

**APPENDIX C**  
**Historic and Archaeological Resources**

## **APPENDIX C-1**

**Project Correspondence from the State Historic  
Preservation Office (SHPO) and the New York City  
Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC)**

# ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

MTA /SEQRA-M

01/21/05

PROJECT NUMBER

DATE RECEIVED

## PROJECT

50 ST FACILITY: MTA/LIRR EAST SIDE ACCESS PROJEC

- in study area* {
- No architectural significance
  - No archaeological significance
  - Designated New York City Landmark or Within Designated Historic District.
  - Listed on National Register of Historic Places
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  - May be archaeologically significant; requesting additional materials

## COMMENTS

The LPC is in receipt of the final EA dated January, 2005. The text is acceptable for historic resources.

cc: SHPO

SIGNATURE

*Giulia Santucci*

01/31/05

DATE

# ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

MTA/SEQRA-Y

01/14/05

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## COMMENTS

For Archaeology only:

The LPC is in receipt of the Environmental Assessment for a proposed 50th Street Facility dated January 2005. The LPC concurs with the conclusions related to archaeological resources.

  
SIGNATURE

01/24/05

DATE



Bernadette Castro  
Commissioner

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

518-237-8643

November 29, 2004

Claudia Cooney  
Technical Director  
AKRF  
117 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10016

Dear Ms. Cooney:

Re: FTA  
MTA/LIRR East Side Access  
Queens County  
00PR04431/04PR01563

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for the 50<sup>th</sup> Street Environmental Assessment for the East Side Access Project. We have reviewed this submission in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and relevant implementing regulations and the Programmatic Agreement in place for this project.

It is our understanding that the 50<sup>th</sup> Street facility was not included in the 2001 Final EIS and this EA has been prepared to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed 50<sup>th</sup> Street facility. From our review we agree with the documentation provided for the 50<sup>th</sup> Street Facility EA. In accordance with section IIB, Design Specifications of the Programmatic Agreement in place we would like to review the design and specifications for the 50<sup>th</sup> Street facility. The general design discussed in the 50<sup>th</sup> Street EA appears appropriate.

Thank you for your request. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (518) 237-8643, ext. 3282. Please refer to the SHPO Project Review (PR) number in any future correspondences regarding this project.

Sincerely,

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## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

MTA /SEQRA-Y 11/01/04  
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### COMMENTS

Architectural comments only. The LPC concurs with the SHPO's approval dated 4/5/04 of the Construction Protection Plan dated April, 2004 (Rev 2).

cc: SHPO

Gina Santucci 11/19/04  
SIGNATURE DATE

# ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

MTA /SEQRA-M 11/01/04  
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study  
area*

## COMMENTS

The LPC is in receipt of the draft EAS dated October, 2004. The text is acceptable for architectural resources. Archaeological comments under separate cover.

cc: SHPO

*Gina Santucci* 11/19/04  
SIGNATURE DATE

# ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

MTA/SEQRA-Y

11/01/04

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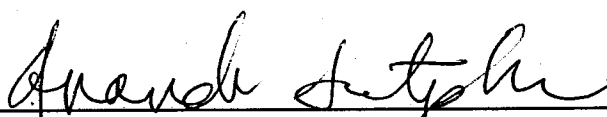
## COMMENTS

For Archaeology only:

The LPC is in receipt of the Programmatic Agreement dated January 2001, Chapter 6 of the Draft EA dated October 2004, the construction protection plan dated April 2004, the Stage 1B Archaeological Field Testing Protocol for Sunnyside, Queens Rail Complex Field Monitoring During Construction (Queens Areas 1-8, 10 & 11), the Stage 1B Archaeological Field Testing Protocol for the Manhattan Shaft Sites (E 38th St and E 50th St), the Stage 1A Archaeological Assessment for the East 50th Street Plant prepared by HPI dated June 2003, and the Stage 1A Archaeological Assessment for the East Side Access Ventilation Shaft 38th Street prepared by URS and dated January 2004.

The LPC notes that the Programmatic Agreement states that the LPC will be a consulting party. The Commission concurs with the provisions that are outlined in the documents listed above with one exception. The text should be more explicit as to whether the archaeological monitor will have the authority to direct the contractors they are monitoring. This has been an issue with other MTA projects.

cc: SHPO

  
SIGNATURE

11/16/04

DATE



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

518-237-8643

August 24, 2004

Andrea Burk  
Architectural Historian  
Allee King Rosen & Fleming  
117 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, New York 10016-8022

RE: MTA/LIRR East Side Access  
Determinations of Eligibility (second batch)  
04PR01563 (former 95PR1757 and 00PR04431)

Dear Ms. Burk:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office concerning your project's potential effect upon historic resources. I have reviewed the documentation that you provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Based on the documentation submitted, the properties listed below appear to meet the criteria for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The Resource Evaluation for these properties is attached to this letter.

- 18-20 East 50<sup>th</sup> Street (06101.015064)
- 39 East 51<sup>st</sup> Street (06101.015065)
- 417 Park Avenue (06101.015057)

The properties listed below do not appear to meet the criteria for listing on the National Register, as indicated on the attached Resource Evaluation:

- 19-21 East 54<sup>th</sup> Street (06101.015060)
- 57 East 54<sup>th</sup> Street (06101.015061)
- 59-63 East 54<sup>th</sup> Street (06101.015058)
- 14 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street (06101.015062)
- 16 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street (06101.015063)
- 534-538 Madison Avenue (06101.015059)

If you have any questions regarding this review, please call me at (518) 237-8643, ext. 3266. Please refer to the Project Review (PR) number noted above in any correspondences.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Howe  
Historic Preservation Specialist

cc: Pamela Burford, MTA  
Donald Burns, FTA  
Gina Santucci, LPC



Bernadette Castro  
Commissioner

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## RESOURCE EVALUATIONS

DATE: 8/24/04

STAFF: Kathy Howe

PROPERTY: various (see below)

MCD: Manhattan

PROJECT REF: 04PR01563

COUNTY: New York Co.

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### ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES:

Based on the information currently available, the following properties meet the criteria for listing on the State and National Registers:

- **18-20 East 50<sup>th</sup> Street (06101.015064)**

This 11-story, stone-clad office building with ornate tracery details was designed by Rouse & Goldstone & Steinman in 1915. It meets Criterion C as an outstanding example of Late Gothic Revival commercial office design.

- **39 East 51<sup>st</sup> Street (06101.015065)**

This five-story former townhouse was designed by the prolific architecture firm of Clinton & Russell and built in 1904. It meets Criterion C as an intact example of an early 20<sup>th</sup> century Renaissance Revival townhouse. Notable features of the style include the rustication and round-arched windows with keystone at the first floor, and the segmental pediments and balustrade at the second floor windows. The building may also be significant in the area of social history for its association with the St. Nicholas Club that moved here in 1926.

- **417 Park Avenue (06101.015057)**

This 13-story apartment house was designed by Emery Roth, one of New York's leading apartment designers of the early-20<sup>th</sup> century, and constructed by Bing & Bing, Inc., in 1917. It meets Criterion C as a representative example of Renaissance Revival apartment house design. It is also important as one of the first apartment houses in New York City to become a cooperative when it was sold to a group of tenants in 1946.

Please contact Kathy Howe at 518-237-8643 ext. 3266 with any questions. Be sure to use the project reference number (PR) in all future correspondence.



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May 20, 2004

Ms. Claudia Cooney  
Senior Planner/Historian  
Allee King Rosen & Fleming  
117 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, New York 10016-8022

RE: MTA/LIRR East Side Access  
Evaluation of 45 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street (ING Direct Café)  
New York County  
04PR01563 (former 95PR1757 and 00PR04431)

Dear Ms. Cooney:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office concerning your project's potential effect upon historic resources. I have reviewed the documentation that you provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Based on the documentation submitted, the former Addo-X Showroom building (present ING Direct Café) at 45 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street does not meet the criteria for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Though the building is certainly an interesting period design and has a fascinating history its integrity has been negatively impacted by the loss of some significant design components.

If you have any questions regarding this review, please call me at (518) 237-8643, ext. 3266. Please refer to the Project Review (PR) number noted above in any correspondences.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Howe  
Historic Preservation Specialist



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May 12, 2004

Ms. Claudia Cooney  
Senior Planner/Historian  
Allee King Rosen & Fleming  
117 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, New York 10016-8022

RE: MTA/LIRR East Side Access  
New York County  
04PR01563 (former 95PR1757 and 00PR04431)

Dear Ms. Cooney:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office concerning your project's potential effect upon historic resources. I have reviewed the documentation that you provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Based on the documentation submitted, the following properties listed below do not appear to meet the criteria for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places due to a lack of period integrity.

- 44 East 50<sup>th</sup> Street
- 46 East 50<sup>th</sup> Street
- 48 East 50<sup>th</sup> Street
- 50 East 50<sup>th</sup> Street

If you have any questions regarding this review, please call me at (518) 237-8643, ext. 3266. Please refer to the Project Review (PR) number noted above in any correspondences.

Sincerely,

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Historic Preservation Specialist



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April 5, 2004

Joseph Petrocelli  
Chief Financial Officer  
Administrative Officer  
MTA Capital Construction  
LIRR East Side Access  
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New York, NY 10018-7605

Dear Mr. Petrocelli:

Re: FTA  
MTA/LIRR East Side Access  
Queens, Queens County  
New York, New York County  
00PR04431/04PR01563

Thank you for submitting the final draft for the Construction Protection Plan for the MTA/LIRR East Side Access Project. The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed this information in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the Programmatic Agreement in place for the project. Please note that we have updated our project review number as noted above. This was done in order to keep the project active on our limited shelf space.

We are comfortable with the proposed Construction Protection Plan, including the protocols for archaeological field testing. These details are appropriate for the final documents.

Again, thank you for your submission. If anyone has any questions, or if I can be of any assistance, please call me at (518) 237-8643, ext. 3271.

Sincerely,