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Building Sustainable Infrastructure - Bridging the Gap Between Vision & Implementation

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Minelly's Presentation: The increased frequency of extreme weather events is causing devastating impacts to our cities' most vulnerable populations and its aging infrastructure. These events, and the influx of funding - federal, state, and local - that typically follows— provide cities with an opportunity to reimagine infrastructure solutions that can respond to the needs of our communities today and into the future. The presentation will focus on lessons learned in executing those types of solutions in New York City, particularly

when building new coastal protection infrastructure after Hurricane Sandy, and how leaders across all sectors can prepare and effectively bridge the gap between the visioning stage and implementation phase of these projects, while responding to and amplifying the voices of the communities they serve.

Minelly has over a decade of experience in design and construction. In her current role, she leads the delivery of priority projects for the City, bringing together interdisciplinary multi-agency teams to develop and execute strategies for successful project implementation. Her portfolio includes major coastal resiliency projects, the Borough Based Jails program, community centers and cultural institutions. Prior to joining the City, Minelly worked in engineering consulting, where she led environmental planning, review, monitoring, and construction for a broad range of transit, bridge, and facility development projects. Her passion is leveraging engineering and policy to create great infrastructure that improves people's lives.

Minelly holds a B.S. in civil engineering from NYU Tandon School of Engineering and an M.S. in sustainability management from Columbia University.