

A. INTRODUCTION

Unavoidable significant adverse impacts are defined as those that meet the following two criteria:

- There are no reasonably practicable mitigation measures to eliminate the impacts; and
- There are no reasonable alternatives to the proposed project that would meet the purpose and need of the action, eliminate the impact, and not cause other or similar significant adverse impacts.

As described in Chapter 14, “Mitigation,” the potential traffic and bus service impacts identified for the proposed project could be mitigated. However, impacts to historic resources would not be fully mitigated.

B. HISTORIC RESOURCES

As described in Chapter 5, “Historic and Cultural Resources,” the Admirals Row site has been determined to be eligible for the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Therefore, demolition of the historic structures on the project site (with the exception of Building B and the Timber Shed) would result in a direct, significant adverse impact on architectural resources associated with Admirals Row. The proposed project would also have a significant adverse impact on the historic context of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, as it would demolish buildings that have been part of the development and history of the Brooklyn Navy Yard since the mid-19th century. As part of the ongoing, independent consultation process under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 regarding the federal disposition of the Admirals Row site, mitigation measures have been developed to mitigate the adverse effect resulting from the proposed disposition of the federally owned Admirals Row property to a non-federal entity. BNYDC and the developer to be designated pursuant to a Request for Proposals would undertake additional mitigation measures, including the rehabilitation and/or reconstruction and adaptive reuse of two of the most significant historic structures on the project site. However, these mitigation measures, as described in Chapter 5, “Historic and Cultural Resources” and Chapter 14, “Mitigation,” would only partially mitigate these significant adverse impacts. Further, as described in Chapter 15, “Alternatives,” there are no reasonable alternatives to the proposed project that would eliminate the significant adverse impacts and that would be feasible and meet the project’s purpose and need. *