

Foreword

This document is the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Riverside Center project (the Proposed Project). The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the Proposed Project was accepted as complete by the New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) and a Notice of Completion for the DSEIS was issued on May 21, 2010. The City Planning Commission (CPC) held a duly noticed public hearing on the DSEIS on September 15, 2010 at 22 Reade Street. The comment period remained open for receiving written comments until September 27, 2010.

This FSEIS addresses all substantive comments made on the DSEIS during the public hearing and subsequent comment period. Those comments are summarized and responded to in Chapter 27, “Responses to Comments on the DSEIS.” Changes to the text and graphics from the DSEIS were made in this FSEIS, as necessary, in response to these comments.

Changes between the DSEIS and FSEIS include:

- Revisions resulting from the updated 2010 *CEQR Technical Manual*'s revised methodologies that would have the potential to materially change the Project's analyses or affect the conclusions presented in the DSEIS (as presented in the technical memorandum published on DCP's website on September 10, 2010). The technical memorandum determined that the analysis areas that would have the potential to be affected by the CEQR updates are limited to Shadows, Neighborhood Character, Traffic and Parking, Transit and Pedestrians, Air Quality and Noise, and this FSEIS reflects the analysis revisions in those areas. For all other analysis areas, either the DSEIS anticipated the possible issuance of the 2010 *CEQR Technical Manual* and already employed the methodologies in that document, or the 2010 *CEQR Technical Manual* updates would not materially change the analyses or conclusions presented in the DSEIS;
- Revisions to Chapter 4, “Community Facilities and Services,” Chapter 5, “Open Space,” Chapter 6, “Shadows,” Chapter 16, “Traffic and Parking,” Chapter 17, “Transit and Pedestrians,” Chapter 18, and Chapter 18 “Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions,” to reflect new or more accurate information identified subsequent to the issuance of the DSEIS.
- Updated conclusions in Chapter 22, “Mitigation,” in the areas of child care, open space, traffic, transit, pedestrians and construction traffic and noise, to reflect further analysis of potential mitigation measures conducted between the Draft and Final SEIS.
- Chapter 27, “Responses to Comments on the DSEIS,” which is entirely new to the document;
- Chapter 28, “Modifications to the Proposed Project,” which is entirely new to the document. Since the issuance of the DSEIS, the project sponsor has filed an amended application (dated August 20, 2010) with DCP that would apply the City's Inclusionary Housing Program to the project site. The description of the Proposed Project under the Inclusionary Housing Program is presented in this chapter. The project sponsor also expects to file a revised

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application that would incorporate various design changes, proposed in response to information, recommendations and comments received during the ULURP process. The potential for significant adverse environmental impacts to result from these design changes are also addressed in Chapter 28, "Modifications to the Proposed Project." It is possible that during the course of its review of the application for the Proposed Project additional modifications will be considered by CPC. Prior to implementation, any such further modification will be examined in a technical memorandum to assess whether it would result in any new significant adverse environmental impacts not identified and addressed in the FSEIS.

All text changes since publication of the DSEIS are marked by double-underlining in this FSEIS. No double-underlining is used for the Foreword or Chapters 27 and 28, all of which are entirely new. *