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Steven T. Noble, Mayor

December 22, 2021

Honorable Andrea Shaut
President of the Common Council
Kingston City Hall
420 Broadway
Kingston, New York 12401

RE: Franklin Street Complete Streets Project – SEQR Classification

Dear President Shaut,

The City was awarded \$750,000 in grant funding for the design and construction of the Franklin Street Complete Streets project through the NYS DEC Climate Smarts Communities grant in 2017. The project includes the design and construction of new sidewalks, ADA ramps, crosswalks, bicycle infrastructure, and other pedestrian safety improvements along the entire length of Franklin Street from Wall Street to Broadway. The design is now substantially complete and we expect to bid and construct the project in 2022.

As part of the design process and pursuant to provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQR), a determination of environmental impact must be made. Based upon the nature of the work involved in this project, it is a Type II Action under SEQR. The project meets the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2), “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part.”

As such, it is requested that the Common Council issue a determination that the project is a Type II Action.

Please forward this communication to the next regularly scheduled Laws and Rules Committee for consideration and discussion.

Respectfully,

John Schultheis
City Engineer

Cc: Steven T. Noble, Mayor
Jeffrey Ventura-Morell, Committee Chairman