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Buffalo Bills Stadium Deal Faces Public Vetting as Final Approval Nears.

Project has secured among the highest public funding for a stadium in US sports history

The Buffalo Bills and New York State officials are nearing final approval to build a new National Football League stadium in Orchard Park, New York, with \$850 million in municipal subsidies.

On Thursday, the Erie County Stadium Corporation, a subsidiary of New York's principal public-benefit corporation, will hold a public hearing on the \$1.4 billion stadium project at 5 p.m. local time. Residents will have the chance to weigh in on the merit of the deal — which ranks among the largest taxpayer contributions ever for a pro football facility — as well as the community benefits agreement.

Locals from Erie County could hold up the project if there are substantive negative comments. If the hearing goes smoothly, the deal will be sent to the Erie County legislature and executive for signoff before construction can commence, according to Laura Magee, a spokesperson for Empire State Development. The NFL has already approved the deal.

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