



FACT SHEET

A few highlights of the agreement include:

- The City will hire a **Disability and Access and Functional Needs Coordinator** who will be the lead City employee responsible for overseeing that the City's emergency plans meet the needs of people with disabilities and comply with state and federal law.
- A **Disability Community Advisory Panel** will be established so that the City can gather expertise and feedback from the disability community on a regular basis regarding the City's current and future emergency plans and proposed revisions to plans relating to people with disabilities.
- By the end of September 2017, the City will have a **minimum of 60 physically and programmatically accessible emergency shelters** (separate from the 8 Special Medical Needs Facilities currently maintained by the City). The minimum of 60 accessible facilities will be distributed throughout all five boroughs and will be able to shelter approximately 120,000 people with disabilities.
- The City will create a **Post-Emergency Canvassing Operation (PECO)** that will rapidly survey households after a disaster to assess and identify the critical needs of people with disabilities. During a canvassing operation, canvassers will go door-to-door carrying a mobile survey tool to send resource requests to a central data center. Resources include items such as food, water, electricity, medical care, and medical equipment. PECO will be fully operational by August 2017.
- The City will **work with the Metropolitan Transit Authority, Taxi and Limousine Commission, and New York City Housing Authority to collaboratively develop accessible transportation plans** for pre-storm or forewarned evacuations. The City will also develop **plans for the effective deployment of accessible vehicles** during emergencies. Transportation plans will be in place by August 2017.
- A **NYC/ADA High Rise Building Evacuation Task Force** will be assembled and consist of representatives from City agencies and disability organizations, as well as subject matter experts in the field of high rise evacuation for people with disabilities. At the end of a one year period, the Task Force will develop a Work Plan to remedy the deficiencies in the City's high rise evacuation planning identified by the Court. The Work Plan will be implemented during the following three years.