CITY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW PROCESS
Negative Declaration
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance

APPLICANT NAME AND ADDRESS:
New York City Department of Transportation
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New York, NY 10013

DATE SENT: October 27, 2005

This Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and its implementing regulations as set forth in 6NYCRR Part 617, established by Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) process as set forth in Executive Order 91 of 1977 and its amendments The New York City Department of Transportation, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action with the implementation of the proposed improvement measures would not have a significant effect on the environment and is hereby publishing a Negative Declaration An Environmental Assessment Statement (EAS) was originally distributed on August 19, 2005, and an amended EAS was distributed on October 27, 2005

NAME/LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: Designation of East 14th and East 15th Streets between the FDR Drive and Avenue C and Avenue D between East 13th and East 14th Streets as Restricted Use Streets, as well as closure of on- and off-ramps to the southbound FDR Drive to vehicular traffic at East 15th and East 14th Streets
CEQR No 06-DOT-004M

CEQR STATUS: Unlisted

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL The DOT, as lead agency, on behalf of the applicant, Consolidated Edison, Company of New York Inc (Con Edison), proposes to designate East 14th and East 15th Streets between the FDR Drive and Avenue C, and Avenue D between East 13th and East 14th Streets, as restricted use streets as well as closure of on- and off-ramps to the southbound FDR Drive to vehicular traffic at East 15th and East 14th Streets, in Manhattan's CDs 3 and 6 The proposed action involves the Con Edison's request for a temporary security permit, revocable consent, and a restricted access permit from DOT to allow the continued closure of East 14th and East 15th Street between the FDR Drive and Avenue C and Avenue D between East 13th and East 14th Streets, as restricted use streets as well as closure of on- and off-ramps to the southbound FDR Drive to vehicular traffic at East 15th and East 114th Streets These streets were closed to general vehicular traffic by the City of New York, with the placement of temporary structures, after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 For construction of the East River Repowering Project and ancillary work, DOT also granted Con Edison permits to close these streets The New York City Police Department (NYPD) has determined that these streets should remain closed for security purposes

The proposed action would result in the continued closure of East 14th and East 15th Streets between the FDR Drive and Avenue C, and Avenue D between East 13th and East 14th Streets as well as closure of on- and off-ramps to the southbound FDR Drive to vehicular traffic at East 15th and East 14th Streets and would also result in the placement of jersey barriers and fences Absent the proposed action, the currently closed streets and ramps, adjacent to Con Edison's East River Complex, would be reopened to general vehicular traffic

STATEMENT OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT: NYCDOT, as lead agency for this project, has determined, pursuant to 6 NYCRR617 11, that the proposed action with the implementation of the proposed improvement measures would not have any significant effect on the quality of the environment

SUPPORTIVE STATEMENT: The above determination is based on an environmental assessment and supporting documentation, which concludes that with the implementation of the proposed improvement measures, no significant impact on the quality of the environment as a result of the proposed project

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Deputy Commissioner