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CITYBRIDGE/LINK5G TOWERS

SITE: MN-08-119856_A

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TCNS Number: 269284

CONSULTING PARTY: FRIENDS of the Upper East Side Historic Districts, Inc.

COMMENTS: FRIENDS of the Upper East Side Historic Districts believes that the proposed Link5G tower installation at 1712 York Avenue will have an adverse effect on the following historic resources:

- The Municipal Asphalt Plant

The 32-foot tall, chrome Link5G tower will create a “change in the character of the property’s use or setting” and introduce “incompatible visual, atmospheric, or audible elements” to the area abutting the Municipal Asphalt Plant between 90th and 91st Streets at the East River. While the tower won’t physically damage any historic properties, it irrevocably alters the viewshed of all adjacent historic resources. As the Link5G network will one day consist of over 2,000 of these towers, there will be a significant increase in the cumulative adverse effect of these towers on historic districts and sites.

The Link5G tower design is out of scale and out of place in the vicinity of any historic resource. There are dozens of more appropriate design solutions for building out 5G connectivity infrastructure that have been successfully employed in other cities. The same goal of broadening access to 5G could easily be achieved through less obtrusive interventions.

Anna Marcum

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Meets Secretary of the Interior’s Professional Qualifications Standards in Architectural History (36 CFR § 61)