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MAYOR ADAMS ANNOUNCES \$110 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT FOR HUNTS POINT TERMINAL PRODUCE MARKET

USDOT Grant Will Help Fund Significant Redevelopment of Produce Market, Protect Jobs, and Improve Community's Air Quality

Funding Builds on Mayor Adams' "Rebuild, Renew, Reinvent: A Blueprint for New York City's Economic Recovery" and "Hunts Point Forward" Plans to Make Significant Investments in Produce Market and Local Community Priorities

NEW YORK – New York City Mayor Eric Adams today announced that the Hunts Point Produce Market has been selected for a \$110 million federal grant to upgrade and improve its facilities. The funding comes from a U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant and will be used to strengthen critical freight movement and improve the environment, public health, and quality of life for the Hunts Point community.

“Just two months into my administration, I committed to help kickstart the redevelopment of this critical local and national asset, and, with \$110 million, I know this funding will help us take a significant step forward,” said **Mayor Adams**. “I am grateful to USDOT and all our partners, in and out of government, for fighting for this funding, for our city’s economic comeback, and for the Hunts Point community. I look forward to continuing to work with them to deliver the rest of the funding we need to get this critical project done.”

“The Hunts Point Produce Market plays an essential role in the city and the region’s food supply chain and serves as an economic anchor to the neighborhood. The funding from the USDOT is critical in helping us build a modernized market that supports both our economic development and environmental goals for the Hunts Point community,” said **Deputy Mayor for Economic and Workforce Development Maria Torres-Springer**. “I am grateful to the USDOT and to the broad coalition of community and government partners who have now brought us one step closer to realizing the full potential of this project.”

“Thank you to the Biden administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation for this historic investment as part of the INFRA grant program, which will allow New York City to strengthen a critical freight and food supply chain,” said **Deputy Mayor for Operations Meera Joshi**. “This funding will help create a world-class facility that will take into account the needs of the community by reducing emissions and increasing resiliency.”

The new produce market will be an approximately 1 million-square-foot, state-of-the-art intermodal freight facility with more than 800,000 square feet of refrigerated warehouse space and 200,000 square feet of ancillary space. The new facility will be compliant with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's new Food Safety Modernization Act and will expand much-needed refrigerated warehouse space and pallet capacity — eliminating 1,000 diesel-powered refrigerated trailer units currently idling onsite as additional storage and significantly reducing emissions in the surrounding community. The redevelopment will also improve site circulation and coordination of inbound and outbound traffic, and it will facilitate increased rail usage.

The grant application was prepared by the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC), the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT), and the New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS).

“By removing 1,000 diesel-powered refrigerated trailer units currently idling on site, this generous grant will significantly reduce pollution and improve air quality in the South Bronx,” said **New York City Chief Climate Officer Rohit T. Aggarwala**. “Further improvements to truck circulation within the facility and improving access to rail will also result in healthier air for those who live and work in this already overburdened community.”

“This critical funding is going to catapult our efforts to transform the produce market into a state-of-the-art environmentally sustainable facility that its 2,000 workers, local businesses, and community neighbors deserve,” said **NYCEDC President and CEO Andrew Kimball**. “We want to thank Mayor Eric Adams, Senator Schumer, Congressman Ritchie Torres, the Hunts Point Terminal Produce Market Cooperative and its businesses, Teamsters Local 202, and the more than 30 elected officials and organizations who advocated for the produce market to receive this grant.”

“This redevelopment plan will include the largest electric truck charging hub in the city — a huge step forward in helping small- and medium-sized businesses at the market to go electric and reducing emissions and improving air quality in the South Bronx,” said **NYCDOT Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez**. “We thank Mayor Adams and our sister agencies in securing this federal funding and for putting together this vision to address historic inequity in Hunts Point.”

“The redevelopment of the Hunts Point Produce Market is a major boost for the city’s food infrastructure that fortifies the supply chain relied on by thousands of businesses and workers across the five boroughs,” said **SBS Commissioner Kevin D. Kim**. “This critical investment will support our economy and the local community for years to come, and SBS is proud to help bring this new project to life.”

“For far too long, historically overburdened neighborhoods, like Hunts Point, have suffered the impacts of polluting infrastructure,” said **New York City Mayor’s Office of Climate and Environmental Justice Executive Director Kizzy Charles-Guzman**. “This historic investment in the Hunts Point Produce Market will improve the facility’s energy efficiency and remove carbon, soot, and fossil fuel pollution from our air. Investments like this are crucial to improving health and developing and supporting a green economy in New York City.”

“Hunts Point is a critical part of New York City’s food system, and this redevelopment will ensure it remains a vital resource for years to come,” said **New York City Mayor’s Office of Food Policy Executive Director Kate Mackenzie**. “We thank the federal government and our congressional delegation for working to advance economic development, environmental justice, and food equity through this generous grant.”

The produce market distributes over 2.5 billion pounds of produce a year to New York City and the New York metropolitan region. The market employs thousands of New Yorkers and supplies 25 percent of the city’s fresh produce.

The produce market is one of the key areas of redevelopment that was outlined in Mayor Adams’ [“Rebuild, Renew, Reinvent: A Blueprint for New York City’s Economic Recovery”](#) and his [“Hunts Point Forward”](#) plan announced earlier this year. Redeveloping the produce market will:

- Protect and strengthen the food supply chain on the city, regional, and national levels;
- Keep and grow the 2,000 quality jobs at the produce market;
- Reduce emissions on city-owned land in Hunts Point, where residents face a disproportionate burden of environmental hazards relative to the rest of New York City;
- Support market business growth and use the produce market space more efficiently; and
- Create a global model for 21st-century urban food distribution.

“Hunts Point Market is extremely vital to New York City’s food supply chain, but it needs a critical modernization and redevelopment to sustain the community and chart an even better future. Now, with \$110 million in federal funds, revitalization of the market is one giant step closer,” said **U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer**. “These funds will help increase food security, meet growing food demands, maintain and produce new good-paying jobs, reduce diesel emissions in an area with a sky-high asthma rate, and so much more. I strongly supported New York City’s application for federal funds and was proud to join Mayor Adams, Congressman Torres, other New York delegation members, Teamsters Local 202, Hunts Point merchants, and all those central to the operation of Hunts Point Market in the push to secure this grant.”

“Hunts Point Produce Market feeds New York City, and as one of the largest food distribution centers in the world, it needs to be as modern and efficient as possible,” said **U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand**. “This funding will help the market make critical upgrades to its infrastructure, ensuring that fresh, affordable food gets to New Yorkers faster and bringing hundreds of good-paying new jobs to the Bronx. I’m proud to have advocated directly for this funding, and I’ll keep fighting to support New York’s farmers, food distributors, and families.”

“Hunts Point Market is the lifeblood of food distribution to New York City and the greater region. Federal investment is crucial to keep up with demands and bring the market into the 21st century,” said **U.S. Representative Ritchie Torres**. “I am proud to partner with Senator Schumer and Mayor Adams in successfully advocating for the infrastructure investment the market deserves. I look forward to continuing to support the revitalization of Hunts Point to ultimately improve food infrastructure, create new union jobs, reduce emissions, and increase food security.”

“The Hunts Point Terminal Produce Market is a vital resource to our borough, providing fresh produce to millions of New Yorkers each year, and today’s announcement will ensure they

continue to provide crucial services to our borough, city, and state,” said **Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson**. “Today’s announcement is the first step towards undoing years of disinvestment in the Hunts Point Terminal Produce Market and infusing it with the resources and funding to be a global model for 21st-century urban food distribution while reducing environmental pollution and providing essential jobs to our communities. I want to thank Mayor Adams and the U.S. Department of Transportation for their commitment, dedication, and support of the Hunts Point Terminal Produce Market. This \$110 million federal grant builds on our community’s priorities to strengthen our families and build the next generation of future leaders.”

“The Hunts Point Produce Market is a dynamic center for New York City’s food trade and has needed deep investments for decades. That is why I am overjoyed that the market was selected as the recipient of the USDOT’s INFRA grant,” said **New York City Councilmember Amanda Farías, chair, Committee on Economic Development**. “As the chair of the Committee on Economic Development and a Bronxite, I am happy to see that all of the advocacy and hard work from my office, NYCEDC, Mayor Eric Adams, Councilmember Salamanca, and our colleagues in government has paid off and we can deliver real substantial investment to the Hunts Point Market, workers, and community. I look forward to seeing improvements to the market’s infrastructure and the overall quality of life for the workers there and the surrounding community. I am eager to further support and work with Mayor Eric Adams, NYCEDC, and our city agencies to see that this grant improves the lives of Bronxites for years to come.”

“The importance of the Hunts Point Produce Market to the South Bronx, New York City, and the tristate area cannot be understated,” said **New York City Councilmember Rafael Salamanca**. “Suppling billions of pounds of fresh produce throughout New York, the produce market also employs thousands and thousands of Bronxites, many of whom live in District 17. Today’s announcement of \$110 million in critical federal funding will lead to the creation of a state-of-the-art facility that will reinforce the market’s place as the preeminent food distributor in the nation. Locally, this funding also builds on the environmental justice agenda the community and I have been pushing by utilizing funds to reduce the market’s carbon footprint. I thank the Biden administration, the Adams administration, the market, and the community for their commitment to creating a more resilient and sustainable future for Hunts Point.”

“Revitalizing the Hunts Point Produce Market will have a direct economic and environmental impact — not only nationally but especially locally right here in the Bronx,” said **Phillip Grant, CEO, Hunts Point Produce Market**. “Thank you to our tireless advocate Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer, our local congressional champion Ritchie Torres, and the Biden administration for recognizing how pivotal, impactful, and essential it is to revitalize our public market. We are hopeful that with the outstanding support we have received from our federal and city leadership that we will be able to secure the additional public support needed to truly revitalize our market and, as a result, significantly improve our regions food infrastructure for generations to come.”

“Teamsters Local 202 applauds the work and commitment of City Hall and Senator Schumer to the produce center,” said **Daniel J. Kane Jr., president, Teamsters Local 202**. “We look forward to continuing our mission of rebuilding this important New York asset; this is a good first step, the best by far to date.”

“The redevelopment of the produce market is a significant investment and opportunity for Hunts Point to continue to secure good union jobs and to address long-standing environmental justice issues,” said **Ralph Acevedo, district manager, Bronx Community Board 2**. “The produce market is crucial to the city and the region’s food ecosystem, and it is crucial that we continue securing full funding for this project, as we need a facility for the future which is essential to Hunts Point and for our city.”

“We appreciate this investment in the Hunts Point Produce Market and hope that it continues to be part of a multi-faceted solutions-based approach that looks at the Hunts Point Market and residents and how they are impacted by environmental justice issues,” said **Maria Torres, president and COO, The Point CDC**. “With food insecurity being such an issue for local residents as well, we hope to see these investments result in real access to fresh affordable foods for our local Hunts Point community.”

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