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Subject: MTA New York City Transit  
North Williamsburg Temporary Ferry Service, Brooklyn, NY  
Contract P-36437, Canarsie Tunnel Rehabilitation  
Joint Application for Permit

Dear Mr. Pinzon:

The MTA New York City Transit (NYCT) submits the enclosed Joint Application for Permit package and requests permit authorization(s) from your office for installation and operation of the North Williamsburg Temporary Ferry Service on the East River within regulated waters of the United States.

The North Williamsburg Temporary Ferry Service has been developed as an element of the Alternative Service Plan (ASP) to provide subway riders affected by the upcoming suspension of L train service between Brooklyn and Manhattan and within Manhattan with alternative transportation options. L train service will be suspended on approximately April 13, 2019 for a period of fifteen (15) months which is needed to rehabilitate the Canarsie Tunnel damaged by Superstorm Sandy. Rehabilitation of the tunnel will not require in-water construction activities. The ASP includes a temporary ferry service between Empire Pier North Williamsburg, Brooklyn and the existing Stuyvesant Cove ferry landing, Manhattan.

NYCT is proposing to construct a temporary ferry landing adjoining the existing Empire Pier in the East River in North Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York to implement this ferry service. Construction will begin on January 1, 2019 and will be completed on February 28, 2019. Operations will extend for approximately 15 to 16 months, commencing on or about March 16, 2019 and continuing through the duration of suspended L train service. The temporary ferry landing constructed for this project will be completely removed – and the temporary ferry service discontinued - upon completion of the tunnel rehabilitation, in approximately July 2020.

The proposed Empire Pier ferry landing will accommodate one passenger ferry boat with a capacity equal or similar to the NYCEDC passenger ferry vessels currently using the nearby landing immediately south of Empire Pier. The proposed temporary Empire Pier ferry landing will



consist of an access platform, a gangway, ferry landing barge, and guide piles with donut fenders. The access platform will be connected to the existing Empire Pier, will be supported by four (4), 16-inch diameter steel piles and will provide access to the ferry landing barge. The ferry landing barge will be supported by six (6) 36-inch diameter steel anchor piles. Four (4), 36-inch diameter steel guide piles with donut fenders will be located north of the ferry landing to guide the ferry as it approaches the landing. The constructed project footprint will be approximately 0.1033 acre, which includes 0.0018 acre associated with piles, and 0.1015 acre associated with the supported landing and access platforms.

The Canarsie Tunnel rehabilitation is a priority project of NYCT's continuing response to the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy. The Project is federally funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and an Environmental Assessment for the ASP component of the Project has been prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

A copy of this permit application has also been forwarded to Steve Watts of NYSDEC, and Jennifer Street of the New York State Department of State.

We appreciate your attention to this vital NYCT infrastructure protection project.

Should you have any questions please contact me at 646-252-3608 or Andrea Rosenthal of WSP at 212-465-5228. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angelo Elmi on behalf of Angelo Elmi". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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