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CITYBRIDGE/BOLDYN 5G NETWORK TOWER

SITE: MN-08-136969_A

ADDRESS: 650 Madison Avenue, EBI Project #016330-PR

CONSULTING PARTY: FRIENDS OF THE UPPER EAST SIDE, Inc.

COMMENTS: FRIENDS of the Upper East Side believes that the proposed Link5G tower installation at 650 Madison Avenue will have an adverse effect on the following historic resources (*within 500 feet of the project site*):

- Upper East Side Historic District
- Special Madison Avenue Preservation District
- Pepsi-Cola Building (NYC Landmark and NRHP eligible)
- Sidewalk Clock (NYC Landmark and NRHP listed)
- Fuller Building (NYC Landmark and NRHP eligible)
- Metropolitan Club Building (NYC Landmark)
- Grand Army Plaza (NYC Landmark)
- Knickerbocker Club Building (NYC Landmark)

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 all the historic resources listed above. While the tower doesn’t physically damage any historic properties, it irrevocably alters the viewshed of all adjacent historic resources.

The goal of the Link 5G rollout, as presented to the public through various platforms, was to target underserved communities and bridge the digital divide, providing wireless and cellular services to those areas of the city. This well-connected area already has sufficient internet coverage, and that the proposed location is not where it is most needed. Additionally, tower’s appearance clashes with the special character and visual aesthetics of Madison Avenue.

The Link5G tower design is out of scale and out of place in the vicinity of any historic resource. 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 landmark buildings. There are numerous more appropriate and less intrusive design solutions for building out

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5G connectivity infrastructure that have been successfully implemented in other cities.

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Thank you,

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