

Smart Growth Impact Statement

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Below is an analysis of why the Project meets, to the extent practicable, the smart growth criteria set forth in § 6-0107 of the State Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act (Infrastructure Act):

a. *Advance Projects for the Use, Maintenance, or Improvement of Existing Infrastructure:*

The Project meets this criterion because it supports the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Road Widening project which is intended to maintain and improve the use of the existing roadway infrastructure along NYS-112 (Medford Avenue) in the Hamlets of Medford and Coram, New York. Roadway improvements include roadway corridor upgrades to improve transit operations and service and provide standardized accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists. Roadway maintenance includes correcting structural deficiencies and safety deficiencies. Also, the Project includes the upgrade of existing electrical utilities to meet current engineering standards.

b. *Advance Projects located in Municipal Centers:*

The Project meets this criterion because it provides for maintenance and improvements of existing infrastructure which supports municipal hamlet centers in the Hamlets of Medford and Coram, and the Town of Brookhaven.

c. *Advance Projects in Developed Areas or Areas Designated for Concentrated Infill Development in a Municipally Approved Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan and/or Brownfield Opportunity Area Plan:*

The Project meets this criterion because it involves the upgrade of existing electrical utilities in support of the NYSDOT Road Widening project to improve safety and capacity along the active north-south NYS-112 corridor. The Project will assist the NYSDOT in meeting its objectives of improving overall traffic conditions and maintaining the useful life and safety of the roadway, which serves

the Hamlet of Medford and nearby areas in the Town of Brookhaven, in areas of commercial, residential, recreational and institutional uses.

- d. *Protect, Preserve, and Enhance the State's Resources, including Agricultural Land, Forests, Surface and Groundwater, Air Quality, Recreation and Open Space, Scenic Areas, and Significant Historic and Archeological Resources:*

The Project meets this criterion because it is located on developed rights of way and franchise areas including paved roadside and mowed utility corridors; it will avoid any adverse impacts on the foregoing resources to the extent practicable by limiting soil disturbance to only that which is needed, and it is anticipated that the Project will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts on the foregoing resources.

- e. *Foster Mixed Land Uses and Compact Development, Downtown Revitalization, Brownfield Redevelopment, the Enhancement or Beauty in Public Spaces, the Diversity and Affordability of Housing in Proximity to Places of Employment, Recreation and Commercial Development and the Integration of all Income and Age Groups:*

Much of this criterion is inapplicable to the Project because it is not directly designed to foster these aspects of the community. To the degree this criterion is applicable, the Project meets this criterion for the reasons set forth in (c) above.

- f. *Provide Mobility through Transportation Choices including Improved Public Transportation and Reduced Automobile Dependency:*

This criterion is not applicable to the Project, however, we note that the NYS DOT Road Widening project which necessitates the undertaking of the Project provides standardized accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists.

- g. *Coordinate Between State and Local Government and Intermunicipal and Regional Planning:*

The Project is in support of the NYSDOT Road Widening project, which had undergone public involvement activities, including pre-scoping meetings with all groups as part of their DEIS process, meeting with Town Representatives and Public Officials in 2011, 2014 and 2016, and a NEPA Public Hearing on March 30, 2016. For the Project, coordination and outreach was completed by PSEG-LI. Letters describing the Project were mailed to customers along the proposed route on December 17, 2018 and additional notification letters indicating the potential for night time work will be sent to the area residents and businesses. PSEG-LI met with the Town of Brookhaven Councilman Michael Loguercio on April 8th, 2019 to discuss the transmission and distribution pole modifications along NYS-112 between Granny Road and Old Port Jefferson Road and the potential for night time work. During the meeting, PSEG-LI presented the Project Visual

Renderings to the Town officials (refer to the FEAF supporting document Visual Simulations of the Study Area – **Appendix B**). No objections from the customers or the Town of Brookhaven have been received.

h. *Participate in Community Based Planning and Collaboration:*

The Project meets this criterion because the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA), with and through PSEG-LI as service provider, is involved with the local communities on Long Island and develops its energy plans, including transmission and distribution plans, in response to the local needs on Long Island and with public input. Outreach for the project has been conducted as described in (g) above.

i. *Ensure Predictability in Building and Land Use Codes:*

LIPA as a State Authority is subject to New York State Building Code. LIPA is not subject to local building and land use codes.

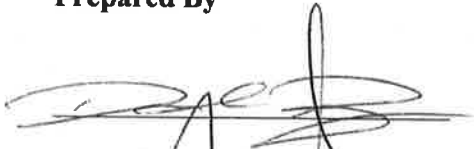
j. *Promote Sustainability by Strengthening Existing and Creating New Communities which Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Do Not Compromise the Needs of Future Generations, by Among Other Means Encouraging Broad Based Public Involvement in Developing and Implementing a Community Plan and Ensuring the Governance Structure is Adequate to Sustain Its Implementation:*

The Project will help to strengthen existing communities within and near the Hamlets of Medford and Coram and nearby areas in the Town of Brookhaven because it supports the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Road Widening project which is intended to improve safety and capacity of the existing roadway infrastructure along NYS-112 (Medford Avenue) in the Hamlets of Medford and Coram, New York. Roadway improvements include roadway corridor upgrades to improve transit operations, service, and provide standardized accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists. Roadway maintenance includes correcting structural and safety deficiencies. While the use of vehicles on NYS-112 may increase, overall improved services and driving efficiency may reduce the emissions per vehicle in operation, and these improvements are planned to allow for additional pedestrian and bicycle transit, which would help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also, the Project includes upgrades of electrical utilities to meet current engineering standards. Based on these improvements and maintenance aspects, the Project will help strengthen the areas at and near the Property, without compromising the needs of future generations.

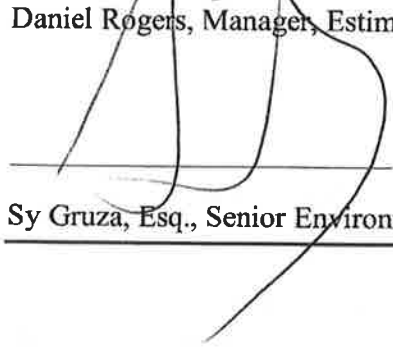
k. *Mitigate future physical climate risk due to sea level rise, and/or storm surges and/or flooding, based on available data predicting the likelihood of future extreme weather events, including hazard risk analysis data if applicable:*

The Project is located above the level of the 500-year floodplain as currently determined which minimizes the risk that it would be impaired by sea level rise, storm surges or flooding based on currently available information.

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Now therefore, pursuant to ECL Article 6, this Project is compliant with the New York State Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act, to the extent practicable, as described in the attached Smart Growth Impact Statement.

Long Island Power Authority

Thomas Falcone
Chief Executive Officer

Date
