

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

January 8, 1997/Calendar No. 35

C 920428 MMX

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 a change of legal grade in Hunt's Point Avenue from Bruckner Boulevard to Garrison Avenue, the adjustment of block dimensions in the vicinity thereof, and the modification of an aerial easement, and any acquisition or disposition of real property related thereto, Community District 2, Borough of The Bronx, in accordance with Map No. 13060 dated May 21, 1996 and signed by the Borough President.

The application for the amendment of the City Map was filed by the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) on March 6, 1992, in connection with the reconstruction of the Hunt's Point Avenue Bridge, located in the Hunt's Point section of the Borough of The Bronx, Community District 2.

BACKGROUND

The applicant, NYCDOT, let a contract (No. HBX648) for the reconstruction of the Hunt's Point Avenue Bridge, which spans the Amtrak and Conrail railroad right-of-way, between Bruckner Boulevard and Garrison Avenue, in the Hunt's Point section of the Borough of The Bronx. In order to maintain existing grade (which is different from the legally mapped grade) where possible and thereby minimize the impact on abutting properties, NYCDOT proposes a change in the legal grade of the subject street and bridge. The

maximum grade change differential is 8.4 inches.

The Alteration Map for the subject application also reflects 1) the modification of aerial easements on Blocks 2734 and 2741, both fronting on the subject portion of Hunt's Point Avenue, and 2) the adjustment of block dimensions within that vicinity. These are necessary to bring the City Map into accord with existing conditions. The easement information appears on the City Map for informational purposes only.

The area lies partially in M1-1 and R6 zoning districts, with a C1-2 district within the R6 district along Hunt's Point Avenue south of Garrison Avenue. The area is developed with as-of-right uses, including auto service, warehousing, and residential. The streets are improved and open to traffic. Bruckner Boulevard contains the elevated Bruckner Expressway.

The usual Interagency Conference was waived and the relevant agencies, offices and public utilities were polled by mail. There were no objections to the proposal.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This application (C 920428 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 designated CEQR number is 92DOT006X. 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 920428 MMX) was certified as complete by the Department of City Planning on September 9, 1996, and was duly referred to Community Board 2 and the Borough President, in accordance with Article 3 of the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) rules.

Community Board Public Hearing

Community Board 2 held a public hearing on this application (C 920428 MMX) on October 23, 1996, and on that date, by a vote of 25 to 0 with 0 abstentions, adopted a resolution recommending approval of the application.

Borough President Recommendation

This application (C 920428 MMX) was considered by the Borough President, who issued a recommendation on November 25, 1996 approving the application.

City Planning Commission Public Hearing

On November 20, 1996 (Calendar No. 1), the City Planning Commission scheduled December 4, 1996 for a public hearing on this application (C 920428 MMX). The hearing was duly held on December 4, 1996 (Calendar No. 3).

There were no appearances, and the hearing was closed.

CONSIDERATION

The Commission believes that this amendment to the City Map is appropriate.

The proposed grade change, which will legalize the existing grades, should have little or no impact on the abutting properties while facilitating the reconstruction of the bridge. The proposed modification of aerial easements on Blocks 2734 and 2741 and the adjustment of block dimensions are necessary to bring the City Map into accord with existing conditions. The Commission therefore finds the proposed map change appropriate.

RESOLUTION

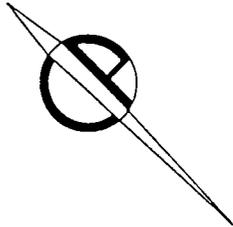
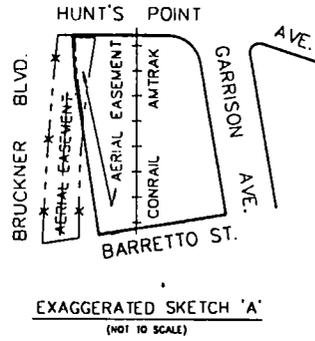
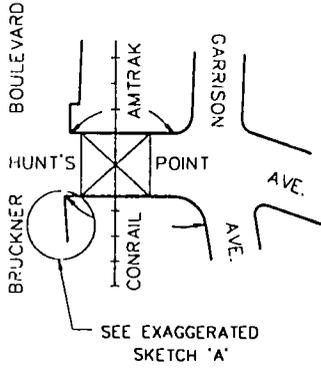
RESOLVED, by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter, that, based on the environmental determination, and the consideration described in this report, the application (C 920428 MMX) of the NYC Department of Transportation for an amendment to the City Map involving a change of legal grade in Hunt's Point Avenue from Bruckner Boulevard to Garrison Avenue, the adjustment of block dimensions in the vicinity thereof, and the modification of an aerial easement, and any acquisition or disposition of real property related thereto, Community District 2, Borough of The Bronx, in accordance with Map No. 13060 dated May 21, 1996 and signed by the Borough President is approved;

such approval being subject to the condition that the subject amendment to the City Map shall take effect on the day subsequent to the date on which certified counterparts of Map No. 13060 are filed with the appropriate agencies in accordance with Section 198 Subsection c of the New York City Charter.

The resolution (C 920428 MMX), duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on January 8, 1997 (Calendar No. 35), 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.

JOSEPH B. ROSE, Chairman
VICTOR G. ALICEA, Vice Chairman

ALBERT ABNEY, ANGELA M. BATTAGLIA, IRWIN G. CANTOR, P.E.,
KATHY HIRATA CHIN, Esq., ALEXANDER GARVIN,
ANTHONY I. GIACOBBE, Esq., WILLIAM J. GRINKER, Commissioners.



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEW YORK

DIAGRAM SHOWING PROPOSED

MAP CHANGE
ON SECTIONAL MAP

6
BOROUGH OF
THE BRONX

Spence, Scoble & Co.
Topographic Engineer

New York, Certification Date
SEPTEMBER 9, 1996



NOTE:

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

THIS DIAGRAM IS FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY.

Community/Borough Board
Recommendation

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

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Return this completed form with any attachments to the Calendar Information Office, City Planning Commission, Room 2E at the above address.
2. Send a copy of the completed form with any attachments to the applicant's representative as indicated on the Notice of Certification, one copy to the Borough President, and one copy to the Borough Board, when applicable.

APPLICATION # C 920428 MMX

DOCKET DESCRIPTION

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COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 1

BOROUGH The Bronx

BOROUGH BOARD _____

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING October 22, 1996

LOCATION 41st Pct, 1035 Longwood

WAS 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.)

NOTE ADOPTING RECOMMENDATION TAKEN

DATE October 23, 1996

LOCATION 41st Pct, 1035 Longwood Ave.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS/CONDITIONS
 DISAPPROVE DISAPPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS/CONDITIONS

EXPLANATION OF RECOMMENDATION-MODIFICATION/CONDITIONS (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

VOTING :

IN FAVOR 25 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINING 0

TOTAL MEMBERS APPOINTED TO BOARD 36

October 28, 1996

DATE

John Robert
COMMUNITY/BOROUGH BOARD OFFICER

District Manager

TITLE

11/93

**Borough President
Recommendation**

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APPLICATION # C 92D428 MMX

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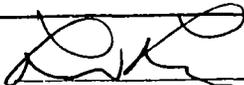
COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 2

BOROUGH BRONX

RECOMMENDATION

- APPROVE
 APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS/CONDITIONS (List below)
 DISAPPROVE

EXPLANATION OF RECOMMENDATION - MODIFICATION/CONDITIONS (Attach additional sheets if necessary)


BOROUGH PRESIDENT

11/25/96
DATE

3/00

BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT FERNANDO FERRER'S
Recommendation on the
Amendment to the City Map
Involving a Change in Legal Grade
in Bronx Community District #2

ULURP No. C 940428 MMX

BACKGROUND

This application was submitted by the Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter for an amendment to the City Map. Being considered is a change in legal grade to an elevated portion of Hunt' Point Avenue, also known as Hunts Point Avenue Bridge, connecting Bruckner Boulevard to Garrison Avenue. Beneath this bridge are railroad facilities maintained by Amtrak.

Hunts Point Avenue runs east-west, and is the principal link to Hunts Point. Situated on the bridged portion of the street is a former railroad station building. It now contains fast food and other retail establishments. The intersections on either side of this bridge sustain high volumes of traffic generated by Interstate 95 and the Hunts Point Food Distribution facility.

This application is considering a change in legal grade associated with the reconstruction of the Hunts Point Avenue bridge. The changes are intended to match the existing physical grades as closely as possible. All legal grade changes are of less than one foot.

Environmental Review and ULURP Certification

The application was reviewed pursuant to SEQRA and CEQR and determined to be a Type II action not requiring further environmental review. The ULURP application was certified on September 9, 1996.

Community Board Recommendation

Bronx Community Board #2 held a public hearing on this application on October 23, 1996. The board recommended approval by a vote of 25 in favor, -0- against and -0- abstaining.

Bronx Borough President's Hearing

A public hearing on the application was held on November 7, 1996 at the Offices of the Bronx Borough President located at 198 East 161st Street. The applicant was not present. No one spoke for or against this proposal and the hearing was closed.

Borough President's Recommendation

The Hunts Point community of The Bronx represents one of New York City's most important economic resources. Here, hundreds of employees move tons of perishable merchandise on a daily basis. It is therefore essential that the infrastructure on which this community relies be maintained and upgraded.

The reconstruction of the Hunts Point Avenue Bridge is a critical link between the industrial functions taking place on the point, and the region these industries serve. The minor changes in grade being considered by this application will facilitate this improvement, with no negative impact.

I therefore recommend approval of this proposal.