



**IN THE MATTER OF** an application, submitted by The New York City Department of Transportation, Division of Bridges, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter for an amendment to the City Map involving:

- the modification of legal grades on Westchester Avenue between Waters Place and Hutchinson River Parkway East Service Road;

in Community Districts 10 and 11, Borough of The Bronx, in accordance with Map No. 13139 dated March 2, 2017 and signed by the Borough President.

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This application for an amendment to the City Map was filed by The New York City Department of Transportation, Division of Bridges, on March 23, 2016. The proposed City Map amendment would facilitate the rehabilitation and raising of the Westchester Avenue Bridge over the Hutchinson River Parkway in the Westchester Square and Middletown neighborhoods of The Bronx, Community Districts 10 and 11.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Westchester Avenue Bridge was built in 1940 by the Triborough Bridge Authority in conjunction with the construction of the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge as a crossing between Westchester Avenue and the Hutchinson River Parkway. The bridge carries Westchester Avenue and the elevated New York City Transit Number 6 subway line over the Hutchinson River Parkway.

The major substandard feature of the bridge is the lack of sufficient vertical clearance between the Hutchinson River Parkway travel lanes below and the bottom of the structural girders of the bridge. The existing posted vertical clearance of 10'-2" is far less than the 12'-6" minimum vertical clearance required per American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards. The Westchester Avenue Bridge is the most struck bridge in New York City with 18 strikes in 2014, and 13 strikes in both 2015 and 2016. Several of the bridge girders have been impacted and damaged by errant trucks entering the parkway.

The section of Westchester Avenue that will be raised is City owned, has four travel lanes, two in each direction, with parking lanes and sidewalks on both sides. It extends from the intersection of Waters Place and Westchester Avenue east to the intersection of Westchester Avenue with the Hutchinson River Parkway East Service Road and includes the Westchester Avenue Bridge over the Hutchinson River Parkway. Maximum increase in elevation is approximately 1'-4" resulting in changes of less than one foot to the legal grade. In addition to raising Westchester Avenue the new bridge girders will be shallower to provide the required added vertical clearance.

The primary objective of the project is to achieve a standard vertical clearance of 12'-6" over the Hutchinson River Parkway and to rehabilitate the Westchester Avenue Bridge, utilizing cost effective methods and with minimum disruption to New York City Transit and the residential and business community during the construction phase. The project will include the following: replacement of the concrete bridge deck and parapets, replacement of steel girders and bearings, replacement of two water mains and addition of a third, relocation of various under deck utilities, new pedestrian fences, reconstruction of the approach roadways, rehabilitation of traffic signals, and a turn lane addition to the southbound Hutchinson River Parkway off ramp at Waters Place. The new bridge will continue to have four travel lanes, two in each direction, with parking lanes and sidewalks on both sides.

In response to a polling letter issued on April 21, 2016, no agencies or utilities expressed any objections to the proposal.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This application (C 160253 MMX) was reviewed pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and the SEQRA regulations set forth in Volume 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, Section 617.00 *et seq.* and the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Rules of Procedure of 1991 and Executive Order No. 91 of 1977. The lead agency is the Department of Transportation. The designated CEQR number is 15DOT020X.

This application was determined to be a Type II action, which requires no further review.

### **UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW**

This application (C 160253 MMX) was certified as complete by the Department of City Planning on April 24, 2017, and was duly referred to The Bronx Community Boards 10 and 11, the Borough Board and the Borough President, in accordance with Title 62 of the Rules of the City of New York, Section 2-02(b).

#### **Community Board Public Hearing**

Community Board 10 held a public hearing on this action on June 13, 2017, and on that date, by a vote of 24 in favor, none opposed, and with one abstention, adopted a resolution recommending approval of the application.

Community Board 11 held a public hearing on this action on May 25, 2017 and on that date, by a vote of 24 in favor, four opposed, and with three abstentions passed a motion that Community Board 11 had no objections to the proposal.

#### **Borough Board Public Hearing**

The Bronx Borough Board did not hold a public hearing or issue a recommendation on this application (C 160253 MMX).

#### **Borough President Recommendation**

This application (C 160253 MMX) was considered by the Bronx Borough President, who on July 24, 2017 issued a recommendation of approval of the application.

#### **City Planning Commission Public Hearing**

On July 26, 2017 (Calendar No. 1), the City Planning Commission scheduled August 9, 2017, for a public hearing on this application (C 160253 MMX). The hearing was duly held on August 9, 2017 (Calendar No. 36). There was one speaker in favor of the application and none in opposition.

A representative of the applicant described the proposed bridge raising and rehabilitation, and explained why the proposed grade changes and City Map amendment are needed.

There were no other speakers and the hearing was closed.

### **CONSIDERATION**

The Commission believes that this application for a City Map amendment (C 160253 MMX) is appropriate.

The City Planning Commission notes that the Westchester Avenue Bridge was built in the early 1940's to carry Westchester Avenue over the Hutchinson River Parkway. The Commission recognizes that the major substandard feature of the bridge is the lack of sufficient vertical clearance between the Hutchinson River Parkway travel lanes below and the bottom of the structural girders of the bridge and that this lack of clearance has resulted in numerous strikes by errant trucks entering the parkway. The Commission believes that the rehabilitated and raised Westchester Avenue Bridge will improve vehicular safety by providing the required American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) vertical clearance of 12'6". The Commission agrees that the proposed City Map amendment is necessary for the Department of Transportation to rehabilitate and raise the existing bridge.

### **RESOLUTION**

Therefore, the City Planning Commission, deeming the proposed amendment to the City Map and any related acquisition or disposition of real property related thereto to be appropriate, adopts the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the City Planning Commission finds that the action described herein will have no significant impact on the environment; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter, that based on the environmental determination and the consideration described in this report, the application (C 160253 MMX), for an amendment to the City Map involving:

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in The Borough of The Bronx, Community Districts 10 and 11, in accordance with Map No. 13139 dated March 2, 2017 and signed by the Borough President is approved;

All such approvals being subject to the following conditions:

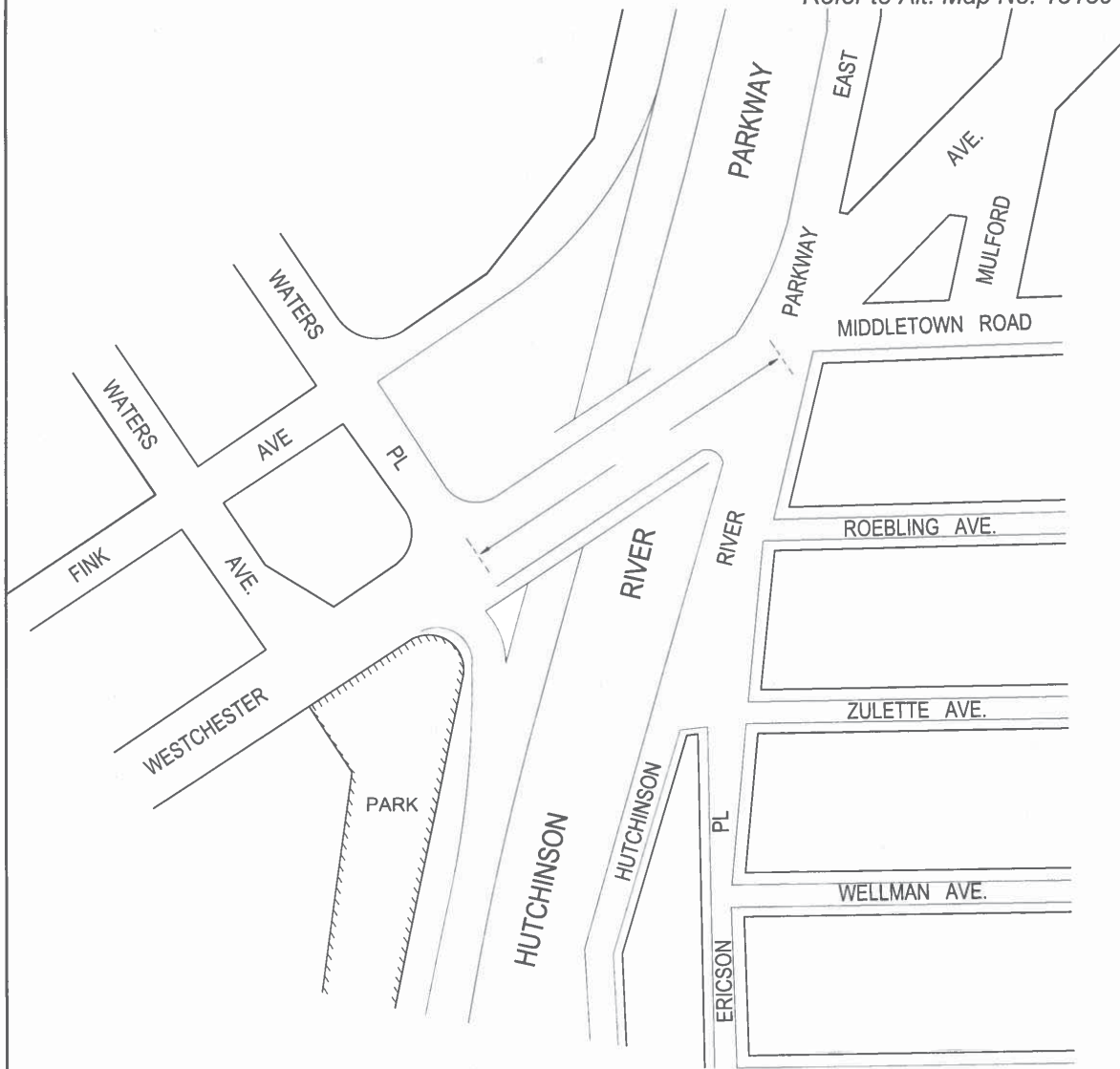
The subject amendment to the City Map shall take effect on the day following the day on which certified counterparts of Map No. 13139 dated March 2, 2017 are filed with the appropriate agencies in accordance with Section 198 subsection c of the New York City Charter.

The above resolution (C 160253 MMX), duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on September 6, 2017 (Calendar No. 14), is filed with the Office of the Speaker, City Council, and the Borough President in accordance with the requirements of Section 197-d of the New York City Charter.

**MARISA LAGO, *Chair***  
**KENNETH J. KNUCKLES, Esq., *Vice-Chairman***  
**IRWIN G. CANTOR, P.E., ALFRED C. CERULLO, III,**  
**MICHELLE R. DE LA UZ, JOSEPH I. DOUEK, RICHARD W. EADDY,**  
**CHERYL COHEN EFFRON, HOPE KNIGHT,**  
**ORLANDO MARIN, LARISA ORTIZ, Commissioners**

C.D. 10 & 11

C 160253 MMX  
Refer to Alt. Map No. 13139



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITY OF NEW YORK  
DIAGRAM SHOWING PROPOSED  
**MAP CHANGE**  
ON SECTIONAL MAP  
**4**  
BOROUGH OF  
**THE BRONX**

New York, Certification Date  
APRIL 24, 2017

*P. Montgomery*  
P. Montgomery, P.E.  
Chief Engineer

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NOTE:

- Indicates line of street legally adopted.
- /// Indicates Park line heretofore established and hereby retained.
- ← → Indicates limits of area generally affected by grade change.

THIS DIAGRAM IS FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY.

# Community/Borough Board Recommendation

Pursuant to the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure

Application #: **C 160253 MMX**

CEQR Number: 15DOT020X

Project Name: **WESTCHESTER AVE. BRIDGE CITY MAP CHANGE**

Borough(s): **THE BRONX**

Community District Number(s): **10, 11**

Please use the above application number on all correspondence concerning this application

## SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

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  - MAIL:** Calendar Information Office, City Planning Commission, Room 2E, 22 Reade Street, New York, NY 10007
  - FAX:** (212) 720-3356 and note "Attention of the Calendar Office"
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<b>Applicant(s):</b> NYCDOT Bridges 59 Maiden Lane - 36th Floor New York, NY 10038		<b>Applicant's Representative:</b> Robert Collyer, P.E. NYCDOT 55 Water Street 5th Floor New York, NY 10041 212.839.6300	
<b>Recommendation submitted by:</b> Bronx Community Board 10			
<b>Date of public hearing:</b> 6.13.2017		<b>Location:</b> Ft. Schuyler House 3077 CBE, 10465	
<b>Was a quorum present?</b> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		<small>A public hearing requires a quorum of 20% of the appointed members of the board, but in no event fewer than seven such members.</small>	
<b>Date of Vote:</b> 6.13.2017		<b>Location:</b> Ft. Schuyler House 3077 CBE, 10465	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Approve With Modifications/Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove With Modifications/Conditions			
<b>Please attach any further explanation of the recommendation on additional sheets, as necessary.</b>			
<b>Voting</b> # In Favor: 24 # Against: 0 # Abstaining: 1 Total members appointed to the board: 39			
<b>Name of CB/BB officer completing this form</b> Matthew Cruz MATT CRUZ		<b>Title</b> DISTRICT MANAGER	<b>Date</b> 6.23.2017



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<b>Recommendation submitted by:</b> Bronx Community Board 11		
<b>Date of public hearing:</b> 5/25/17		<b>Location:</b> Calvary Hospital
<b>Was a quorum present?</b> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <small>A public hearing requires a quorum of 20% of the appointed members of the board, but in no event fewer than seven such members.</small>		
<b>Date of Vote:</b> 5/25/17		<b>Location:</b> <del>Calvary Hospital</del> Calvary Hospital
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Objection <input type="checkbox"/> Approve With Modifications/Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove With Modifications/Conditions		
<b>Please attach any further explanation of the recommendation on additional sheets, as necessary.</b>		
<b>Voting</b> # In Favor: 24    # Against: 4    # Abstaining: 3    Total members appointed to the board:		
<b>Name of CB/BB officer completing this form</b> Jeremy Warnke	<b>Title</b> District Manager	<b>Date</b> 6/5/17



**BOROUGH PRESIDENT  
RECOMMENDATION**

**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
22 Reade Street, New York, NY 10007  
Fax # (212)720-3356

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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2. Send one copy with any attachments to the applicant's representative as indicated on the Notice of Certification.

**APPLICATION # C 160253 MMX-Westchester Avenue Bridge Replacement**

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION-PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR DOCKET DESCRIPTION**

**COMMUNITY BOARD NOS. 10 & 11**

**BOROUGH: BRONX**

**RECOMMENDATION**

- ☒ **APPROVE**
- ☐ **APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS/CONDITIONS (List below)**
- ☐ **DISAPPROVE**

**EXPLANATION OF RECOMMENDATION-MODIFICATION/CONDITIONS (Attach additional sheets if necessary): PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR THE BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION**

  
BOROUGH PRESIDENT

  
DATE

## **BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION**

### **ULURP APPLICATION NO: C 160253 MMX**

#### **Westchester Avenue Bridge Replacement**

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#### **BACKGROUND**

This application would facilitate the replacement of a mapped bridge constructed in 1940. The current 100-foot wide, approximately 159-foot long four-lane multi-girder steel bridge provides an east-west linkage over the Hutchinson River Parkway, connecting Waters Place on the east with Hutchinson River Parkway East Service Road on the west, at Westchester Avenue.

The Department of Transportation has budgeted \$45 Million to facilitate the rehabilitation of the Westchester Avenue Bridge with new design to increase the minimum vertical clearance from 10'2" to 12'6" above Hutchinson River Parkway required per AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) standards for parkways with passenger cars only.

The proposed project includes the replacement of the concrete bridge deck, parapets, steel girders, bearings, two water mains, and standard railing and fence on sidewalks. In addition, the following elements would be included in the project: an additional water main; reconstruction of the approach roadways; relocation of various under deck utilities; rehabilitation of traffic signals and street lights; and two height-restrictor barriers.

The rehabilitation of the Westchester Avenue Bridge including the contractor staging and laydown be performed within the property of the City of New York. The proposed project will produce the least impact by maintaining New York City Transit Subway 6 Train operations, a continuous deck across the entire width, and service of utilities across except water mains. The temporary in the public impact includes suspended service of water mains. Overall, it is

anticipated the construction of the proposed project would not result in significant adverse impacts on transportation services on Westchester Avenue, Hutchinson River Parkway and NYCT Subway 6 Train.

Construction is expected to commence in July 10, 2017, and requires 60 months for completion. The proposed project would restore structural integrity and improve vertical clearance above Hutchinson River Parkway, and overall traffic conditions by using cost effective methods to reduce negative impact and to provide an acceptable level of service. Non-standard features would be eliminated to improve vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow. Overall, the project would enhance safety and increase reliability of the Westchester Avenue Bridge, Hutchinson River Parkway and surrounding roadways.

To accommodate the traffic lanes, sidewalks and bicycle lanes, the Department of Transportation proposes to modify the existing mapped street grades on Westchester Avenue. Minimal impact has been agreed to by New York City Department of Parks and Recreation (NYCDPR), therefore, alienation is not required.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND ULURP CERTIFICATION**

This application has been reviewed pursuant to CEQR and received a Negative Declaration. The City Planning Commission certified this application as complete on April 24, 2017.

## **BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**

Bronx Community Board #10 held a public hearing on this application on June 13, 2017. A vote recommending approval was, 24 in favor, zero against, and zero abstaining.

Bronx Community Board #11 held a public hearing on this application on June 5, 2017. A vote recommending approval was, 24 in favor, four against, and three abstaining.

## **BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC HEARING**

The Bronx Borough President convened a public hearing on July 6, 2017.

Representatives of the applicant were present and spoke in favor of this application.

## **BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION**

I am pleased with the overall design and vision this new Westchester Avenue Bridge will offer Bronx residents, businesses and visitors. This higher bridge will enhance safety and increase reliability of the bridge for vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists. It would serve to dramatically improve south-east vehicular traffic flow on the Hutchinson River Parkway, as well as east-west vehicular traffic flow on the Westchester Avenue connecting both sides of the Hutchinson River Parkway while also offering dedicated sidewalks and bicycle lane.

I do recommend the following:

All measures should be implemented to expedite the construction and minimize noise, debris, dust and other negative impact on local traffic and surrounding communities.

The staging area during construction should be cleaned and landscaped after completion. The Department of Parks and Recreation should participate in the design, implementation and the maintenance of the pedestrian, bicycle lanes.

All street lighting incorporated into the bridge design should be extended to Waters Place and Hutchinson River Parkway East Service Road at the intersections.

With these modifications included, I am pleased to support this project and recommend approval of this application.