

# HOW THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MYRTLE AVE EL LINE SET THE STAGE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF METROTECH

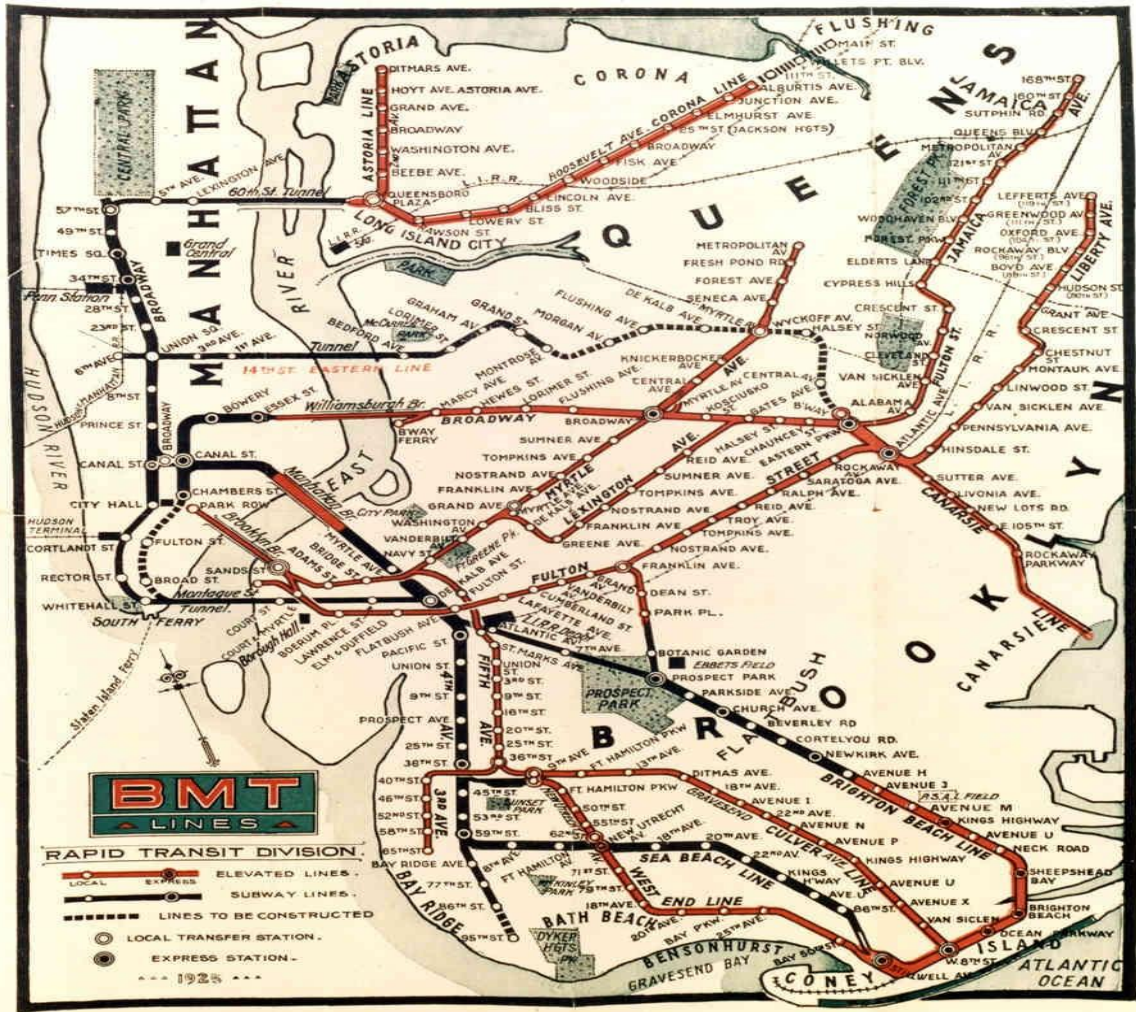
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1854-1893: BROOKLYN CITY RAILROAD OPENED ITS FIRST HORSE CAR LINE:  
"THE MYRTLE AVE LINE"

# MYRTLE AVENUE EL TRAIN LINE

MAP FROM 1925





1940 MYRTLE AVE EL EXTENDED LINES TO MANHATTAN

# PRISON SHIP MARTYRS MONUMENT

2018



[HTTPS://UNTAPPEDCITIES.COM/2018/12/13/PHOTOS-INSIDE-THE-PRISON-SHIP-MARTYRS-MONUMENT-IN-BROOKLYN/](https://untappedcities.com/2018/12/13/photos-inside-the-prison-ship-martyrs-monument-in-brooklyn/)

1911



[HTTPS://FORTGREENEASSOCIATION.ORG/HISTORY-OF-FORT-GREENE/FORT-GREENE-PARK/THE-PRISON-SHIPS-MARTYRS-MONUMENT](https://fortgreenassociation.org/history-of-fort-greene/fort-greene-park/the-prison-ships-martyrs-monument)



VIEWS OF MYRTLE AVE EL LINE MYRTLE AVE BROOKLYN

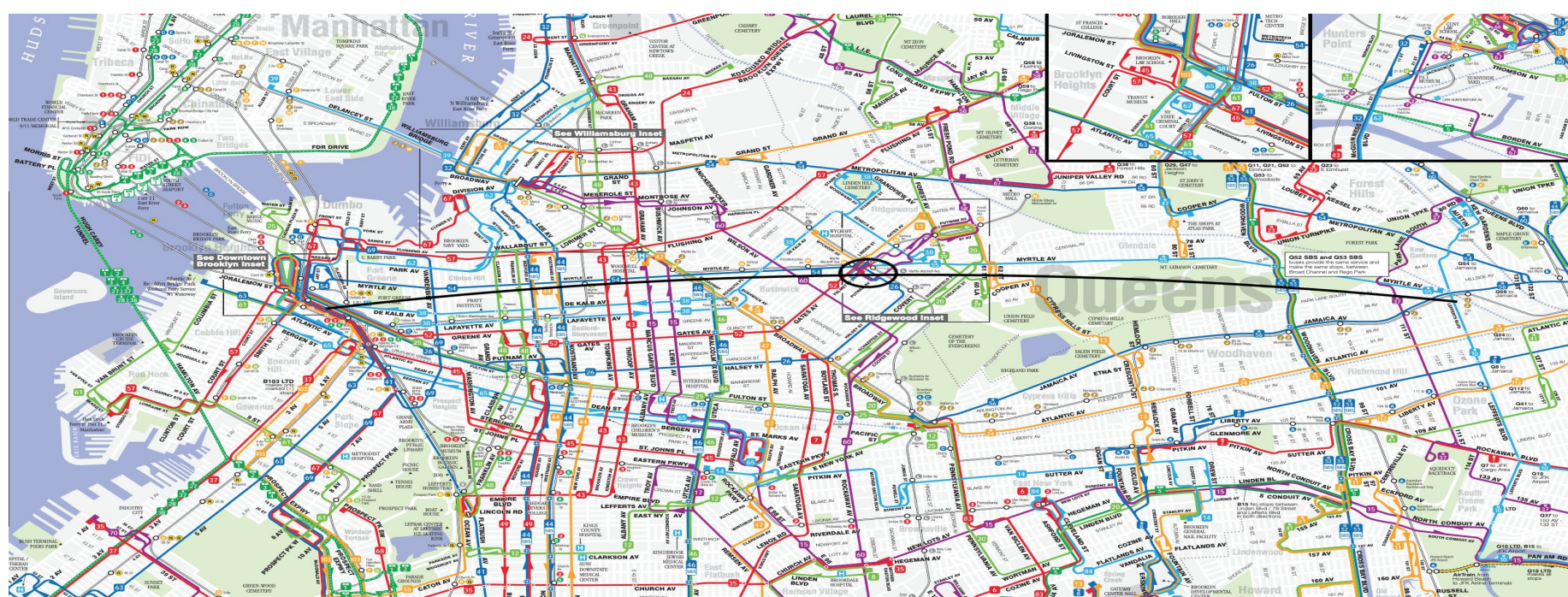


AERIAL VIEW OF MYRTLE AVENUE

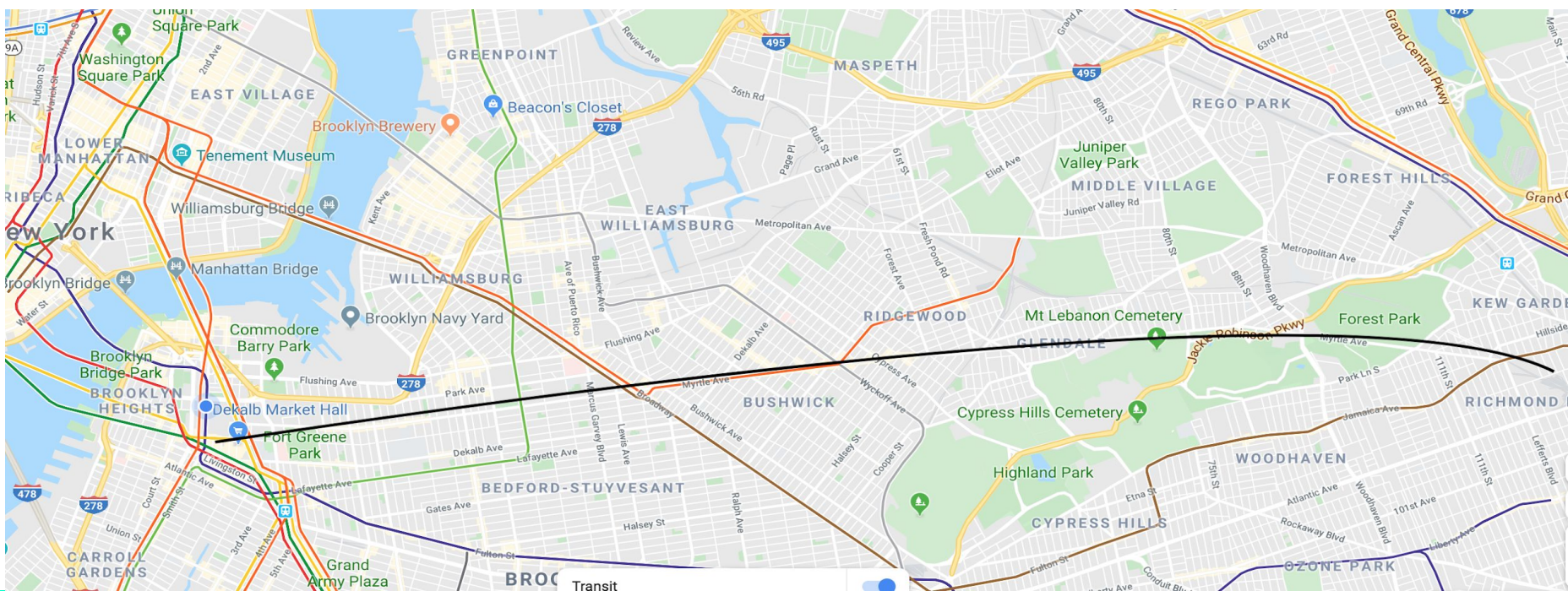


THE LAST RIDE OF THE MYRTLE AVE EL TRAIN LINE,  
AND ITS REMAINING METAL COLUMNS TODAY

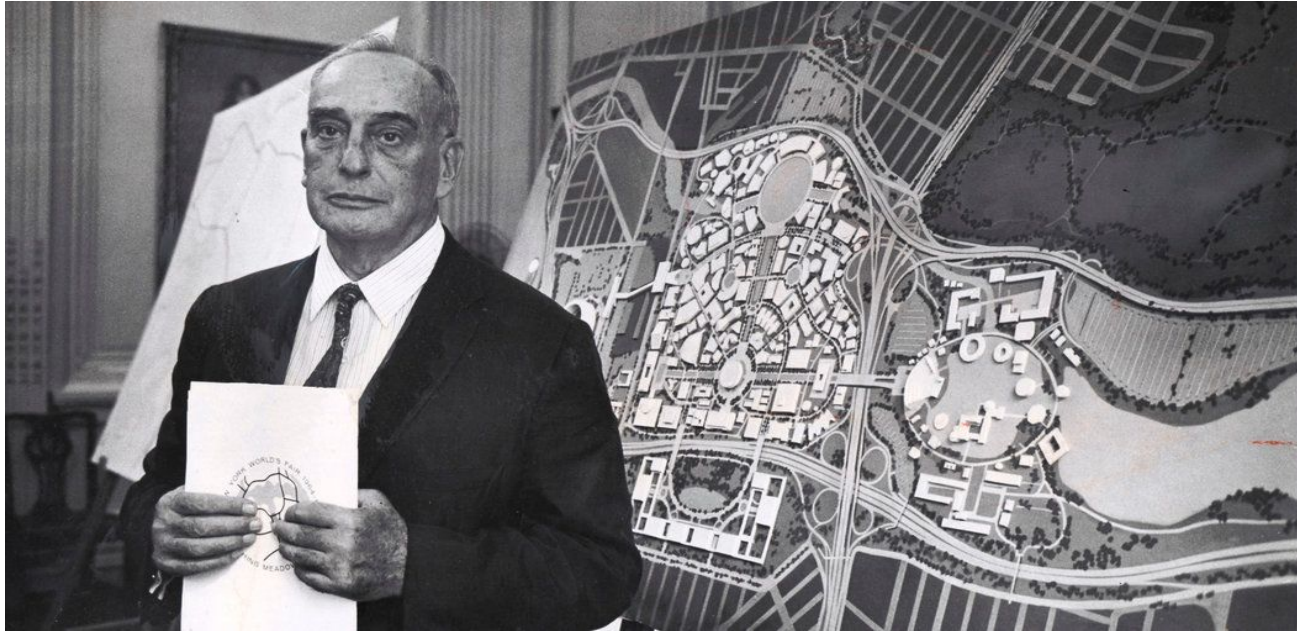




NYC BUS MAP: B54 AND Q55 BUS LINES "REPLACED"  
THE MYRTLE AVE EL LINE'S OLD ROUTE



GOOGLE MAPS SCREENSHOT SHOWING THE LACK OF  
SUBWAY LINES AROUND MYRTLE AVE.



# ROBERT MOSES

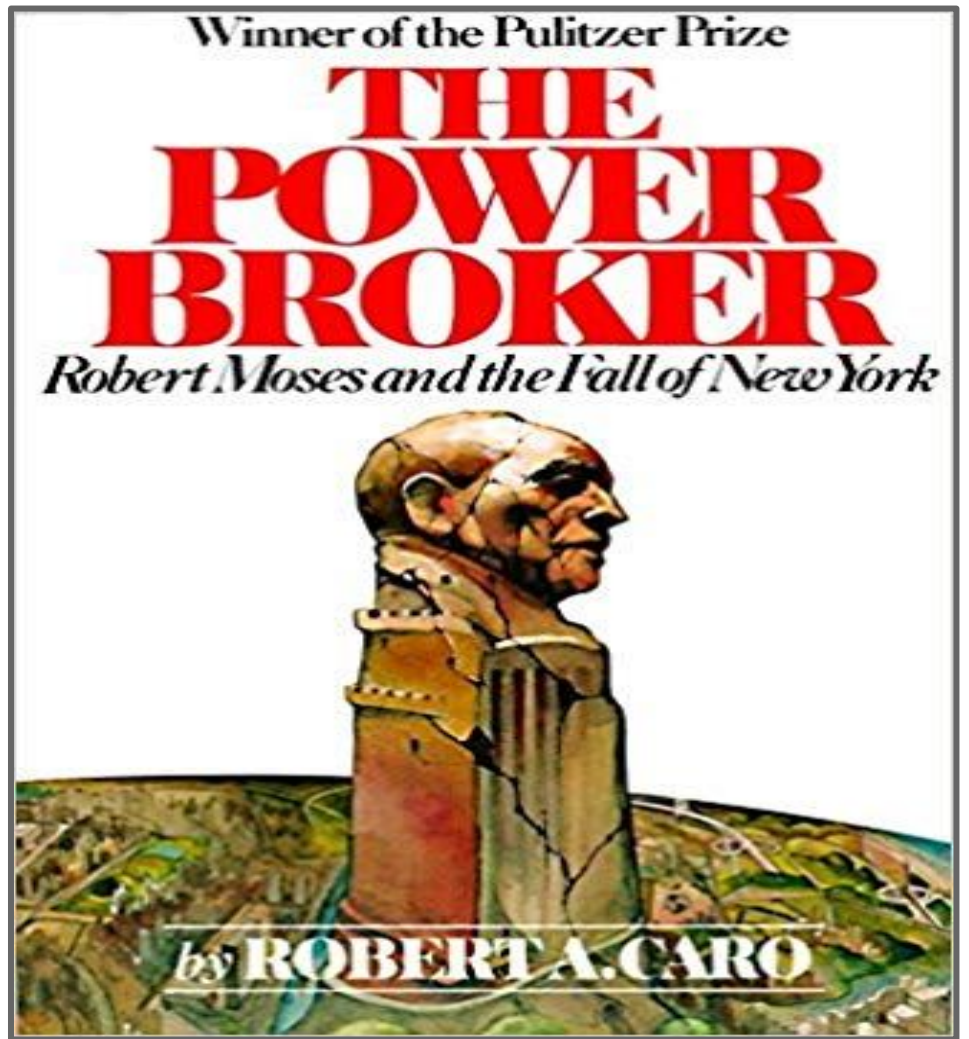
ROBERT MOSES, THE CITY CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR WAS THE ONE WHO PROPOSED THE IDEA OF THE CROSS BRONX EXPWY.

# THE CROSS BRONX EXPRESSWAY



<https://newyork.cbslocal.com/tag/cross-bronx-expressway/>

BOOK ABOUT ROBERT MOSES



# THE OLD BRIDGE STREET CHURCH 1923 (AWME)



Bridge Street African Methodist Church]. Eugene L. Armbruster. 1923. Eugene L. Armbruster photographs and scrapbooks. V1974.1.1342. Brooklyn Historical Society.

# THE OLD BRIDGE STREET CHURCH 2019



# NYC DOITT AERIAL MAPS OF THE METROTECH AREA: 1924



Advanced Map Type

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Borough: Brooklyn Block: 2047 Lot: 7  
Police Precinct: 84  
Owner: NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Address: 311 BRIDGE STREET, BROOKLYN 11201  
Lot Area: 7522 sf  
Lot Frontage: 75' Lot Depth: 100.25  
Year Built: 1846  
Number of Buildings: 1  
Number of Floors: 2  
Gross Floor Area: 11,550 sf (estimated)  
Residential Units: 0 Total # of Units: 1  
Land Use: Public Facilities and Institutions  
Zoning: C8-1A  
Commercial Overlay:  
Zoning Map #: 12D

[Dept. of City Planning\\_PLUTO 19v1 @ 2019](#) and other city agency sources

Links to More Information

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<http://maps.nyc.gov/doitt/nycity>



1951



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Data Feedback

1996



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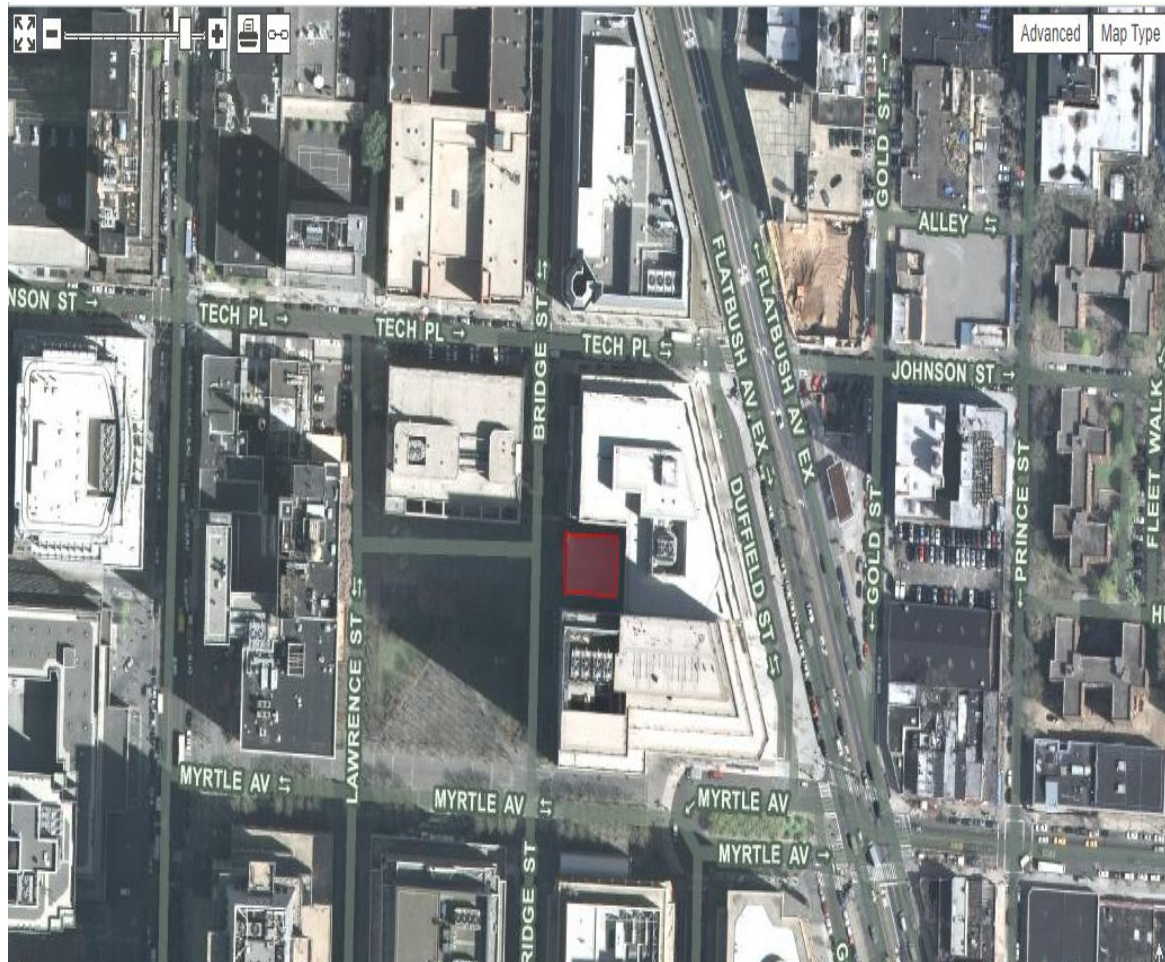
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Date: 1996-01-01

2006



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2012

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# THE LITTLE HOUSE



# OLD BRIDGE STREET CHURCH (1923)



# ST. BONIFACE CHURCH: 1934



# ST. BONIFACE CHURCH 2019





# NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE, 2012

## *A Parish Without Borders*

By EMILY BRENNAN APRIL 6, 2012



**COMMUNITY** The congregation of St. Boniface in a Palm Sunday procession.

Elizabeth D. Herman for The New York Times

A LINE of priests, chanting choir members, and altar girls and boys, all dressed in red and white robes, streamed down Duffield Street in Downtown Brooklyn last weekend, leading the Palm Sunday street procession at the [Oratory Church of St. Boniface](#).

Behind them were about 400 people, including elderly parishioners, young parents with toddlers in tow and giggling children waving palm leaves in the air. The crowd squeezed through the church doors and filled the small nave so quickly that ushers unfolded chairs at the entrance to accommodate it.



4 CHASE, METROTECH CENTER, BROOKLYN, NY 11245

# ***METROTECH: A TEST FOR A NEW FORM OF URBAN RENEWAL***

**By Alan S. Oser**

Jan. 6, 1985

-term development

project in downtown Brooklyn known  
as

Metrotech - an acronym for  
Metropolitan Technology Center - has  
gained a new measure of credibility in  
recent weeks. The public-private  
partnership essential to any large-scale  
project in a downtown setting appears  
to have been cemented. It is "urban  
renewal" in modern dress.

Credibility is critical if commitments  
are to come from major tenants in

Volume 1



# **METROTECH**

## **Environmental Impact Statement**

NEPA COLLECTION  
Transportation Library  
Northwestern University Library  
Evanston, IL 60201

Prepared for: **Forest City Metrotech Associates**

Prepared by: **McKeown & Franz, Inc.**  
**Environmental Planners**

**Urbitran Associates**  
**Transportation Planners**

**December 1986**

COVER SHEET



HUD  
(U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development)

ROC 2  
(Regional Office 2)

Lead Agency: City of New York  
New York City Public Development Corporation  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Department of City Planning

Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
Prepared Pursuant to Title 1 of the Housing  
and Community Development Act of 1974

TITLE OF PROPOSED PROJECT: Metrotech  
LOCATION OF ACTION: Downtown Brooklyn, Kings County  
New York State

Abstract: This two phased project involves the rehabilitation of existing academic space and construction of academic, office, retail and garage space in a 10 block area in downtown Brooklyn. The Metrotech site is located generally between Flatbush Avenue Extension and Jay Street and between Tech Place and Tillary Street and Willoughby Street in Downtown Brooklyn.

In accordance with Title 24, Part 58 — Office of the Secretary, United States Department of Housing And Urban Development (HUD) and all other applicable regulations, the Draft NEPA Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) identified the environmental impacts of the various alternatives considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS  
CONTACT LEAD AGENCY/APPLICANT:

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New York City Public Development Corporation  
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New York, New York 10038

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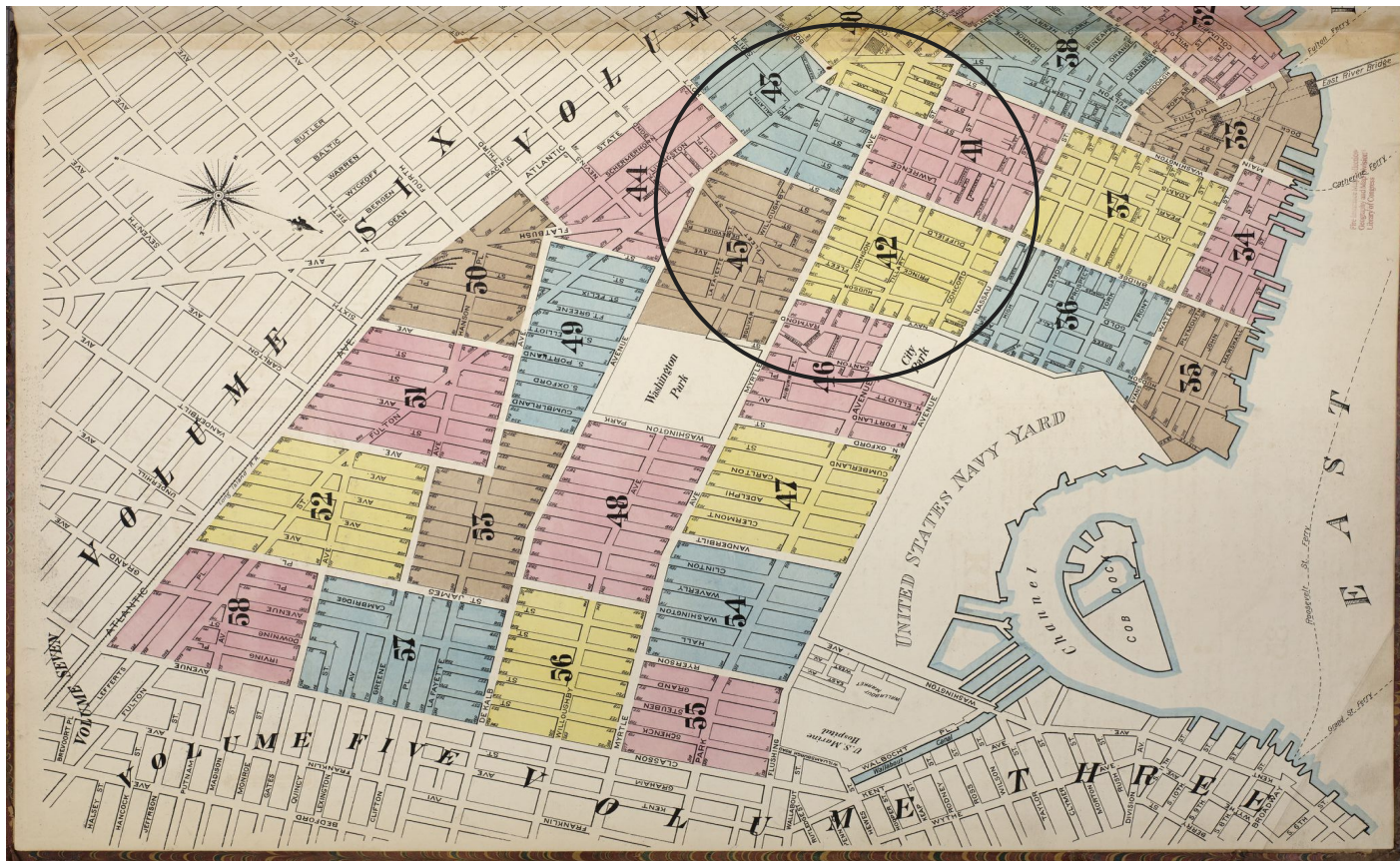
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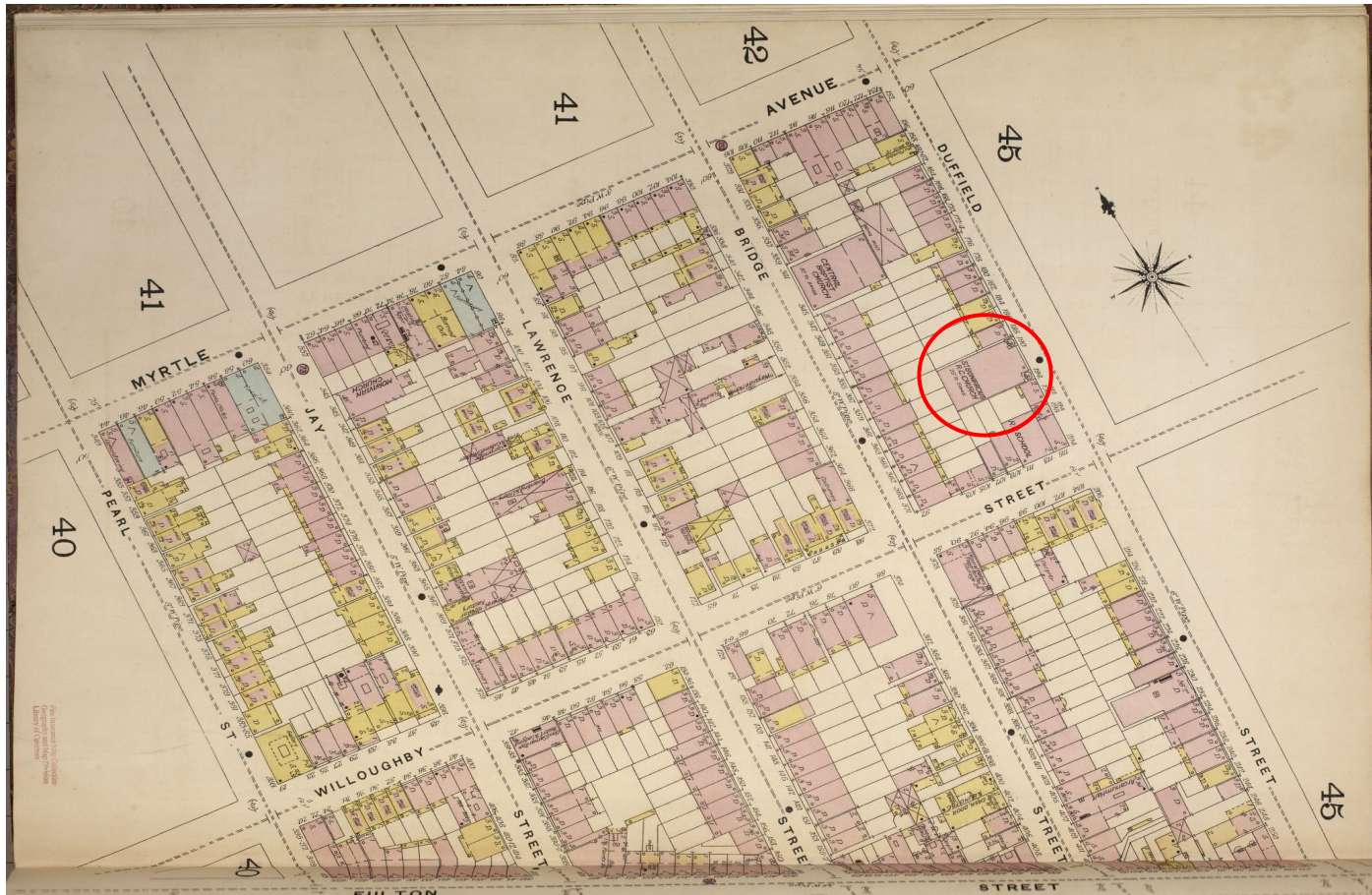
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Comments must be received within 45 days from the date EPA publishes the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

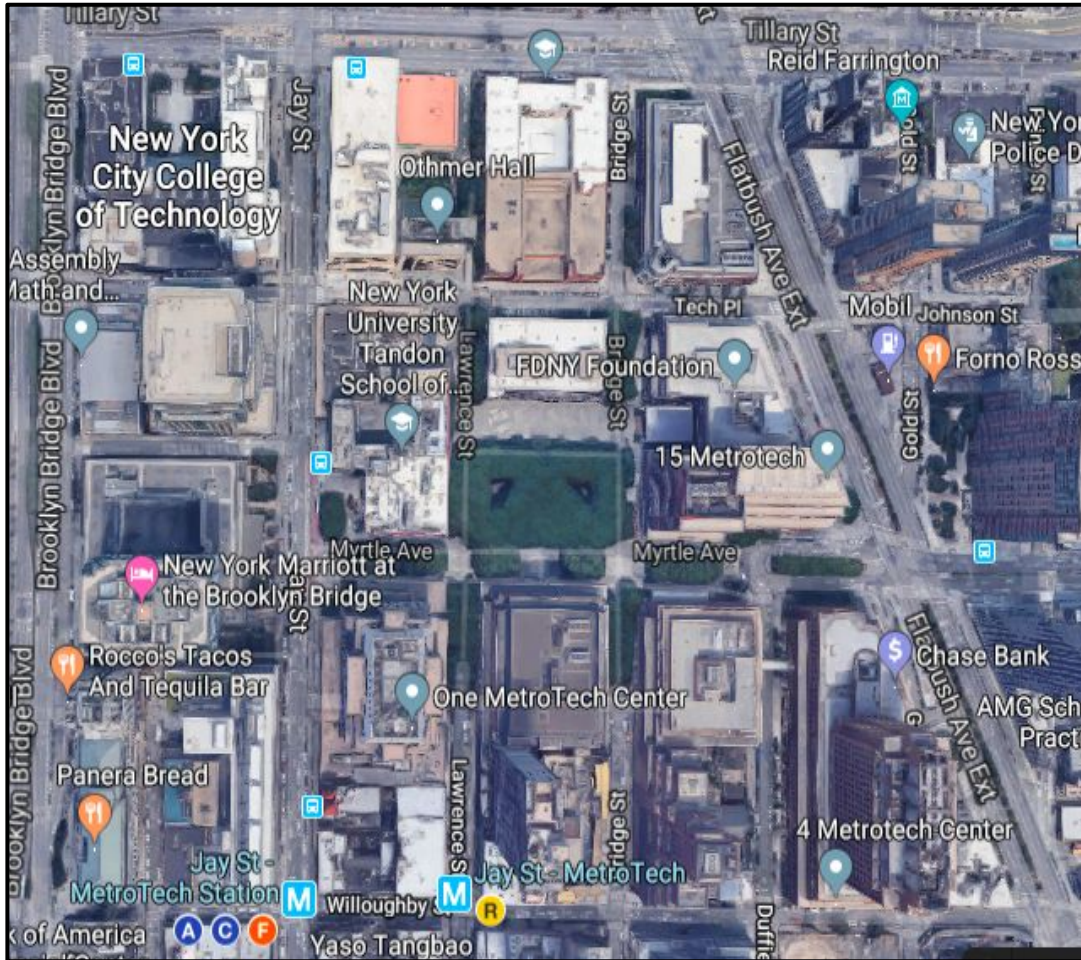
# SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAPS - 1886 TO 1888







ST. BONIFACE CHURCH LISTED ON SANBORN FIRE ATLAS (1886-1888)

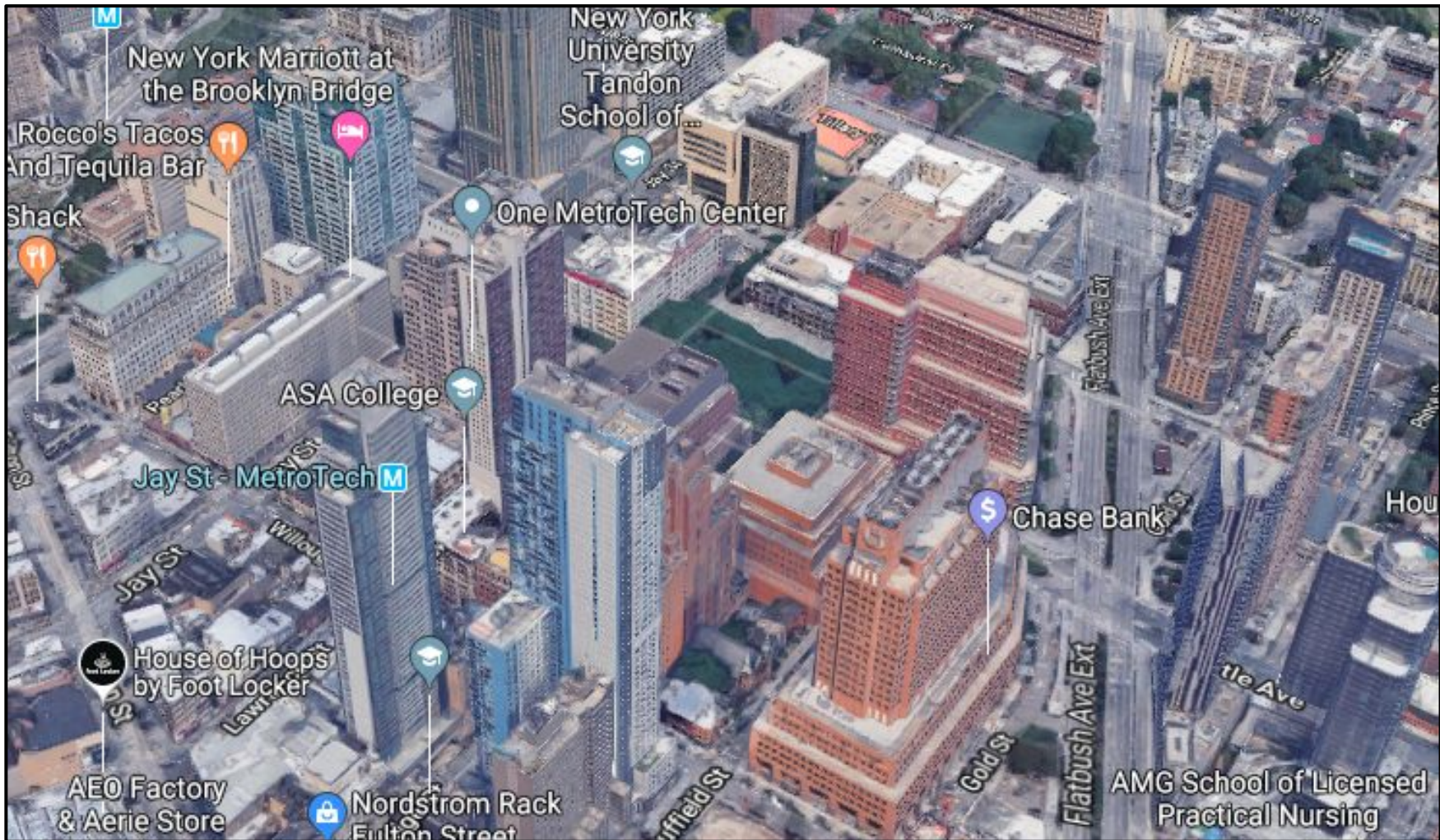


**Metro-Tech Official Boundaries:**

(with Google Earth)

Jay Street to Flatbush Extension,  
Willoughby Street to Tillary Street





New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge

Rocco's Tacos And Tequila Bar Shack

Shack

New York University Tandon School of...

One MetroTech Center

ASA College

Jay St - MetroTech

House of Hoops by Foot Locker

AEO Factory & Aerie Store

Nordstrom Rack Fulton Street

Chase Bank

AMG School of Licensed Practical Nursing