

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

September 16, 1998/Calendar No. 10

C 950592 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 grades in Bedford Park Boulevard West between Paul and Jerome avenues and any acquisition or disposition of property related thereto, Community District 7, Borough of the Bronx, all in accordance with Map No. 13073 dated December 13, 1995 and signed by the Borough President.

The application for an amendment to the City Map involving a change of grade in Bedford Park Boulevard West between Paul and Jerome avenues was submitted by the New York City Department of Transportation on June 13, 1995 in connection with the reconstruction of the Bedford Park Boulevard West bridge over the Transit Authority subway yard, in Community District 7, The Bronx.

BACKGROUND

Bedford Park Boulevard West is 100 feet wide and extends from a dead-end at Goulden Avenue, two blocks to Jerome Avenue. The subject portion of Bedford Park Boulevard West is approximately 630 feet long including the span over the Transit Authority subway yard. The maximum change in grade will be minimal.

This portion of Bedford Park Boulevard West lies within an M1-1 zoning district and an R6 zoning district.

Since there did not appear to be significant technical

issues, an interagency conference was not held and the agencies, offices and utility companies were polled by mail on June 29, 1995. No agencies objected to the proposal and a precertification report was issued on August 16, 1995.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This application (C 950592 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. On September 5, 1995 the action was determined to be a Type II action (96DOT003X).

UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW

The application (C 950592 MMX) was certified as complete by the Department of City Planning on June 1, 1998, and was duly referred to Community Board 7 and the Borough President, in accordance with Article 3 of the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) rules.

Community Board Public Hearing

Community Board 7 held a public hearing on this application on July 7, 1998 and on that date, by a vote of 16 in favor, with 0 opposed and 0 abstentions, adopted a resolution recommending approval of the application.

Borough President Recommendation

This application (C 950592 MMX) was considered by the Borough President of The Bronx who issued a recommendation on August 5, 1998 to approve the application.

City Planning Commission Public Hearing

On August 5, 1998, (Calendar No. 1) the City Planning Commission scheduled August 19, 1998 for a public hearing on this application. The hearing was duly held on August 19, 1998 (Calendar No. 7). There were no speakers and the hearing was closed.

CONSIDERATION

The City Planning Commission believes the amendment to the City map is appropriate.

Bedford Park Boulevard West serves a densely populated residential neighborhood as well as Lehman College and the Bronx High School of Science. The reconstructed Bedford Park Boulevard West bridge serves as a critical link between this neighborhood and these institutions and the area extending eastward to the Bronx Botanical Garden. The change in grades will improve sight lines along the surface of the bridge and provide an improvement in traffic flow in this congested area.

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

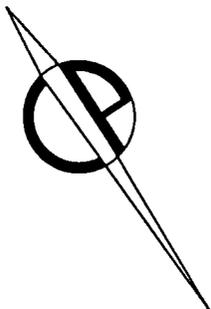
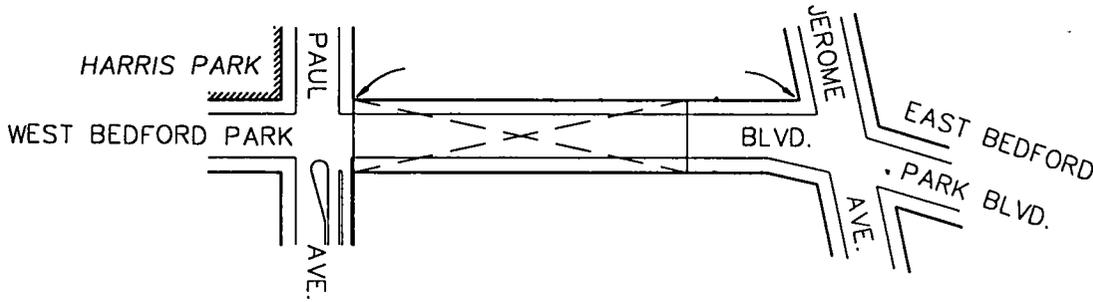
RESOLVED, by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter, that based on the environmental determination and the consideration described in this report, the application (C 950592 MMX) of the New York City Department of Transportation for an amendment to the City Map involving a change of grades in Bedford Park Boulevard West, between Paul and Jerome avenues and any acquisition or disposition of property related thereto, in Community District 7, Borough of The Bronx, all in accordance with Map No. 13073 dated December 13, 1995 and signed by the Borough President, is approved, subject to the condition that:

the subject amendment to the City map shall take effect on the day following the day on which certified counterparts of Map No. 13073 are filed in accordance with Section 198 subsection c of the New York City Charter.

The above resolution, duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on September 16, 1998 (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.

VICTOR G. ALICEA, Vice Chairman

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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEW YORK

DIAGRAM SHOWING PROPOSED
MAP CHANGE
ON SECTIONAL MAP

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BOROUGH OF
THE BRONX

Gregory J. Adko, P.E.
Topographic Engineer

New York, Certification Date
JUNE 1, 1998



- NOTE:**
- Indicates line of street legally adopted.
 - /////// Indicates Park line heretofore established and hereby retained.
 - Indicates limits of area generally affected by grade change.

THIS DIAGRAM IS FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY.

Recommendation

110 Nassau Street, New York, NY 10007
T Y # (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 950592 MMX

CC: Adams
L. Pinner
Bronx Office

DOCKET DESCRIPTION

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COMMUNITY BOARD NO. X07

BOROUGH Bronx

BOROUGH BOARD

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING 7/7/98

LOCATION C.B. 7 229-A E 207ST Bx 10418

WAS QUORUM PRESENT? YES NO

(A public hearing shall require a quorum of 20% of the appointed members of the board, but not less than seven such members.)

VOTE ADOPTING RECOMMENDATION TAKEN

DATE 7/7/98

LOCATION SAME

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

C.B. 7 unanimously approved the application submitted by the Dept. of Transportation concerning an amendment to the City Map involving the change of grades in Bedford Park Blvd West between Paul and Jerome Aves.

ULURP APPLICATION
C 950592 MMX

VOTING :

IN FAVOR 16 AGAINST 29 ABSTAINING

TOTAL MEMBERS APPOINTED TO BOARD 29

DATE 7/8/98

Nora Ferry
COMMUNITY/BOROUGH BOARD OF ICER
TITLE Chairperson

Borough President Recommendation

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
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COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 7

BOROUGH BRONX

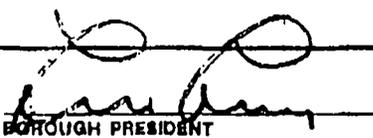
RECOMMENDATION

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

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

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
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BOROUGH PRESIDENT

8/5/98
DATE

**BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION
ULURP APPLICATION NO: C 950592 MMX**

BACKGROUND

This application has been 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. It pertains to the change of legal grade in Bedford Park Boulevard West, made necessary by the reconstruction of the Bedford Park Boulevard Bridge. All legal grade changes are intended to be as close as possible with existing conditions. This bridge links Paul Avenue on the west, with Jerome Avenue on the east, passing over a Transit Authority railyard.

Bedford Park Boulevard is a major, two way, east west corridor for bus, automobile, and commercial traffic. It is also used extensively by pedestrians and those on bicycle. Subway service is available on Bedford Park Boulevard at the Jerome Avenue and Grand Concourse intersections.

The community adjacent to Bedford Park Boulevard West is dominated by the campus of Lehman College, Harris Park, and the Jerome Park Reservoir. Bedford Park Boulevard East is typified by six story apartment buildings and neighborhood retail stores. Bedford Park Boulevard Bridge, which has been out of service for several years, provides an important link between these communities.

According to the Department of City Planning, construction on this bridge began in August, 1997 and will be completed by December, 2000.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND ULURP CERTIFICATION

This application was reviewed pursuant to SEQRA and CEQR and determined to be a Type II action, not requiring further environmental review. This application certified as complete on June 1, 1998.

COMMUNITY BOARD RECOMMENDATION

Bronx Community District Number 7 voted unanimously to approve this application on July 8, 1998. The vote was 16 in favor, -0- against, -0- abstaining.

BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on this application was held by the Bronx Borough President on July 10, 1998. There were no speakers and the hearing was closed.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

Bedford Park Boulevard provides essential east-west access, as well as mass transit linkages to the communities of Riverdale, Kingsbridge, and Bedford Park. As such, the rerouting of traffic made necessary by the reconstruction of the Bedford Park Boulevard Bridge has created major hardship for area residents, students at Lehman College, and others. It is therefore imperative that this reconstruction project be expedited to restore this vital transportation artery.

The minor changes in grade being considered by this application will facilitate this improvement, with no negative impacts.

I therefore recommend approval of this application.