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## COMMENTS

The LPC is in receipt of the Draft EIS dated 11/7/05. The proposed new pier construction for the Queensboro Bridge will require a permit from the LPC preservation department. The DEIS text should be amended to include this stipulation. The text is otherwise acceptable for architectural resources. A copy of the FEIS on CD should be provided to LPC for the files.

*Guia Santucci*

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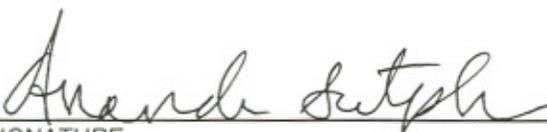
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### COMMENTS

For Archaeological Resources only:

The LPC is in receipt of: (1) The Phase 1A Historic Resources Assessment of the Proposed City Tunnel #3, Stage 2, Manhattan Leg. Shaft 33B Project Area," and the "Addendum to the Phase 1A of the Proposed City Tunnel #3, Stage 2, Manhattan Leg, Shaft 33B Project Area," prepared by Eugene Boesch and dated October 14, 2005. The LPC concurs with these reports-that work within the E 54th Street/Second Avenue Site, especially along E 54th, and the water main trench excavations along 1st Ave between E 55th and E 57th Streets should be archaeologically monitored and that the E. 61st Street Shaft Site should be archaeologically tested. Scopes of Work for this work should be submitted to the LPC for review and approval before implementation. In addition, please submit one more copy of both reports to the LPC which will be given to the City Hall Library.

The LPC is also in receipt of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement dated November 7, 2005. The text is appropriate.

  
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New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation  
 Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau  
 Peebles Island, PO Box 189, Waterford, New York 12188-0189

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## RESOURCE EVALUATION

DATE: 11/25/05

STAFF: Kathy Howe

PROPERTY: 310 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street

MCD: Manhattan

COUNTY: New York Co.

PROJECT REF: 05PR03735

USN: 06101.015705

- I.  Property is individually listed on SR/NR:  
name of listing:
  - Property is a contributing component of a SR/NR district:  
name of district:
  - II.  Property meets eligibility criteria.
  - Property contributes to a district which appears to meet eligibility criteria.
- Pre SRB:  Post SRB:  SRB date

### Criteria for Inclusion in the National Register:

- A.  Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;
- B.  Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- C.  Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction; or represents the work of a master; or possess high artistic values; or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;
- D.  Have yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The twelve-story orange brick apartment building at 310 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street, between First and Second Avenues in Manhattan, meets Criterion C as an outstanding example of Art Deco residential architecture. Designed by architect George Miller, the building retains a high degree of integrity of setting, design, materials, and workmanship. A vertical emphasis is achieved through the use of brick piers in the central tower of the façade. Low relief stone ornamentation in various stylized Art Deco motifs is used at the base, third and tenth story balconets, and parapet.



Bernadette Castro  
Commissioner

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December 13, 2005

Constance Vavilis  
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New York City Department of Environmental Protection  
Office of Environmental Planning and Assessment  
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Flushing, NY 11373

Re: NYS Revolving Fund  
Shaft 33B to City Water Tunnel No. 3  
New York County  
05PR03735

Dear Ms. Vavilis:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for the proposed shaft 33B connecting to the city water tunnel number 3. Since the project proposes to use funding from the New York State Revolving Fund, we have reviewed the submitted Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in accordance with the provisions of Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Act of 1980.

Kathy Howe of our National Register Unit notes that 310 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street is eligible for the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Her Resource Evaluation is attached for your use. Kathy further confirms that the identification of historic resources is correct and that the National Register Listing for the Queensboro Bridge does not include the exit ramp.

Regardless of the alternative selected, we would recommend construction protection plans be put in place to protect all historic structures within the project area. As well as construction impacts, depending on the final location of the shaft, we would like to review any visual impacts from the 3 permanent above-ground structures that may be added to the area.

Our Archaeological staff has reviewed the DEIS and concurs with the identified areas that will need additional archaeological study if they are selected as part of the project. Specifically, these areas are the Sutton Place, East 59<sup>th</sup> Street and East 61<sup>st</sup> Street connection routes; proposed shaft sites at East 61<sup>st</sup> Street and East 54<sup>th</sup> Street, and the water main only alternative along 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue route several areas have already been identified as having archeological potential (between East 45<sup>th</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> streets, at East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, between East 39<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Street, and between 36<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Streets), the rest of the corridor will need additional study to determine if archeological potential exists.

The DEIS indicates that if construction protection plans and if additional archeological work (background research, monitoring and investigation of identified deposits) is carried out the

project will have No Adverse Impact on historic resources. OPRHP may be able to concur with this assessment if only local and state agencies are involved and possible visual impacts are fully understood. However, if any federal agencies become involved in the project, we will not be able to consider a No Adverse effect finding for historic properties. It will become necessary to develop an agreement document, such as a Programmatic Agreement) to fulfill Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requirements.

The DEIS indicates that if additional archeological work and construction protection plans are put in place

If you have any questions regarding this letter contact me at 518-237-8643 extension 3282. Please refer to the SHPO Project Review (PR) number in any future correspondences regarding this project.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Resource Evaluation