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REVISED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Supersedes the Negation Declaration Issued on January 20, 2015¹

Project Identification

CEQR No. 10DCP048M
ULURP No. N090311ZRM
SEQRA Classification: Type I

Lead Agency

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Name, Description and Location of Proposal:

510-512 W23rd St Text Amendment

The applicant, 22-23 Corp. c/o Park-It Management, requests a zoning text amendment pursuant to (ZR) Section 98-33(b) "Transfer of Development Rights from the High Line Transfer Corridor (HLTC)." The proposed action would allow sites that (a) are located within the Special West Chelsea (WCh) District HLTC, and are situated outside of a WCh Subarea, (b) are zoned C6-2A or C6-3A, and (c) have transferable floor area ("granting sites") to transfer their maximum allowable unused residential or commercial floor area, whichever is greater, to "receiving sites." Eligible receiving sites are sites located in C6-2, C6-3, or C6-4 zoning districts in WCh Subareas "A" through "E," "G" and "I." The proposed text amendment would permit the granting sites' full allowable unused residential floor area to be transferred to receiving sites within the Special West Chelsea District; per the current regulations, only allowable commercial floor area may be transferred from granting sites within the Special West Chelsea HLTC. The affected area is generally bounded by W. 24th Street to the north, W. 22nd Street to the south, 11th Avenue to the west and 10th Avenue to the east, in the Special West Chelsea District of Manhattan, Community District 4.

In order to assess the impacts associated with the proposed action, a Reasonable Worst Case Development Scenario (RWCDS) was established. A "granting site" (Block 694, p/o Lot 40), and a "receiving site" (Block 696, Lot 35) were identified. The granting site is currently occupied with New York City Fire Department Ambulance EMS parking station and vehicular storage. The receiving site is currently occupied with a 23,760 gross square feet (gsf) 5-story public parking garage.

¹This Revised Negative Declaration addresses a clarification in the sites affected by the proposed action, as discussed further in the supporting statement of this document.

As a result of the proposed action, it was anticipated that the granting site would transfer a maximum of 8,668 gsf of unused floor area to the receiving site. It was assumed that new development on the proposed receiving site would consist of a 37,125 gsf mixed-use building containing 38 dwelling units (32,175 gsf of residential uses) and 4,950 sf of ground floor retail. The analysis year for the proposed action is 2017.

Absent the proposed action, it is anticipated that the uses on the granting site would remain as existing conditions. It is also anticipated that, absent the proposed action, the property at receiving site would be converted to a mixed-use building containing 22 residential units (18,810 gsf of residential uses) and 4,950 gsf of ground floor retail uses.

Statement of No Significant Effect

The Environmental Assessment and Review Division of the Department of City Planning, on behalf of the City Planning Commission, has completed its technical review of the Revised Environmental Assessment Statement, dated March 17, 2015 prepared in connection with the ULURP Application (No. N090311ZRM). The City Planning Commission has determined that the proposed action will have no significant effect on the quality of the environment.

Supporting Statement

The above determination is based on an environmental assessment which finds that:

1. In 2005, the CPC adopted the Special West Chelsea District Rezoning (ULURP Nos. N050161(A) ZRM, and C050162ZMM). In connection with Special West Chelsea District Rezoning, an Environmental Impact Statement (CEQR 03DCP069M) was issued on May 13, 2005 and Technical Memorandum was issued on June 22, 2005. An E-Designation (E-142) related to hazardous materials and noise was assigned to receiving site 1 (Block 696, Lot 35). The E-designation (E-142) for hazardous materials and noise would ensure that the proposed action will not result in significant adverse impacts related to hazardous materials, air quality and noise.
2. A Revised Environmental Assessment Statement (EAS) issued on March 17, 2015 reflects a correction in the description of the sites expected to be affected by the proposed action. Block 695, Lot 28 and Block 691, Lot 50 had previously been included in the list of lots affected by the proposed action. At the time of certification, it was found that these two sites would not be expected to be affected by the proposed action. As detailed in the Revised EAS, it was determined that the corrections to the affected area would not have the potential for significant adverse impacts on the environment and would not alter the conclusions of the previous environmental review.
3. No other significant effects on the environment which would require an Environmental Impact Statement are foreseeable.

This Revised Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law 6NYCRR part 617.

Should you have any questions pertaining to this Revised Negative Declaration, you may contact Ingrid Young at (212) 720-3425.



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