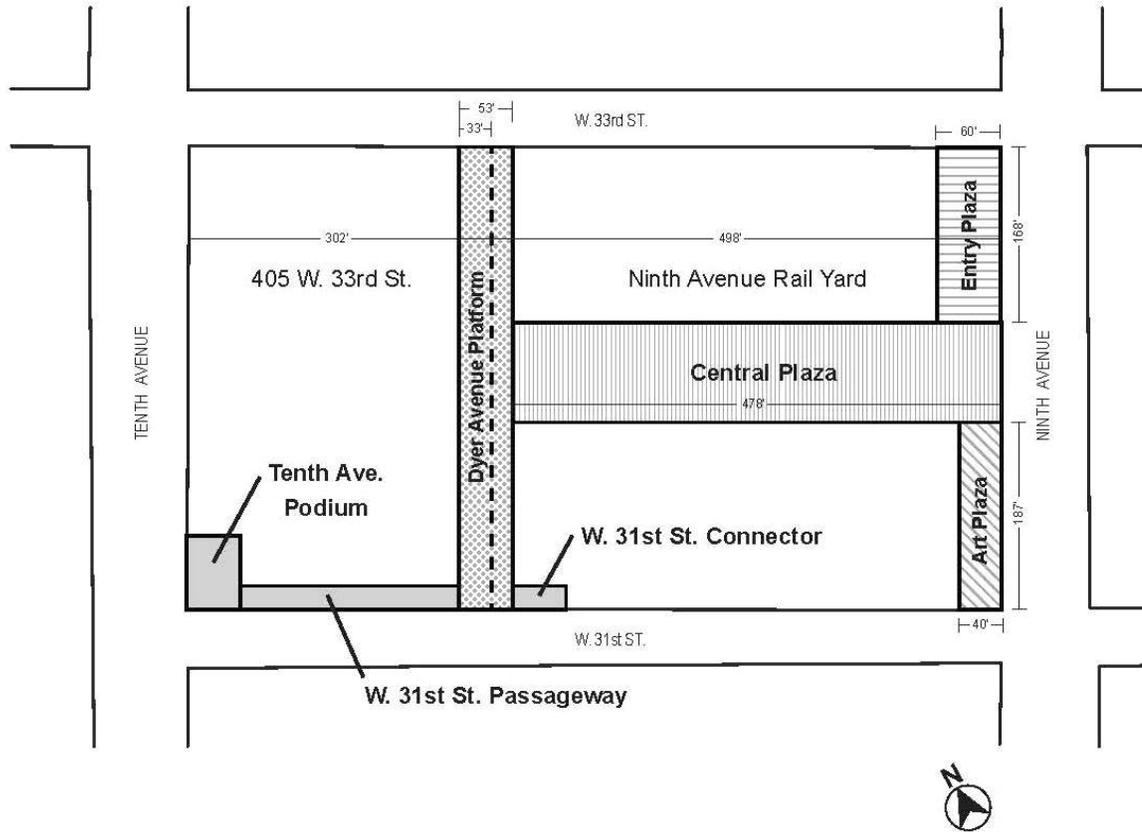
- (6) where #buildings# front on to public access areas, canopies, awnings, marquees and sun control devices shall be permitted pursuant to the standards set forth in paragraph (c) of Section 37-726 (Permitted obstructions);
- (7) the aggregate number of litter receptacles in such public access areas shall be 21;
- (8) no gates, fences or other barriers shall be permitted within such public access areas except that protective bollards provided in connection with the development of the Ninth Avenue Rail Yard may be located within the required public access areas; and
- (9) for the purposes of applying the #sign# regulations to #building# walls facing public access areas, such public access areas shall be considered #streets#.

(b) Maintenance

The owner or owners shall be responsible for the maintenance of all public access areas, including, but not limited to, litter control, management of pigeons and rodents, maintenance of required lighting levels, and the care and replacement of furnishings and vegetation.

**Appendix B**  
**Special Hudson Yards Subdistricts Maps**

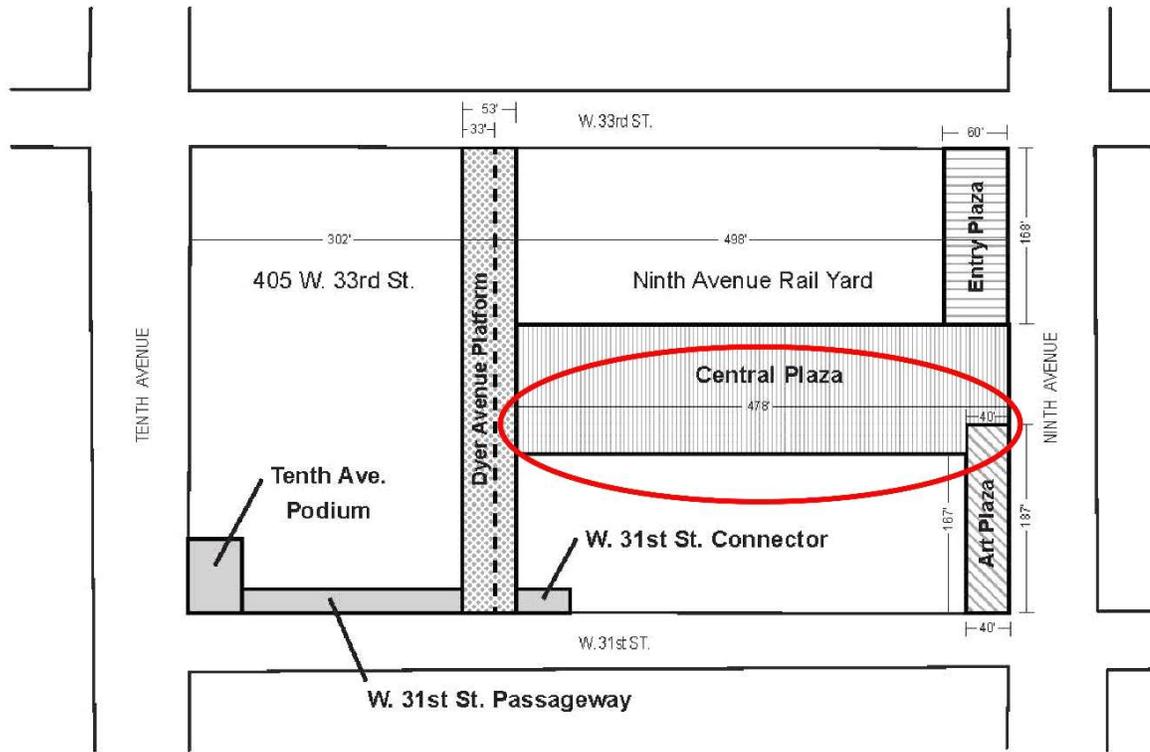
Map 1 - Subdistrict B: 450 West 33rd Street and Ninth Avenue Rail Yard Public Access area



- Open Space Boundaries
- ▨ Central Plaza
- ▨ Entry Plaza
- ▨ Art Plaza
- ▨ Dyer Avenue Platform
- Tenth Ave. Podium, W. 31st St. Connector, W. 31st St. Passageway

**EXISTING MAP**

Map 1 - Subdistrict B: 450 West 33rd Street and Ninth Avenue Rail Yard Public Access area )



- Open Space Boundaries
- ▨ Central Plaza
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- ▨ Dyer Avenue Platform
- Tenth Ave. Podium, W. 31st St. Connector, W. 31st St. Passageway

**PROPOSED MAP**

Adopted.

Office of the City Clerk, }  
 The City of New York, } ss.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by The Council of The City of New York on August 9, 2017, on file in this office.

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City Clerk, Clerk of The Council