



## CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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August 20, 2014/Calendar No. 10

C 140385 PQQ

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**IN THE MATTER OF** an application submitted by the Department of Transportation and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, for the acquisition of temporary easements generally located along Roosevelt Avenue between 126<sup>th</sup> Street and College Point Boulevard (Block 1833, Lots 1 and 101; Block 2018, Lots 75, 83 and 300; Block 5066, Lot 1; and Block 4963, Lots 1 and 7) to facilitate the rehabilitation of a bridge, Borough of Queens, Community Districts 3, 4, and 7.

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This application for the acquisition of temporary easements was filed on May 12, 2014 by the Department of Transportation and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services to facilitate the rehabilitation of Roosevelt Avenue Bridge, located in Community Districts 3, 4, and 7 in the borough of Queens.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services seek the acquisition of ten temporary easements to facilitate the rehabilitation of the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge over the Flushing River and Van Wyck Expressway.

The temporary easements to be acquired are located on properties adjacent to Roosevelt Avenue between the 126<sup>th</sup> Street intersection and the College Point intersection near Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Zoning districts near these properties include C4-4, M1-1, M3-1 and C4-2. Current uses in the vicinity include recreation activities in Flushing Meadows Corona Park and Citi Field, surface and rail maintenance, retail centers and auto repair, and construction storage areas.

The Roosevelt Avenue Bridge has been in service for more than 80 years since its completion in 1927. It is a 1,391 foot long, two-level, dual-use steel viaduct structure. On its lower level the bridge carries two lanes of vehicular traffic in each direction with an Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) of 20,000 vehicles per day over the Flushing River. An average of 26 pedestrians and 27 bicyclists utilize the bridge during the AM and PM peak hours. The upper

level of the bridge supports the overhead NYC Transit's elevated structure which carries the Flushing #7 line.

The Roosevelt Avenue Bridge has undergone numerous repairs and safety improvements in 1941, 1945, 1953, 1955 and 1977 comprised of column adjustments due to settlement, sidewalk reconstruction and deck repairs. The most recent rehabilitation effort took place in 1982 and consisted of full deck replacement and comprehensive steel repairs.

Rehabilitation of the bridge is necessary to extend the useful life of the structure for the next fifty plus years and will involve the replacement of the existing bridge deck with steel girders and various secondary members, including diaphragms, installation of a new concrete-filled steel grid deck, widening of the existing sidewalks to provide a standard bicycle/pedestrian lane on both sides of the bridge, demolition of existing abandoned operator's houses, rehabilitation of approach retaining walls, repair work on abutments and piers, and installation of new bridge fencing and painting. The number of traffic lanes and roadway geometry will remain unchanged.

All work will be performed while maintaining one lane of vehicular traffic in each direction, and one sidewalk will remain open to pedestrians at all times along Roosevelt Avenue with no impact on the NYC Transit's elevated #7 line above. Construction is scheduled to commence in March 2015 and will be completed by approximately 2018.

The acquisition of ten temporary easements ("A" thru "J" as described below) over privately- and publicly-owned land is necessary to allow for contractor access from the NYC right-of-way to the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge area, to furnish a contractor lay down area near the bridge and provide additional width for construction activities directly alongside sections of the bridge.

Temporary easements "A", "B" and "C" are located within the existing MTA Transit parking lot within Block 2018, Lots 75 and 83 and Block 1833, Lot 101. These easements will allow additional construction area for the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge rehabilitation and sidewalk widening and will be needed for approximately three years beginning in March 2015.

Temporary easement “D”, located within Block 2018, Lot 300 is owned by the MTA/LIRR. The property is directly under the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge, west of the Flushing River and is substantially vacant. This easement will allow additional construction area for bridge rehabilitation and sidewalk widening and will be needed for approximately three years beginning in March 2015.

Temporary easements “E”, “F” and “G” are privately-owned and are located within Block 5066, Lot 1 and Block 4963, Lots 1 and 7. Easement “E” is a 15-foot wide strip of land located south east of the Flushing River. It is a paved section abutting the Flushing Town Center retail complex, commonly known as Sky View Park, and it is needed to access the area to rehabilitate the bridge and widen the southern sidewalk. Easement “F” is a 15-foot wide temporary easement immediately north of the NYC Marginal Street right-of-way and will allow additional construction area for the proposed Marginal Street retaining wall construction along the northeast side of the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge. Easement “G” is a 15-foot wide temporary easement that abuts Easement “F” and will allow additional construction area for the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge sidewalk widening. Easements “E”, “F” and “G” will be needed for approximately three years beginning in March 2015.

Temporary easements “H”, “I” and “J” are on properties owned by the MTA/LIRR and are located within Block 1833, Lot 1. Easement “H” will allow additional construction area for Roosevelt Avenue Bridge rehabilitation and sidewalk widening. This temporary easement will be needed for approximately three years beginning in March of 2015. Easement “I” will provide a sufficient contractor lay down area and staging area for the contractor’s construction activities, storage and trailers, and would be needed for approximately 3.5 years beginning in March 2015. Easement “J” would provide the contractor a 20-foot wide access driveway from the New York City Right-of-Way at the intersection of Willets Point Boulevard and 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge project site. Based on the current project schedule this temporary easement would be needed for approximately 3.5 years beginning in March 2015.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The application (C 140385 PQQ), 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 designated CEQR number is 12DOT021Q. The lead agency is the Department of Transportation.

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

## **UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW**

This application (C 140385 PQQ) was certified as complete by the Department of City Planning on May 19, 2014, and was duly referred to Community Boards 3, 4 and 7, 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 3 held a public hearing on this application (C 140385 PQQ) on June 19, 2014, and on that date, by a vote of 27 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstaining, adopted a resolution recommending approval of the application, subject to the condition that the NYCDOT will keep Community Board 3 and other affected Community Boards informed of the progress and all related issues i.e. construction, traffic and any other condition that may adversely or otherwise impact the surrounding communities.

Community Board 4 held a public hearing on this application (C 140385 PQQ) on June 10, 2014, and on that date, by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention, adopted a resolution recommending approval of the application.

Community Board 7 held a public hearing on this application (C 140385 PQQ) on June 9, 2014, and on that date, by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention, adopted a resolution recommending approval of the application.

**Borough Board Recommendation**

The Queens Borough Board held a public hearing on this application on July 21, 2014 and on that date by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions, adopted a resolution recommending approval of the application.

**Borough President Recommendation**

This application (C 140385 PQQ) was considered by the Borough President of Queens, who issued a recommendation on July 22, 2014, approving the application.

**City Planning Commission Public Hearing**

On July 9, 2014 (Calendar No. 3), the City Planning Commission scheduled July 23, 2014, for a public hearing on this application (C 140385 PQQ). The hearing was duly held on July 23, 2014 (Calendar No. 19). There were 2 speakers in favor of the applications and none in opposition.

The speakers included the consultant representative for NYCDOT and an NYCDOT bridge engineer. The consultant representative described the requested temporary easements and explained the need to rehabilitate the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge. She stated that federal funding would assume 80 percent of the project's costs and that the window for securing federal funding would close in September 2014. She stated that the bridge would be open to traffic during construction while allowing the contractors to have close proximity for staging purposes. The consultant representative stated that all properties would be returned to the property owners in full at the completion of the project.

The NYCDOT engineer explained the relationship between bridge condition ratings and priorities for bridge reconstruction.

There were no other speakers, and the hearing was closed.

## **WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM CONSISTENCY REVIEW**

This application (C 140385 PQQ) was reviewed by the Department of City Planning for consistency with the policies of the New York City Waterfront Revitalization Program (WRP), as amended, approved by the New York City Council on October 13, 1999 and by the New York State Department of State on May 22, 2002, pursuant to the New York State Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act of 1981 (New York State Executive Law, Section 910 et seq.). The designated WRP number is 14-069.

The City Planning Commission, acting as the City Coastal Commission, having reviewed the waterfront aspects of this action, finds that the actions will not substantially hinder the achievement of any WRP policy and hereby determines that this action is consistent with WRP policies.

### **CONSIDERATION**

The City Planning Commission believes that this application (C 140385 PQQ) for the acquisition of ten temporary easements is appropriate.

The Commission believes that the existing Roosevelt Avenue Bridge is in a state of substantial deterioration and in need of timely rehabilitation. The Commission further believes that the proposed acquisition of ten temporary easements will facilitate rehabilitation of the bridge by providing access for repair work and staging areas for storage of needed materials and equipment. The Commission believes that the proposed easement acquisitions will allow for efficient staging for the planned rehabilitation of the bridge.

The Commission acknowledges Community Board 3's condition that the affected community boards be kept informed of the progress and issues related to the bridge repairs. While this condition is beyond the Commission's purview in considering this application, the Commission is encouraged by the outreach conducted by NYCDOT prior to the formal public review and is hopeful that communications with Community Boards 3, 4 and 7 will continue to update and address concerns that may arise related to the project.

**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**, that the City Planning Commission, acting as the City Coastal Commission, has reviewed the waterfront aspects of this application and finds that the proposed action will not substantially hinder the achievements of any WRP policy and hereby determines that this action is consistent with WRP policies; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Sections 197-c of the New York City Charter, that the application (C 140385 PQQ) submitted by the Department of Transportation and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, for the acquisition of temporary easements generally located along Roosevelt Avenue between 126<sup>th</sup> Street and College Point Boulevard (Block 1833, Lots 1 and 101; Block 2018, Lots 75, 83 and 300; Block 5066, Lot 1; and Block 4963, Lots 1 and 7) to facilitate the rehabilitation of a bridge, Borough of Queens, Community Districts 3, 4, and 7, is approved.

The above resolution (C 140385 PQQ), duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on August 20, 2014 (Calendar No. 10) 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.

**CARL WEISBROD**, Chairman  
**KENNETH J. KNUCKLES**, *Esq.*, *Vice-Chairman*  
**ANGELA M. BATTAGLIA**, **RAYANN BESSER**,  
**IRWIN G. CANTOR, P.E.**, **ALFRED C. CERULLO, III**,  
**MICHELLE R. DE LA UZ**, **JOSEPH I. DOUEK**,  
**RICHARD W. EADDY**, **ANNA HAYES LEVIN**, **ORLANDO MARIN**, Commissioners

**CHERYL COHEN EFFRON**, **BOMEI JUNG**, Commissioners Abstaining



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## **Community Board Recommendation**

Pursuant to the Uniform Land Use Review Procedures

Application# C140385PQQ  
CEQR Number #12DOT0210

Project Name : Roosevelt Ave. Bridge Rehabilitation

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Queens Community Board3 on June 19, 2014 held a public hearing at Diversity Plaza located at 37<sup>th</sup> Road between 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Streets in Jackson Heights, where over 200 residents were in attendance, to review application C140385PQQ for the acquisition of temporary easements at 126<sup>th</sup> Street and College Point Boulevard (1833 Lots (1 & 101), Block 2018, Lots (75,83 & 300), Block 5066, Lot (1), Block 4963, Lots 1 & 7) for the rehabilitation of the bridge. The ULURP application was submitted by New York City Department of Transportation (along with DCAS).

The 10 selected temporary easement sites surrounding the bridge shall be used for access, circulation and staging areas for construction activity. The primary objective is to provide meaningful and supportive access for construction for the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge rehabilitation.



**Resolution:**

Queens Community Board 3 after careful review of this matter recommends that the acquisition of the aforementioned temporary easements for the rehabilitation of Roosevelt Avenue Bridge be **Approved with the following Proviso:**

- That the NYCDOT will keep Community Board 3 and other affected Community Boards informed of the progress and all related issues i. e construction, traffic and any other condition that may adversely or otherwise impact the surrounding communities.

**With a vote of 27 In Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstention the motion to approve the application was passed.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application.

Stephen Kulhanek  
Chairperson  
Queens Community Board3



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 <b>Community/Borough Board Recommendation</b> Pursuant to the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure	
Application # <b>C140385 PQQ</b> CEQR Number: 12DO0210	Project Name <b>Roosevelt Ave Bridge Rehabilitation</b> Borough(s): Queens Community District Number(s): 3, 4, and 7
Please use the above application number on all correspondence concerning this application.	
<b>SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS</b>	
1. Complete this form and return to the Department of City Planning by one of the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>EMAIL (recommended):</b> Send email to <a href="mailto:CalendarOffice@cityplanning.nyc.gov">CalendarOffice@cityplanning.nyc.gov</a> and include the following subject line: (CB or BF) Recommendation + (9-digit application number), e.g., "CB Recommendation #100001234"</li> <li><b>MAIL:</b> Calendar Information Office, City Planning Commission, Room 2E, 22 Rector Street, New York, NY 10007</li> <li><b>FAX:</b> (212) 720-3356 and note "Attention of the Calendar Office"</li> </ul>	
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Applicant(s): Department of Transportation 58 Mott Lane 36 Floor NY NY 10038  Department of Citywide Administrative Services 1 Center Street NY NY 10007		Applicant's Representative: Robert Collyer 212-839-4588 Randall Fong 212-306-0818								
Recommendation submitted by: Community Board 4Q										
Date of public hearing: 6/10/2014	Location: VFW Post #150 51-11 108 Street, Queens									
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Name of CE/BB officer completing this form: Christian Cassagnol		Title: District Mgr.								
		Date: 6/10/2014								



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CEQR Number: 12DOT021Q	Borough(s): <b>Queens</b>
	Community District Number(s): <b>3, 4, and 7</b>

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


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Recommendation submitted by: Community Board #7, 133-32 41st Road, Flushing, NY 11355		
Date of public hearing: 6/9/14	Location: Union Plaza Care Center 33-23 Union Street, Flushing	
Was a quorum present? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
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# Queens Borough President Recommendation

APPLICATION: ULURP # C 140385 PQQ

COMMUNITY BOARDS: Q03,04,07

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## PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held in the Borough President's Conference Room at 120-55 Queens Boulevard on Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 10:30 A.M. pursuant to Section 82(5) of the New York City Charter and was duly advertised in the manner specified in Section 197-c (i) of the New York City Charter. The applicant made a presentation. There were no other speakers. The hearing was closed.

## CONSIDERATION

Subsequent to a review of the application and consideration of testimony received at the public hearing, the following issues and impacts have been identified:

- o The Department of Transportation and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services proposes acquisition of ten (10) temporary easements generally located along Roosevelt Avenue between 126<sup>th</sup> Street and College Point Boulevard to facilitate rehabilitation of the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge. The temporary easements are needed for movement and storage of needed materials/equipment and to provide needed access to the bridge for repair work;
- o The applicant seeks temporary easements to the following ten (10) properties:
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  - Easement D is located on Block 2018 Lot 300 on property owned by MTA/LIRR;
  - Easement E is located on Block 5066 Lot 1, on private property owned by Flushing Town Center III LLC, previously CE Flushing LLC;
  - Easement F is located on Block 4963 Lot 7, on private property owned by ABS Flushing Development LLC;
  - Easement G is located on Block 4963 Lot 1, on private property owned by CE Flushing LLC;
  - Easement H is located on Block 1833 Lot 1, on property owned by MTA/LIRR;
  - Easement I and J are located on Block 1833, Lot 1 are, and both owned by MTA/LIRR but is currently leased on a month to month basis to the Tully Construction Company.
- o The proposed renovation of the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge will include the replacement of the existing deck to be replaced with a 4 ¼" concrete filled steel grid deck with a 2" asphalt driveway. The existing steel superstructure and concrete substructure would remain and rehabilitated as needed to bring the bridge into a state of good repair. As part of this renovation the existing sidewalks would be widened to allow dedicated pedestrian and bicycle paths on each side of the bridge. Work is expected to begin in 2015 and completed by 2019;
- o The Roosevelt Avenue Bridge has been in continuous service for over 80 years since its completion in 1927. It is one of two major west to east connector roadways in northern Queens. The bridge is a two-level structure for vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the lower level with subway tracks on top for the No. 7 train. It currently extends along M1-1, M3-1 and M3-1 with a C4-2 commercial overlay zoning districts. The surrounding area is a mix of industrial, transportation, ground floor commercial/retail uses. North and west of the project is the Willets Point Special District and Citi Field baseball stadium. To the south is Flushing Meadow Corona Park and to the east, is the Downtown Flushing Community;
- o The most recent rehabilitation of the bridge took place in 1982 and consisted of a full deck replacement and comprehensive steel repairs. A 2005 inspection revealed severe deterioration of the bridge deck, in particular the bascule span. The overlay is generally cracked and marked by numerous repairs with asphalt and concrete patches;

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**QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION**

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- o Community Board 3 approved this application by a vote of twenty-seven (27) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) abstaining at a public hearing held on June 19, 2014;
- o Community Board 4 approved this application by a vote of thirty-six (36) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) abstaining at a public hearing held on June 10, 2014;
- o Community Board 7 approved this application by a vote of thirty-eight (38) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) abstaining at a public hearing held on June 09, 2014;

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above consideration, I hereby recommend approval of this application.



PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF QUEENS

7/22/14  
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# Queens Borough Board Recommendation

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COMMUNITY BOARDS: Q03, 04, 07

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## PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Meeting was held in the Borough President's Conference Room at 120-55 Queens Boulevard on Monday, July 21, 2014, at 5:30 PM pursuant to Section 82(5) of the New York City Charter. The applicant made a presentation. There were no other speakers. The hearing was closed.

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- o The proposed renovation of the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge will include the replacement of the existing deck with a 4¼" concrete filled steel grid deck with a 2" asphalt driveway. The existing steel superstructure and concrete substructure would remain and rehabilitated as needed to bring the bridge into a state of good repair. As part of this renovation the existing sidewalks would be widened to allow dedicated pedestrian and bicycle paths on each side of the bridge. Work is expected to begin in 2015 and completed by 2019;
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- o The most recent rehabilitation of the bridge took place in 1982 and consisted of a full deck replacement and comprehensive steel repairs. A 2005 inspection revealed severe deterioration of the bridge deck, in particular the bascule span. The overlay is generally cracked and marked by numerous repairs with asphalt and concrete patches;

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- o Community Board 3 approved this application by a vote of twenty-seven (27) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) abstaining at a public hearing held on June 19, 2014;
- o Community Board 4 approved this application by a vote of thirty-six (36) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) abstaining at a public hearing held on June 10, 2014;
- o Community Board 7 approved this application by a vote of thirty-eight (38) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) abstaining at a public hearing held on June 09, 2014;
- o The Queens Borough Board approved this application by a vote of ten (10) in favor, with none (0) opposed or abstaining at a public meeting held on July 21, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above consideration, I hereby recommend approval of this application.

  
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PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF QUEENS

  
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