

# SMALLER SAFER FAIRER

## Progress on New York City's Roadmap to Closing Rikers Island

### SMALLER

The City issued a request for proposals for alternative-to-incarceration programs that will reduce the number of people in jail and facilitate the closure of Rikers Island. This will support the dramatic expansion of the number of people diverted from jail as well as provide additional services to address peoples' needs.

### SAFER

The City is conducting a feasibility study that will explore the conceptual design and cost of establishing therapeutic housing units outside of city jails and closer to city hospital services to help individuals in custody with serious medical, mental health or substance use needs.

### FAIRER

In response to feedback from focus groups, advocates and service providers, the City has decided to centralize women in one facility in the new borough-based jail system. This will allow dedicated women-only space for programming, visitation, healthcare services and intake.

1,000

800

600

400



### BOROUGH-BASED JAILS PLAN

The Borough-Based Jail System application was officially certified by the City Planning Commission, marking the start of the public review and land-use approval process for a new jail system that will eventually replace the jails on Rikers Island. The plan includes a significant reduction in the number of people in jail and building smaller, modern and humane detention facilities that offer supportive services and are closer to courts and family support networks that are crucial to an incarcerated person's re-entry into their community.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF STRATEGIES IN THE CITY'S ROADMAP TO CLOSING RIKERS ISLAND:**

**1 SMALLER — SAFELY REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE JAIL POPULATION**

■ In planning ■ Recently launched ■ Implementation underway ■ Operational ■ Red flag

Reduce number of people who enter jail

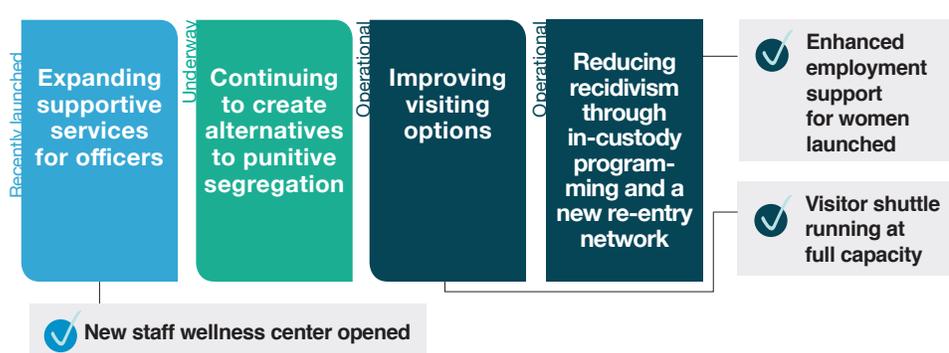
Reduce length of stay



**2 SAFER — CREATING SAFE AND HUMANE ENVIRONMENTS**



**3 FAIRER — CHANGING THE CULTURE AND PURPOSE OF JAILS**



**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

The progress towards closing Rikers and building a smaller, safer, and fairer justice system is only possible with the partnership of individuals and organizations dedicated to making this change. Click [here](#) for a list of partners.

“The commitment to closing Rikers is already a huge victory for the people of NYC. A project of this magnitude is no easy feat. The Mayor’s Office has responded to the concerns of community members by holding listening sessions with those most impacted... MOCJ has approached this project with compassion and shown commitment to doing it right. I’m proud to be on the Mayor’s Justice Implementation Task Force representing directly impacted women.”

Vivian Nixon, Executive Director, College & Community Fellowship