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Subject: PIN X776.00/X770.14, East Midtown Esplanade and Greenway
New York County

Dear Mr. Sanyal:

In reference to the August 2015 Design Report/Environmental Assessment for the subject project, the document was available for a 30 day public review and comment period. Based upon our review of the project documents, we conclude at this time that the subject project will have "no significant impact" on the environment. Per 23 CFR 771.121, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been made by the FHWA. An approved copy of the FONSI is attached. A *Notice of Availability* may now be published. Additionally, we have attached the signed Wetland Finding (Executive Order 11990) for this project.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (518) 431-8874.

Sincerely,

Richard F. Beers, Jr.
Senior Area Engineer

Attachments (2)

cc: B. Shilling, NYSDOT Reg. 11 Planning
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Finding Of No Significant Impact

For

East Midtown Waterfront Esplanade and Greenway
Manhattan side of the East River from East 41st and East 60th Streets
in New York, New York

New York State Department of Transportation

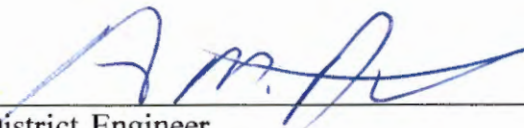
Project Identification Number X776.00 and X770.14

Finding of No Significant Impact

This project has been thoroughly reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration and it has been determined, by the undersigned, that this project (Alternative 2 – Bicycle-Only Path and Separate Pedestrian Path) will not have a significant effect on the human environment.

This finding of no significant impact is based on the attached applicant prepared environmental assessment, which has been independently evaluated by the Federal Highway Administration and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the environmental issues and impacts of the proposed project and provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an environmental impact statement is not required. The Federal Highway Administration takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope and content of the respective environmental assessment.


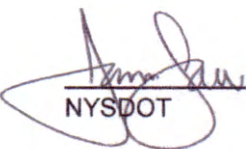
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District Engineer
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East Midtown Waterfront Esplanade and Greenway DR/EA
P.I.N. X776.00 and X770.14
East 41st Street to East 60th Street on the East River, New York City, New York
Executive Order 11990 Wetland Finding

This action complies with Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands.

Approved	 _____	<u>01/29/16</u>
	FHWA	Date
Approved	 _____	<u>12.5-2014</u>
	NYSDOT	Date