

Long Island Rail Road Expansion Project
Floral Park to Hicksville

Final Environmental Impact Statement
Appendix 6-B
SHPO Correspondence

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Re: MTA
LIRR Main Line Expansion Project: Floral Park to Hicksville
Nassau County, NY
16PR03614

Dear Ms. Crader:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the submitted materials in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Division for Historic Preservation and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6NYCRR Part 617).

OPRHP has reviewed the Phase IA archaeological survey report submitted for this project – *Final Draft, Phase IA Archaeological Sensitivity Assessment for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Long Island Railroad Main Line Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville, Nassau County, New York* (AECOM, December 2016).

OPRHP concurs with the report's recommendation that additional background research should be conducted for the identified archaeologically sensitive locations at the Mineola, Westbury and Hicksville stations. Please submit a report that presents the results of the additional research.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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October 13, 2016

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Thank you for requesting the comments of the Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the Draft SEQRA Scoping Document, EAF, Historic Resources List and Resource Location Map in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Division for Historic Preservation and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6NYCRR Part 617).

Based upon this review, we note the following updates to the eligibility status for listing in the State and National Registers of Historic Places (the Determination of Eligibility is attached for further reference):

Floral Park

05917.000001 - Floral Park Public Library: Eligible
05917.000007 - 103, 107, 109, 113 Tyson Avenue and 76 and 86 South Tyson Avenue: Eligible
05917.000004 - Flowerview Gardens Apartment Complex: NOT Eligible
05917.#####, Potential Historic District, Tulip Ave between Verbena and Iris Streets: Eligible
05917.#####, Floral Park Methodist Church: Eligible
05917.#####, Floral Park Village Hall: Eligible

New Hyde Park

059##.#####, New Hyde Park US Post Office: NOT Eligible

Mineola

05954.000002 - Davenport Press Building: NOT Eligible
05954.000040 - Denton Building: Eligible
05954.000006 - Citibank (formerly the European-American Bank Company): Eligible
05954.000045 - 204-216 Station Plaza N/79-83 Mineola Blvd: Eligible (duplicate USNs deleted)
05954.000046 - LIRR Electrical Substation: Eligible

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05954.000047 - Nassau Tower/LIRR: Eligible

Carle Place

059##.#####, Our Lady of Hope Roman Catholic Church: Eligible

Hicksville

05903.#####, Top Hat Uniform, former Ampere Electronic Corporation: Eligible

05903.000727, Hicksville USPS Main Post Office: Eligible

We look forward to your continued consultation with our office. As new information previously requested becomes available please respond using the survey tokens provided. For all other correspondence, please upload directly to our Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) at www.nysparks.com/shpo/online-tools/. Once on the CRIS site, log in as a guest and choose "submit" at the very top menu. Next, choose "submit new information for an existing project." You will need this project number and an email address associated with this project submission.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (518) 268-2170.

Sincerely,



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RESOURCE EVALUTION FOR MULTIPLE PROPERTIES

NOTE: To be updated and replaced with new USNs when consultant has responded to survey request and additional photos for existing USNs

Date: October 6, 2016

Staff: Lorraine Weiss

Project Name: LIRR Main Line Expansion

Project: Floral Park to Hicksville

Project Number: 16PR03614

Location: Floral Park to Hicksville

MCD: Multiple

County: Nassau

Based on the information submitted, and on previous evaluations, the following properties have been evaluated for eligibility for listing in the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The status of each building is noted below. Additional USNs will be created for some of these resources when submission of materials is completed by the consultant.

Floral Park

05917.000001 Eligible

Floral Park Public Library, 17 Caroline Place

A one-and-a-half story neo-Georgian-style building with a central entrance with sidelights and a fan transom, a symmetrical facade with a central cupola. As indicated in a pre-2005 Resource Evaluation, the library meets Criterion C because it is "Architecturally significant as mid-20th century public architecture".

05917.000007 Eligible

Commercial Buildings, Tyson Avenue and South Tyson Avenue

(103, 107, 109, 113 Tyson Avenue and 76 and 86 South Tyson Avenue)

Group of late 19th and early 20th century largely intact 2- and 3-story commercial buildings. The S/NR-eligible buildings occupy the northwest corner of Tyson Avenue and South Tyson Avenue, with frontages on both avenues. The former Victor Koenig's Bar at 86 South Tyson Avenue occupies a building that dates from 1924.

05917.000004 NOT Eligible

Flowerview Gardens Apartment Complex (formerly Child's Garden Apartments), 91 Tulip Avenue

The apartment complex was completed in 1950 and comprises a grouping of interconnected two-story residential buildings. The building complex includes landscaping, pathways, surface parking, and garages under the buildings. It was designed by architect Max M. Simon with developer Robert Metrick. The complex was originally known as Child's Garden Apartments but is currently known as Flower View Apartments.

05917. _____ Eligible

Commercial Buildings on Tulip Avenue, Downtown Floral Park Tulip Avenue between Verbena and Iris Streets Potential Historic District Grouping of early 20th century, two-story commercial buildings on the north and south sides of Tulip Avenue between Verbena and Iris Avenues. The buildings were constructed between 1917 and 1934 and reflect a variety of building styles through the use of different materials including brick, stucco, wood, and concrete. Most buildings have ground floor retail uses, some of which have been altered.

05917. _____ Eligible

Floral Park Methodist Church, 35 Verbena Avenue

A Methodist Episcopal Church building has been located on the site of the current United Methodist Church of Floral Park since the early 1900s, though the church traces its origins in Floral Park to 1890. Replacing the early 1900s church building, the current church complex was built between 1917 and 1934. It includes the church which faces Verbena Avenue and two Sunday school buildings that are oriented on Violet Avenue. All three buildings are steel frame structures faced in red brick, with white wood trim. The church has a recessed entrance beyond a portico with white columns. The church has a white wood spire above its Verbena Avenue entrance.

05917. _____ Eligible

Floral Park Village Hall, Floral Boulevard

The two-story Georgian Revival-style building was built between 1933 and 1936. It houses the village's offices, and police and fire departments. The building is faced in red brick and has a wide center pediment, a low side gabled roof, a white wood cupola, cast stone plaques, fan-shaped window ornament,s and brick coursing.

New Hyde Park

059--. _____ Not eligible

New Hyde Park U.S. Post Office, 1001 Second Avenue

The New Hyde Park U.S. Post Office was built in 1960. It is a one-story orange brickfaced building located across the street from the LIRR and the New Hyde Park Station.

Mineola

05954.000002 Not Eligible

Davenport Press Building, 70 Main Street

Built in 1862 as a bank, became a printing company by the early 1900s, and has been a restaurant since the 1970s. Two-story building with a mansard roof and a widow's walk. Non-original widows. Widow's walk is non-original. A later enclosed extension was added to the building's Main and Front Street facades. *NOTE: The 1977 scanned inventory form lists the address as "71 Main Street" but the correct address is 70 Main Street, according to current maps and a July 2016 site visit.

05954.000040 Eligible

Denton Building, 210 Old Country Road

Three-story brick and terra cotta-faced neo-classical commercial building with a hipped roof. Built in 1906. Identified as S/NR-eligible in 2002 under Criterion C.

05954.000006 Eligible

Citibank (formerly the European-American Bank Company)* 199 2nd Street

Photos of the building from 2015 and 2016 were added to the property record. This two-story, T-shaped palazzo style building was built in 1915-1920 for the European-American Bank Company. The building is faced in dark red and orange brick in Flemish bond, with a low red brick tile hipped roof. *NOTE: This building is on the site of an unrelated project, that will involve the demolition of the bank building and the redevelopment of the site.

05954.000045 Eligible (Note: Duplicate USNs 05954.000039 and .000096 have been deleted)

Commercial Building at Station Plaza North & Mineola Boulevard, 204-216 Station Plaza North/ 79-83 Mineola Boulevard

Grouping of two-story commercial Gothic buildings with decorative terra cotta parapet and detailing. Above the roof is a large advertising sign with an exposed steel structure. Built in 1926 shortly after the construction of the 1923 Mineola Train Station to the south. *NOTE: Historic property address was 204-216 Front Street.

05954.000046 Eligible

LIRR Electrical Substation, Main Street and Station Road

Largely intact early 20th century brick building with arched windows and concrete details. The building is south of the LIRR ROW and has served as an electrical substation to the LIRR. The S/NReligible building was identified through consultation with SHPO for the the 2008 DEIS, with SHPO comments issued in a 3/17/2005 comment letter). *NOTE: This building will be demolished with the Proposed Project. It was also identified for demolition in the 2008 DEIS.

05954.000047 Eligible

Nassau Tower/LIRR, Main Street and Station Road

Rare surviving early- to mid-20th century vernacular style two-story wood frame building with hipped roof. The small building is immediately south of the LIRR ROW and has served the LIRR. The S/NReligible building was identified through consultation with SHPO for the the 2008 DEIS, with SHPO comments issued in a 3/17/2005 comment letter). *NOTE: This building will be demolished with the Proposed Project. It was also identified for demolition in the 2008 DEIS.

Carle Place

059--._____ Eligible

Our Lady of Hope R.C. Church, 534 Broadway

St. Bridget's Chapel in Carle Place was constructed and dedicated in June 1955 as a mission chapel to St. Bridget's in Westbury, on the same day that St. Bridget's Westbury parochial school was dedicated. In 1987 the mission chapel became a new parish - Our Lady of Hope R.C. Church - under the Rockville Diocese as part of the church's efforts to redistribute the congregation from St. Bridget's in Westbury, which was the largest Catholic parish in Nassau County. An example of a mid-century version of Classical Revival religious architecture, the front-gabled façade has prominent pilasters, triple-entry bays with a multi-paned, double-hung windows over a decorative plaque above each wood door; and a cupola.

Hicksville

05903._____ Eligible

Top Hat Uniform (former Amperex Electronic Corporation), 230 Duffy Avenue

The approximately 134,000-sf masonry and glass warehouse at 230 Duffy Avenue was designed by Frank S. Parker & Associates and built in 1951 for the Amperex Electronic Corporation of Brooklyn. The company, a subsidiary of the North American Philips Company, made industrial and military semiconductors, and special purpose tubes. The warehouse was expanded with a two-story office and entrance area along Duffy Avenue in the 1960s. The warehouse is currently occupied by Top Hat Imagewear, a high-end uniform manufacturing company. The 1951 block retains a band of narrow windows offset with contrasting stone or concrete trim; a broad contrasting wall extending above the roofline to emphasize the entry which has a curved wall. The 1960s wing retains a curtain wall of windows offset by enameled panels and this is repeated above a side entry.

05903.000727 Eligible

Hicksville USPS Main Post Office, 185 West John Street

The concrete and brick 120,300-sf post office was constructed in 1968 when the Old Bethpage and Plainview branch post offices were merged together. The building has a tall double-height portion and one- and two-story portion at its perimeter. A key feature is the parabolic concrete arched canopy over the building's primary West John Street façade. The rear portion of the building has covered loading docks for the mail trucks. The post office was built to serve as a clearing house facility for out of state mail. At the time of its construction, the building had air conditioning, locker rooms for the employees (including separate locker rooms for women), and a truck maintenance facility but a very limited parking area for employees.