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RE: Brooklyn Bridge Gateway: Tillary/Adams Street Area Reconstruction  
Type II Determination  
CEQR No.:11DOT002K

DATE: July 20, 2010

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Pursuant to Sections 5.03 and 5.05 of the Rules of Procedure for the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR), the NYC Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) is assuming lead agency status for the above referenced action and may make binding determination whether an environmental review is required.

The Office of Project Analysis/CEQR, on behalf of NYCDOT, has reviewed the above referenced application which includes full street reconstruction of Tillary Street from Cadman Plaza West to Navy Street and the adjacent portion of Adams Street, which are in poor condition, throughout the project area. In addition, the existing bicycle lanes on Tillary Street would be upgraded as a raised path with landscaping along the curb, along with reconstruction of the medians and walkways. Public open space would be added at Cadman Plaza East, adjacent to housing and higher education buildings. Tillary Street and Adams Street corridors are characterized by high traffic volumes, with chronic congestion and conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians. This project will rebuild the intersection of Tillary and Adams Street as a safer and more welcoming gateway to the borough. The proposal is located in Community Board 2 and the Build Year is 2013.

The reconstruction project would simplify the street geometry and creates substantial protected space for pedestrians and bicyclists, mainly through widened sidewalks and medians. It provides attractive landscaped boulevards in all directions, and incorporates a revised alignment of the existing center line on Tillary Street. Safety will be enhanced by reducing vehicular shifting patterns, shortening crosswalk lengths, adding pedestrian refuge space at the median, adjusting signal timing and phasing, and modifying curbside parking regulations. The Tillary Street medians will be landscaped and new street lighting and paving materials will be included. The existing separated bike lane between Cadman Plaza West and Cadman Plaza East will be constructed as a raised path with landscaping along the curb.

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The existing on-street Class 2 bike lanes on Adams Street, between Tillary Street and Tech Place, will be relocated onto a shared-use Class 1 path with substantial landscaping within the widened median. Lighting and paving materials will be distinctive and coordinated with the rest of the project.

Classes of actions that do not have a significant impact on the environment have been designated by the State Department of Environmental Conservation as Type II actions. When an agency finds that an action is Type II, it has “no other responsibilities” under Section 617.5 of Title 6 New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (6 NYCRR) of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). Under SEQRA regulations, “installation of traffic control devices on existing streets, roads and highways” Section 617.5 (c) (16) as well as “routine and continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment” Section 617.5 (c) (20) are classified as Type II actions and are not subject to environmental review.

Based on the Type II categories and exemptions set forth above, we have concluded that an environmental review is not required for this action.

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