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## **ERRATA: Brooklyn Bridge Park, ESC's Formal Comments of November 2**

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has responded to the ESC's Freedom of Information request on the elevation of the piers that are a part of the DEIS.

Piers 1, 2, 3, and 5 are between Vertical Datum Elevation 307 and 308. Converting to mean sea level at this location, the Piers are at approximate elevation of 7 to 8 feet. At high tide the piers will be about 5.5 feet over the surface, while at low tide they will be at about 10 feet above the surface, using benchmarks published by the US Department of Commerce published on 05/04/2005 for the Brooklyn Bridge Tidal Benchmark.

This means that the single Sanborn elevation for the piers is about 2.5 feet lower than the actual elevation of the piers. The difference in elevation means that Figure 1-5 of the DEIS is not as much in error as originally reported in the ESC's 2 November document. Converting to actual elevations the pier would be about 2 feet over the head of people shown in Figure 1-5, not at about eyelevel using mean sea level as the surface of the water.

There is no evidence that the many street level elevations from Sanborn used to calculate mean curb elevation in other parts of this document had any errors.

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