



IN THE MATTER OF an application, submitted by the Department of Transportation, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter, for an amendment to the City Map involving the modification of street lines and grades on Granite Avenue between Walker Street and LaSalle Street, in Community District 1, Borough of Staten Island, in accordance with Map No. 4125 dated May 14, 1993, revised August 11, 2009, and signed by the Borough President.

The application (C 900624 MMR) for an amendment to the City Map was filed by the Department of Transportation on March 8, 1990 in order to facilitate the reconstruction of the Granite Avenue Bridge over the Staten Island Railroad right-of-way, and its approaches between LaSalle Street and Walker Street in Staten Island.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is requesting a change to the City Map to reflect the reconstruction of the Granite Avenue Bridge over the Staten Island Railroad right-of-way, and its approaches between LaSalle Street and Walker Street in the Elm Park neighborhood of Staten Island's central north shore. The reconstruction of the bridge and its approaches was completed in 1993. DOT requests that the legal grades on the City Map be modified to reflect the new grades used for the reconstruction of the bridge. DOT also requests the modification of street lines and dimensions on the portion of Granite Avenue that abuts the southerly end of the bridge in order to reflect the bridge's expanded length of approximately 10 feet at that location.

The approximately 100-foot-long bridge is a sectional box-girder type commonly used for spanning short distances. This portion of Staten Island Railway's North Shore Branch was abandoned in the early 1950's, though there has been a call in recent years for its restoration to help relieve congestion on Staten Island's roadways. The bottom side of the new bridge's structure is higher than that of the previous bridge, providing greater clearance distances over the tracks and improving the feasibility of future railroad use.

Granite Avenue, located two blocks or approximately 1,000 feet east of Simonson Avenue, is City-owned, open for two-way traffic, and is mapped to a width of 50 feet along the bridge, and to a width of 60 feet north and south of the bridge. The area affected by the grade changes along Granite Avenue is approximately 400 feet in length (200 feet on each side of the bridge). The modification of grades is due to an improved bridge design whose goal is to avoid extreme changes in slope. The maximum change in grade occurs on the new bridge itself which is approximately 1.5 feet lower than the previously existing grade on the old bridge. The maximum grade change for the approaches to the bridge is approximately 1 foot. A standard curbed sidewalk drainage design was used to ensure that run-off would not spill into properties adjacent to the site.

The site is located within an M3-1 zoning district and is surrounded by various automobile and construction-related uses, as well as a school for autistic children. An R3-2 zoning district is located further to the south of the site.

In response to a polling letter issued to affected City agencies and utilities, no agencies had indicated any opposition to the proposed map change.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This application (C 900624 MMR) 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. This application was determined to be a Type II action which requires no further review.

UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW

This application (C 900624 MMR), was certified as complete by the Department of City Planning on March 22, 2010, and was duly referred to Community Board 1 and the Staten Island 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 1 held a public hearing on this application (C 900624 MMR) on May 3, 2010, and on May 11, 2010, by a vote of 27 to 0 with 0 abstentions, adopted a resolution recommending approval of the application.

Borough President Recommendation

This application (C 900624 MMR) was considered by the Borough President of Staten Island, who issued a recommendation approving the application on June 17, 2010.

City Planning Commission Public Hearing

On June 9, 2010 (Calendar No. 3), the City Planning Commission scheduled June 23, 2010 for a public hearing on this application (C 900624 MMR). The hearing was duly held on June 23, 2010 (Calendar No. 15).

There was one speaker on this application. The speaker, a representative of the applicant, described the application to the City Planning Commission. There were no other speakers and the hearing was closed.

CONSIDERATION

The City Planning Commission believes that this amendment to the City Map is appropriate. The Commission notes that many of the city's 1,500 bridges, which are owned, operated and maintained by DOT, are nearly a century old, and from time to time need to be replaced. . Such was the case with the subject bridge on Granite Avenue. The Commission further notes that, due to a new bridge design, the elevations on top of the bridge and the length of the bridge required modification. The Commission believes that proposed grade changes are necessary to accommodate the new structure and complete the reconstruction of a formerly failing bridge.

RESOLUTION

Therefore, the City Planning Commission, deeming the proposed amendment to the City Map and any related acquisition or disposition 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

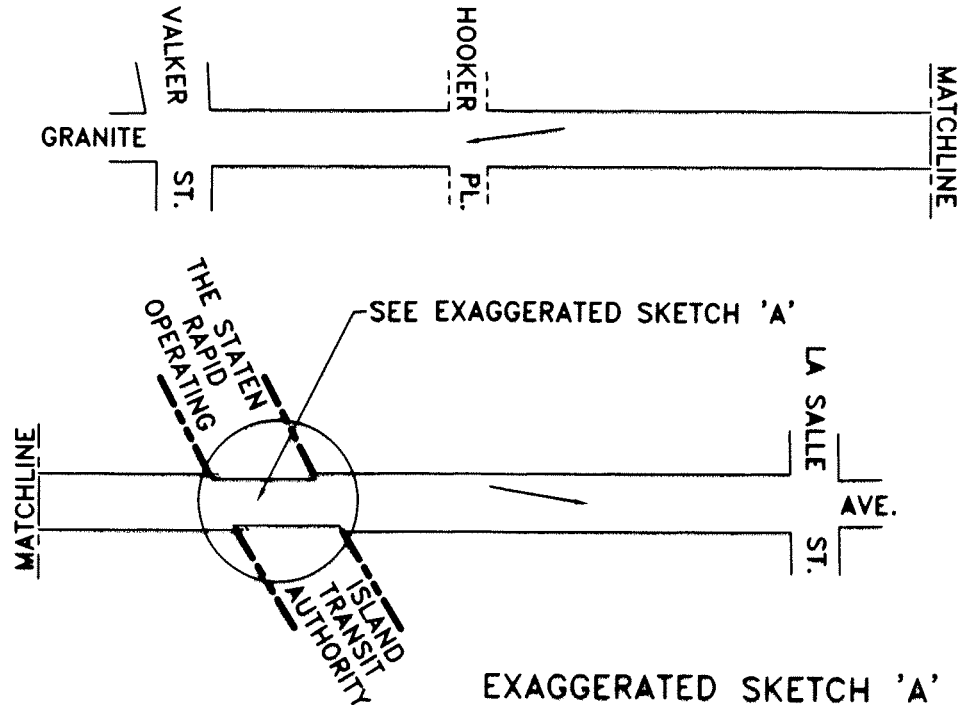
RESOLVED, by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter, that based on the environmental determination and the consideration described in this report, the application (C 900624 MMR) for the amendment to the City Map involving the modification of street lines and grades on Granite Avenue between Walker Street and LaSalle Street, including authorization for any acquisition or disposition of real property related thereto, in Community District 1, Borough of Staten Island, in accordance with Map No. 4125 dated May 14, 1993, revised August 11, 2009, and signed by the Borough President, is approved;

All such approvals being subject to the following condition:

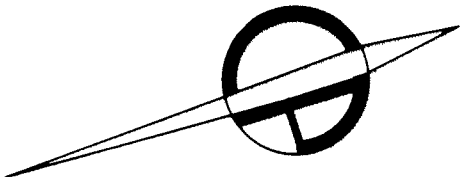
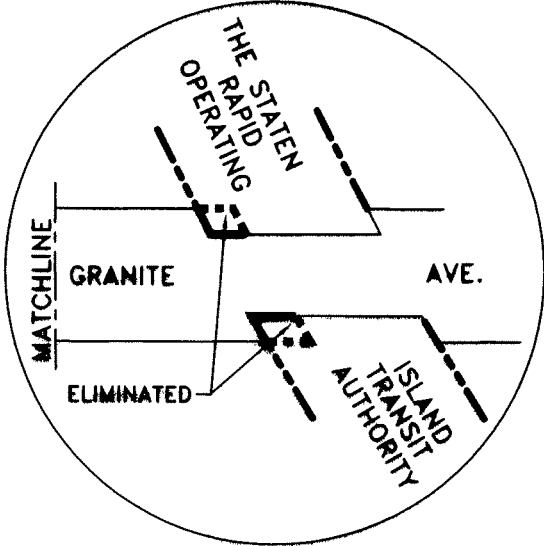
The subject amendment to the City Map shall take effect on the day following the day on which certified counterparts of Map No. 4125 are filed with the appropriate agencies in accordance with Section 198 subsection c of the New York City Charter.

The above resolution (C 900624 MMR), duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on July 28, 2010 (Calendar No. 15), 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.

AMANDA M. BURDEN, FAICP, Chair
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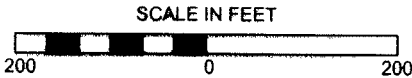
EXAGGERATED SKETCH 'A'
(NOT TO SCALE)



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEW YORK
DIAGRAM SHOWING PROPOSED
MAP CHANGE
ON SECTIONAL MAP
20c
BOROUGH OF
STATEN ISLAND

New York, Certification Date
MARCH 22, 2010

I. Sadko, P.E.
Chief Engineer



- NOTE:
- Indicates line of street legally adopted.
 - Indicates line of street proposed to be established.
 - - - - Indicates line of street proposed to be eliminated.
 - ← → Indicates limits of area generally affected by grade change.

THIS DIAGRAM IS FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY.

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SI**Community/Borough Board Recommendation**

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
22 Reade Street, New York, NY 10007
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Application # C 900624 MMR
CEQR # N/A (TYPE II)
Community District No. 01 Borough: Staten Island
Community District No. ___ Borough: ___
Project Name: Granite Ave. City Map Change

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete this form and return one copy to the Calendar Information Office, City Planning Commission, Room 2E, at the above address.
2. Send one copy of the completed form with any attachments to the applicant's representative at the address listed below, one copy to the Borough President, and one copy to the Borough Board, when applicable.

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Applicant(s):

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Applicant's Representative:

Community Board No. 1 Borough: Staten Island

Borough Board

Date of public hearing: 5/3/2010

Location: Board Office

1 Edgewater Plaza, Suite 217
SI, NY 10305

Was a quorum present? YES ☒ NO ☐

A public hearing shall require a quorum of 20% of the appointed members of the board, but in no event fewer than seven such members.

Vote adopting recommendation taken: 5/11/2010

Location: All Saints Church

2329 Victory Blvd. SI, NY 10314

RECOMMENDATION

☒ Approve

☐ Approve With Modifications/Conditions

☐ Disapprove

☐ Disapprove With Modifications/Conditions

Explanation of Recommendation-Modification/Conditions (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Community Board #1 approves application as presented/

Voting

In Favor: 27 Against: — Abstaining: —

Total members appointed to the board: 40

Leticia Bonanno
Community/Borough Board Officer

Chairman
Title

May 13, 2010
Date

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Uniform Land Use Review Procedure
New York City Department of City Planning
Staten Island Borough President Recommendation

ULURP NO.**COMMUNITY DISTRICT:****C 900624 MMR****1****GRANITE AVENUE CITY MAP CHANGE****DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

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RECOMMENDATION:☒ **APPROVE**☐ **DISAPPROVE**☐ **WITH CONDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS****EXPLANATION OF RECOMMENDATION, CONDITION OR MODIFICATIONS**
JAMES P. MOLINARO**PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND****DATE: JUNE 17, 2010**