



## New York's 2020 Vision Focuses on Design-Build

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As 2019 drew to a close, Governor Cuomo signed a bill on December 31st that had been passed by the New York State Legislature in June allowing certain New York City agencies to use the design-build project delivery system for construction projects.

New York has been slow to embrace the use of the design-build construction process, lagging behind states such as New Jersey and California. New York laws and regulations generally precluded the use of design-build except in limited circumstances where New York has provided specific statutory authorization. Interestingly, a few high-profile projects that had specific authorization to proceed with design-build (e.g., Tappan Zee/Mario Cuomo bridge, Kosciusko bridge and the Javits Center) seemed to have benefitted from the process. Building on those projects, New York is finally making strides towards allowing the design-build methodology as a widespread alternative to design-bid-build. Governor Cuomo and State lawmakers also announced that there was an agreement in place to pass a law during the 2020 legislative session that would extend to State and New York City governmental agencies the same ability to avail themselves of the design-build project delivery method. Agencies include the New York City: Department of Design and Construction; Department of Environmental Protection; Department of Transportation; Department of Parks and Recreation,

Hospitals Corporation; School Construction Authority; and the Housing Authority.

Media Coverage appears below:

Major NYC construction projects can now be streamlined – Curbed, January 2, 2020

Cuomo signs design-build bill to speed up city construction projects – Crain's New York Business, January 2, 2020

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