

# Queens Borough President Recommendation

APPLICATION: ULURP #130254 MMQ

COMMUNITY BOARD: Q04

## DOCKET DESCRIPTION

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by the New York City School Construction Authority pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter for an amendment to the City Map involving:

- the elimination of the northerly 15 feet of 44th Avenue between Junction Boulevard and National Street;
- the adjustment of grades and block dimensions necessitated thereby;

including authorization for any acquisition or disposition of real property related thereto, in Community District 4, Borough of Queens, in accordance with Map No. 5022 dated May 26, 2015 and signed by the Borough President.

## PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held by the Queens Borough President via Zoom webinar and livestreamed on [www.queensbp.org](http://www.queensbp.org) on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 10:30 A.M. pursuant to Section 82(5) of the New York City Charter and was duly advertised in the manner specified in Section 197-c (i) of the New York City Charter. The applicant made a presentation. There were no other speakers. The hearing was closed.

## CONSIDERATION

Subsequent to a review of the application and consideration of testimony received at the public hearing, the following issues and impacts have been identified:

- o The School Construction Authority is proposing to demap the 15 feet northerly portion of 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Junction Boulevard and National Street. This demapping will not result in any development;
- o Two schools were built on this portion of 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue which is located in School District 24 to help meet the dire need for school seats and relieve overcrowding at other district schools. The schools have been in operation since 2015;
- o The proposed street demapping would not affect vehicular or pedestrian circulation on the existing 18 feet roadway or 5- and 10-foot sidewalks along the two blocks. The existing roadway and sidewalk has existed and has been operating as currently configured since 2015;
- o 44th Avenue between Junction Boulevard and National Street is currently mapped at a width of 45 feet. The active roadway is 18 feet wide with a 2 feet sidewalk abutting the retaining wall for the Long Island Rail Road track on the south side of 44th Avenue. The area affected would be the mapped sidewalk on the north side of 44th Avenue that would be reduced by 15 feet to a width of 10 feet. The existing sidewalk is 10 feet wide adjacent to the schools and 5 feet on the rest of those blocks;
- o The two schools are P.S. 315 (The Tiffany School) 43-18 97th Place (Block 1613, lot 17) has 1,050 seats with an enrollment of 932 students (89% utilization) in pre-K to 5th Grade and District 75 and, I.S. 311 (The Gabriela Mistral Campus) 98-11 44th Avenue (Block 1628, Lot 21) has 870 seats with an enrollment of 824 students (95% utilization) in 6th to 8th Grades and District 75;
- o Community Board 4 held a public hearing on this application at the December 8, 2020 monthly meeting. A vote was not taken because a quorum was not present.

## RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above consideration, I hereby recommend approval of this application.

  
PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF QUEENS

1/6/2021  
DATE