



Negative Declaration

Date Issued: August 31, 2022
CEQR Number: 22DOT019R
Name: Reconstruction of Richmond Valley Road
Location: Richmond Valley Road between Arthur Kill Road and Page Avenue, Staten Island
SEQRA Classification: This project is classified as an Unlisted Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR, Part 617

Description:

The New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) has completed its review of the above referenced Environmental Assessment Statement (EAS) and hereby issues this Negative Declaration.

NYC DOT, as a lead agency, is proposing to reconstruct Richmond Valley Road between Arthur Kill Road on the west and Page Avenue on the east. The objective of the proposed project is to improve this street corridor by widening and reconstructing the roadway surface to its mapped width and in doing so, improve vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian functions and safety. The proposed reconstruction will include a bike lane, completed sidewalks to enhance pedestrian safety, landscaping, and drainage improvements. Drainage improvements include installing new NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approved Type 1 catch basins for the purposes of capturing street drainage and conveying it to the existing storm sewer below Richmond Valley Road, extension of a pipe connecting to the existing 30-inch storm sewer in Richmond Valley Road and replacement of water main segments and fire hydrants, as needed.

In addition to the reconstruction, implementing the proposed project also requires the acquisition of land within private lots that extend into the mapped street right-of-way. The project area is located in Community Board 3 and the Build year (Estimated Time of Completion) is 2025.

Statement of No Significant Effect

Pursuant to Executive Order 91 of 1977, as amended, and the Rules of Procedure for City Environmental Quality Review, found at Title 62, Chapter 5 of the Rules of the City of New York and Part 617 of Title 6 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (6 NYCRR) of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), NYC DOT assumed the role of lead agency for the environmental review of the proposed project. Based on the review of the project information contained in the EAS dated August 16, 2022, NYC DOT has determined that the proposed action would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

Reasons Supporting this Determination

The above determination is based on the EAS dated August 16, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein, which makes the following conclusions regarding the proposed project:

1. As identified in the EAS environmental analysis, freshwater wetlands are present, including both New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulated wetlands. As part of the permitting process, it will be determined in conjunction with NYSDEC if wetland restoration is required for this project, and if necessary, wetland restoration designs will be submitted to NYSDEC and USACE as part of the permit application and will be finalized in coordination with these agencies during the permitting process. The proposed project would be implemented in conformance with the permit to ensure that there are no significant adverse impacts

associated with freshwater wetlands. At that time, a second NYC Waterfront Revitalization Program (WRP) for the freshwater wetland permits will be submitted to NYC Department of City Planning.

2. To avoid any potential adverse effects on archaeological resources identified in the Phase 1A, additional archaeological analysis with field testing is to be performed in consultation with LPC and OPRHP in the form of a Phase 1B Archaeological Investigation at the identified potentially sensitive areas. Based on the results of that testing, if necessary, additional archaeological investigations would be completed to assess and document any archaeological resources to avoid any potential adverse effects.
3. To avoid impacts during construction, the following measures would be incorporated into the project construction specifications to avoid any potential impacts due to the potential presence of contaminated or hazardous materials becoming exposed to construction workers, residents and visitors to the area, and the environment:
 - The contract documents would identify provisions and a contingency for managing, handling, transporting, and disposing of any non-hazardous, contaminated soil. A Material Handling Plan (MHP) would be required to identify the specific protocol and procedures that would be employed to manage the waste in accordance with applicable regulations;
 - Dust control procedures would be implemented during excavation activities to minimize potential airborne contaminants released into the ambient environment as a direct result of construction activities. A Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) would be developed in accordance with NYSDEC DER-10 Regulations;
 - The contractor would be required to obtain a DEP sewer discharge permit and perform sampling and laboratory analysis prior to discharge into the sewers. If discharge into storm sewers is proposed, a NYSDEC SPDES permit may also be required to satisfy NYSDEC requirements as well as additional sampling and laboratory analysis; and
 - Before beginning any excavation activity, the Contractor would submit a site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) that meets the requirements set forth by the OSHA, the NYSDOH and any other applicable regulations.

With the above measures implemented during construction, the proposed project would not result in any potential significant adverse impacts due to the presence of contaminated or hazardous materials.

4. No other significant effects upon the environment that would require the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement are foreseeable.

This Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (SEQR).



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