

## **Appendix A Amended SEQRA Short EAF 168th Street Interim Bus Terminal**

# Short Environmental Assessment Form

## Part 1 - Project Information

### Instructions for Completing

**Part 1 – Project Information.** The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

<b>Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information</b>			
Name of Action or Project: 168th Street Interim Bus Terminal			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): 90-01 168th Street (Block 9800, Lot 5) in Jamaica, Queens (see Section 1.1 (Project Description) in the EA for a map)			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The Metropolitan Transportation Authority New York City Transit Department of Buses (MTA NYCT Bus) proposes to lease the property located at 90-01 168th Street (Block 9800, Lot 5) in Jamaica, Queens (the "project site") to construct the 168th Street Interim Bus Terminal (the "Proposed Project") on an 85,000 square-foot (sqft.) commercial parking lot. The Proposed Project would serve the 16 Queens County MTA NYCT Department of Buses and Nassau Inter-County Express (NICE) bus routes. This commercial parking lot is currently leased to Jamaica First Parking, LLC by the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation (GJDC), a community development corporation. The existing 165th Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal at 89-21 165th Street between Merrick Boulevard and 89th Avenue in Jamaica, Queens has been acquired by a Developer, requiring the MTA NYCT Bus to vacate the premises at the end of the current lease. The buses currently operating from the existing 165th Street/Jamaica Bus Terminal would relocate temporarily to the 168th Street Interim Bus Terminal located at 90-01 168th Street in Jamaica, Queens until a permanent bus terminal facility is identified and constructed.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: MTA NYCT Department of Buses (c/o Colleen Channer, Lead MTA Environmental Attorney)		Telephone: 718-566-3478 E-Mail: cchanner@mtahq.org	
Address: 25 Jamaica Avenue Room 324			
City/PO: Brooklyn		State: New York	Zip Code: 11207
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: SHPO: SHPA Section 14.09 Consultation; NYCDOT: Transportation analysis approval; NYC Parks Tree Work Permit			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ 1.94 acres b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ 1.94 acres c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ 1.94 acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify): <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?  b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?  b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ _____ _____	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>	

<p>14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline   <input type="checkbox"/> Forest   <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands   <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wetland   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban   <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban</p>											
<p>15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>NO</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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<p>16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>NO</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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<p>17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes,</p> <p>a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?</p> <p>b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:</p> <p>Stormwater drains to the numerous catch basins located throughout the paved portions of the Project Site. The Project Site is connected to the municipal stormwater sewer system.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>NO</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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<p>18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>NO</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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<p>19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe:</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>NO</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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<p>20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe:</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>NO</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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<p><b>I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</b></p> <p>Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>MTA NYCT/Department of Buses (c/o Colleen Channer)</u> Date: <u>June 20, 2024</u></p> <p>Signature: <u><i>Colleen Channer</i></u> Title: <u>Lead MTA Environmental Attorney</u></p>											

Project:

Date:

## *Short Environmental Assessment Form*

### *Part 2 - Impact Assessment*

**Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.**

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept “Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?”

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Project:

Date:

### **Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance**

For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur”, or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

As shown in the response to Part 2-Impact Assessment, the Proposed Project would not result in any moderate to large impacts. As discussed in section 3.13.3.3 of the EA, traffic impacts were identified at two intersections: Hillside Avenue/169th Street and Jamaica Avenue/169th Street. The application of signal timing mitigation to these intersections in the AM and PM peak hours, as described below, would fully mitigate traffic impacts.

- Hillside Avenue/169th Street: Reallocate one second of green time from the eastbound and westbound approaches on Hillside Avenue to the southbound movement on 169th Street during the PM peak hour.
- Jamaica Avenue/169th Street: Reallocate two seconds of green time from the eastbound and westbound approaches on Jamaica Avenue to the southbound movement on 169th Street during the AM peak hour and four seconds during the PM peak hour.

Implementation of these mitigation measures would result in the proposed action having no significant adverse impacts on traffic.

As discussed in Section 3.13.3.2.4 of the EA, a pedestrian impact was identified on the sidewalk on the south side of 90th Avenue between 169th Street and 168th Place. The project site would include the placement of concrete planters along the sidewalks on 90th Avenue and 91st Avenue to beautify the urban streetscape, enhance the pedestrian experience, and provide pedestrian access, mobility and safety to the sidewalks. These planters would provide pedestrian safety and mobility by preventing vehicles from encroaching/occupying the sidewalks, and therefore would also mitigate the projected pedestrian impact. The planters would be located on the sidewalks to allow for maximum pedestrian access and would be in compliance with the NYCDOT Street Design Manual.

- Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
- Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

MTA NYCT Department of Buses

June 20, 2024

Name of Lead Agency

Date

Colleen Channer

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Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

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Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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