New York’s 2020 Vision Focuses on Design-Build

As 2019 drew to a close, Governor Cuomo signed a bill (link) 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.

The impact on public projects will be….

New York has been slow to embrace the use of the design-build construction process, lagging behind other 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) have seemingly benefitted from the process. Building on those projects, New York is finally now 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 government agencies the same ability to avail themselves of the design-build project delivery method.

The media is covering this breaking story

[Major NYC construction projects can now be streamlined](https://ny.curbed.com/2020/1/2/21046052/nyc-construction-projects-streamlined-andrew-cuomo) – Curbed, January 2

Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a bill this week that will allow New York officials to fast-track the contracting process on public projects. The governor authorized a handful of city agencies to use the “design-build” method, which combines project design and construction contracts to cut through red tape and save dollars.

[Cuomo signs design-build bill to speed up city construction projects](https://www.crainsnewyork.com/politics/cuomo-signs-design-build-bill-speed-city-construction-projects) – Crain’s New York Business, January 2

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has signed off on legislation that expands New York City's authority to fast-track construction projects through design-build contracts.

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