

Chronology of World Trade Center Project

1. January 27, 1960 - Downtown Lower Manhattan Association recommends Governors direct Port Authority to study feasibility of WTC, making recommendation that one be constructed.
2. March 10, 1961 - Port Authority completes study and submits it to Governors and Mayor Wagner, finding: WTC would be a good thing, WTC would be economically feasible, only a public agency could undertake project.
3. March 20, 1961 - New York Legislature passes "package" WTC-H&M bill.
4. March 20, 1961 - H&M bill A-519 introduced in N. J. Assembly.
5. August 28, 1961 - A-768 submitted to N.J. Assembly leadership (WTC section similar to that passed by New York, H&M section would permit Legislature by itself to direct Port Authority to extend H&M).
6. December 8 to December 28, 1961 - WTC and H&M might be physically merged on West Side. Various meetings with Commissioners, Governors, aides, etc. All enthusiastic over consolidation.
7. January 29, 1962 - Identical legislation introduced in both houses of N.J. Legislature for H&M-WTC, including bond restriction.
8. February 9, 1962 - Public hearing on legislation.
9. February 13, 1962 - Both N.J. houses pass bill, no negative votes. Gov. Hughes signs.
10. February 15, 1962 - Identical bills also identical to N.J., introduced in N.Y. Legislature.
11. February 28, 1962 - N.Y. State Senate passes legislation.
12. March 4, 1962 - Downtown West Businessmen's Association files memorandum with N.Y. Legislature opposing legislation (DWBA first meeting February 14).
13. March 6, 1962 - N.Y. State Assembly passes legislation.
14. March 7, 1962 - Companion bills passes. All N.Y. passage completed.
15. March 27, 1962 - Governor Rockefeller signs bill.
16. June 26, 1962 - DWBA institutes lawsuit to block WTC-H&M.
17. July 9, 1962 - Justice Chimera denies injunction to stop WTC. Greenbaum, et al, appeal his denial to Appellate Division.
18. September 1, 1962 - Title on H&M vests in Port Authority.
September 13, 1962 - Board authorized retention of Minoru Yamasaki & Associates and Emery Roth & Sons as architects for The World Trade Center.

19. November 29, 1962 - Appellate Division hears oral arguments on case.
20. February 19, 1963 - Appellate Division holds legislation unconstitutional by 3-2 vote.
21. February 28, 1963 - Oral argument before Court of Appeals.
22. April 4, 1963 - Court of Appeals upholds constitutionality of legislation, 6-1.
23. June 27, 1963 - Greenbaum files appeal with United States Supreme Court.
24. September 19, 1963 - PA files brief with Supreme Court.
25. October 9, 1963 - Greenbaum files brief with Supreme Court.
26. November 12, 1963 - Supreme Court refuses appeal on grounds no substantial Federal question is involved.

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