



**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 grades on Simonson Avenue between Heusden Street and Richmond Terrace, in Community District 1, Borough of Staten Island, in accordance with Map No. 4126 dated May 14, 1993 and signed by the Borough President.

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The application (C 900563 MMR) for an amendment to the City Map was filed by the Department of Transportation on February 13, 1990 in order to facilitate the reconstruction of the Simonson Avenue Bridge over the Staten Island Railway right-of-way, and its approaches between Heusden Street and Richmond Terrace in Staten Island.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is proposing a change to the City Map to reflect the reconstruction of the Simonson Avenue Bridge over the Staten Island Railway right-of-way, and its approaches between Heusden Street and Richmond Terrace in the Elm Park and Mariners Park neighborhoods 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.

The approximately 150-foot-long bridge is a sectional box-girder type commonly used for spanning short distances. The Staten Island Railway's North Shore Branch, which is spanned by the Simonson Avenue Bridge, 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. Nearly all the streets that run perpendicular to this branch of the railway have bridges spanning the same. The bottom side of the new bridge structure is higher than that of the previous bridge, providing greater clearance distances over the tracks and improving the feasibility for future railroad use.

Simonson Avenue is City-owned, mapped at a width of 50 feet, and is open to two-way traffic. The length of the affected area along Simonson Avenue is approximately 400 feet (200 feet on each side

of the bridge). The maximum change in grade occurs on the new bridge roadway surface, which is approximately 1 foot lower than that of the old bridge. The average grade change for the approaches to the bridge is approximately half a foot. The modification of grades was due to an improved bridge design whose goal was to avoid extreme changes in slope and provide a smoother riding surface. 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 R3A zoning district, and is surrounded by detached, low-rise, 1 to 3 family dwellings. An M3-1 zoning district is located to the east of the site.

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

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This application (C 900563 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 900563 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 900563 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 900563 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. 2), the City Planning Commission scheduled June 23, 2010 for a public hearing on this application (C 900563 MMR). The hearing was duly held on June 23, 2010 (Calendar No. 14).

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 Simonson Avenue. The Commission further notes that, due to a new bridge design, the elevations on the roadway of the bridge and its approaches 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

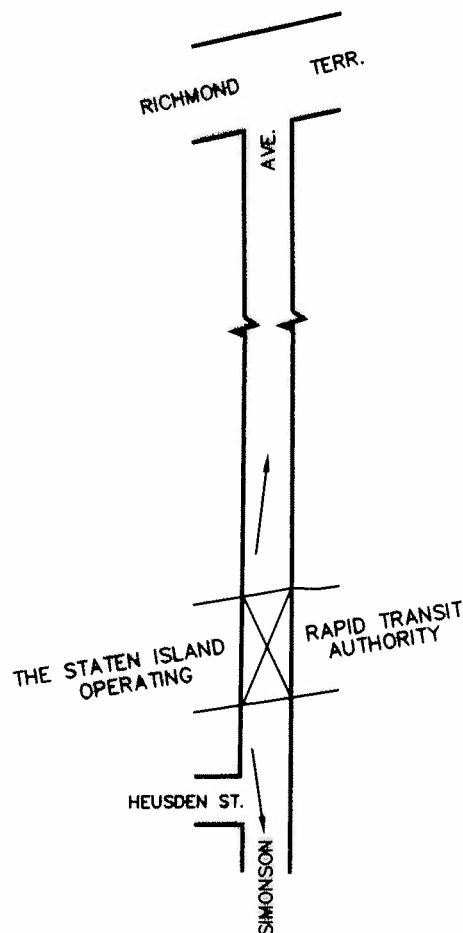
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All such approvals being subject to the following condition:

The subject amendment to the City Map shall take effect on the day following the day on which certified counterparts of Map No. 4126 are filed with the appropriate agencies in accordance with Section 198 subsection c of the New York City Charter.

The above resolution (C 900563 MMR), duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on July 28, 2010 (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.

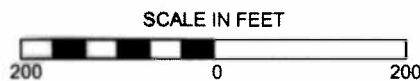
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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITY OF NEW YORK  
DIAGRAM SHOWING PROPOSED  
**MAP CHANGE**  
ON SECTIONAL MAP  
20c  
BOROUGH OF  
**STATEN ISLAND**

New York, Certification Date  
MARCH 22, 2010

*Irene Sadko PE*  
I. Sadko, P.E.  
Chief Engineer



NOTE:

- Indicates line of street legally adopted.
- ← → Indicates limits of area generally affected by grade change.

THIS DIAGRAM IS FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY.

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**Community/Borough Board Recommendation**

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

Application # **C 900563 MMR**  
CEQR # **N/A (TYPE II)**  
Community District No. 01 Borough: **Staten Island**  
Community District No.  Borough:   
Project Name: **Simonson 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.

**Docket Description:**

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**Applicant(s):**

DOT-Division of Bridges  
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Udommaraju@dot.nyc.gov

**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**  
**SI, NY 10305 21**

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: **0** Abstaining:

Total members appointed to the board: **40**

*Patricia Bonanno*  
-Community/Borough Board Officer

Chairperson  
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 900563 MMR****1****SIMONSON 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**