



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

November 5, 2003/Calendar No. 21

C 010130 PQQ

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 property located at 62-35 Fresh Pond Road and 61-47 and 49 Metropolitan Avenue (Block 2770, Lot 1 and Block 2747, Lots 85 and 94), Community District 5, Borough of Queens, for bridge reconstruction and maintenance.

This application (C 010130 PQQ) was filed on September 28, 2003 by the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter for the acquisition of permanent and temporary easements in connection with the reconstruction of the Metropolitan Avenue Bridge in the Ridgewood section of Queens, Community District 5.

RELATED ACTION:

In addition to the acquisition of easements, which is the subject of this report, implementation of the proposed reconstruction also requires action by the City Planning Commission on the following application which is being considered concurrently with this application:

C 010129 MMQ Amendment of the City Map involving a change in grades and the delineation of easements

BACKGROUND:

The New York City Department of Transportation is proposing the reconstruction of the Metropolitan Avenue Bridge, which spans the right-of-way of the Long Island Railroad (LIRR) Montauk Division where Metropolitan Avenue intersects Fresh Pond Road in the Ridgewood section of Queens. The subject bridge, which supports portions of Metropolitan Avenue and Fresh Pond Road, also supports a portion of Block 2770, Lot 1 which is occupied by a gasoline service station. DOT proposes to acquire this 9,784 square foot lot.

Additionally, portions of Block 2747, Lots 85 and 94 will be affected by the construction. These

properties are occupied by an automobile dealership parking lot. DOT proposes to acquire a temporary construction easement on these properties. The area of the temporary easement upon Lot 85 is approximately 1,922 square feet and approximately 538 square feet upon Lot 94. The area affected by the proposed bridge reconstruction is in a M1-1 and R-4 zoning district.

A full background discussion and description of this project appears in the report on the related application for the map amendment (C 010129 MMQ).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This application (C 010130 PQQ), in conjunction with the application for the related action (C 010129 MMQ), 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 00DOT003Q. The lead agency is the Department of Transportation.

A summary of the environmental review appears in the report on the related application for the map amendment (C 010129 MMQ).

UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW

This application (C 010130 PQQ), along with the application for the related action (C 010129 MMQ), was certified as complete by the Department of City Planning on June 16, 2003, and was duly referred to Community Board 5 and the Borough President of Queens in accordance with Article 3 of the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) rules.

Community Board Public Hearing

A summary of the vote and recommendations of Community Board 5 appears in the report of the related application for the map amendment (C 010129 MMQ).

Borough President Recommendation

A summary of the Borough President's recommendations appears in the report on the related application for the map amendment (C 010129 MMQ).

City Planning Commission Public Hearing

On September 24, 2003 (Calendar No. 7), the City Planning Commission scheduled October 8, 2003, for a public hearing on this application. The hearing was duly held on October 8, 2003 (Calendar No. 23), in conjunction with the hearing for the related action (C 010129 MMQ).

There was no speakers, as described in the related application for the amendment to the City map (C 010129 MMQ) and the hearing was closed.

CONSIDERATION

The Commission believes that this application by the Department of Transportation and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services for the acquisition of property located at 62-35 Fresh Pond Road and 61-47 and 49 Metropolitan Avenue (Block 2770, Lot 1 and Block 2747, Lots 85 and 94), Borough of Queens, Community District 5, for bridge reconstruction and maintenance, is appropriate.

A full consideration and analysis of the issues, and the reasons for approving this application, appear in the report on the related map amendment application (C 010129 MMQ)

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 Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, that based on the environmental determination and the consideration described in this report, the application (C 010130 PQQ) of the Department of Transportation and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services for acquisition of property located at 62-35 Fresh Pond Road and 61-47 and 49 Metropolitan Avenue (Block 2770, Lot 1 and Block 2747, Lots 85 and 94), Borough of Queens, Community District 5, for bridge reconstruction and maintenance is approved.

The above resolution, duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on November 5, 2003 (Calendar No. 21), is filed with the Office of the Speaker, City Council, and the Borough President of Queens in accordance with the requirements of Section 197-d of the New York City Charter.

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