



Scotia – Glenville

Central Schools

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Re: Resolution Proposed Action Type I Action for the purpose of the New York State Environmental Quality Act (SEQRA) for Building and Site Improvements

The SEQRA Resolution regarding the transportation facility project for Board adoption is on the BOE agenda for March 24, 2025. The SEQRA resolution classifies the project as a Type I action under SEQRA, declares the Board as lead agency and issues a negative declaration of significance based on the conclusion that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Scotia-Glenville Central School District (“Board”) is proposing to undertake a project at the Transportation Facility located at 498 Sacandaga Road, Glenville, New York, consisting of (i) the removal of an existing +/- 2,400 square foot building, (ii) the repaving of the existing asphalt parking lot, (iii) the construction of a new parking lot and associated access drives of up to +/- 35,000 square feet and providing up to eighty-five new parking spaces, (iv) the replacement of the existing perimeter fence and gates, (v) the installation of infrastructure to accommodate future EV bus power stations, and (vi) various renovations to the existing bus garage panels and building maintenance system (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations thereunder require the Board to undertake a review of the potential environmental impacts, if any, associated with the Project before approving same; and

WHEREAS, this Project is a Type I action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR Section 617.4(b)(9) due to the proximity of the project site to one or more buildings, structures, facilities, sites or districts that have been determined to be eligible for listing, on the State Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, a Full Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared and reviewed in connection with the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form was transmitted to all involved agencies, together with notification of the Board’s desire to act as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, all involved agencies have either consented to the Board acting as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project, or have failed to raise any objection thereto within thirty (30) calendar days; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.7 requires a lead agency to issue a written determination of significance with respect to any proposed Type I action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed Project, as set forth and described above, including Part 1 and Part 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form prepared with respect to such action, and makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves (i) the removal of an existing +/- 2,400 square foot building, (ii) the repaving of the existing asphalt parking lot, (iii) the construction of a new parking lot and associated access drives of up to +/- 35,000 square feet and providing up to eighty-five new parking spaces, (iv) the replacement of the existing perimeter fence and gates, (v) the installation of infrastructure to accommodate future EV bus power stations, and (vi) various renovations to the existing bus garage panels and building maintenance system.

2. The proposed action is classified under SEQRA as a Type I action.
3. Upon consideration of the action, review of the Full Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and all other supporting information, the Board identifies the following relevant areas of environmental concern, as set forth hereafter, and analyzes whether the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
4. The proposed Project will not result in any substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels, or a substantial increase in solid waste production, or a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching, or drainage problems. The project site will continue its long-standing use as a transportation facility, and none of the proposed improvements will impact or change existing air quality or traffic levels, or result in a substantial increase in solid waste production. The proposed project is not expected to result in any substantial adverse changes to existing ground or surface water quality or quantity, or to substantially increase the potential for erosion, flooding, leaching, or drainage problems. Construction of the proposed new parking areas and access drives will add approximately 35,000 square feet – or approximately eight-tenths of an acre – of new impervious surfaces to the site, but any increased stormwater runoff is not expected to be significant and can be accommodated by the existing site conditions and features. With respect to impacts related to noise, it is expected that activities during the construction phase will unavoidably result in noise impacts exceeding ambient levels. Such impacts, however, are short-term and temporary in nature, will be mitigated to the greatest extent practicable through the application of industry-standard mitigation measures, and are not expected to be significant in nature. Once construction is completed, the use of the property following the completion of the proposed improvements will not result in any significant increase in existing noise levels. The proposed Project is not expected to result in any significant increase in either solid waste or wastewater generation as compared to existing levels.
5. The proposed Project will not result in the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, a substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, impacts on any significant habitat area, substantial adverse impacts on a threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat thereof, or other significant adverse impacts to natural resources. The proposed Project involves the renovation and/or reconstruction of a previously developed site, and does not involve the removal or disturbance of a large quantity of trees, vegetation, or other existing natural resources. As such, the proposed Project is not expected to result in any significant adverse impacts to any animals, plants, habitats, or other natural resources.
6. The Project is not located within a designated Critical Environmental Area.
7. The proposed Project will not create a material conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted.
8. The proposed Project will not result in the impairment of the character or quality of any important historical, archeological, or aesthetic resources, or of existing community or neighborhood character. The proposed Project includes the proposed removal of an existing +/-

2,400 square foot building constructed in or about 1914, which has been determined to be eligible of listing on the State Register of Historic Places. The building, however, is in poor physical condition and, other than being used for storage purposes, has not been used for an extended period of time. The proposed Project, including the proposed removal of the existing building, will be submitted to the New York State Office Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a review of any potential impacts, and any recommendations made by OPRHP – including that the subject building not be demolished, that the subject building be relocated, and/or that elements of the building be removed and preserved prior to demolition -- will be incorporated into the final project design. Accordingly, the proposed Project will not result in any impairment of the character or quality of any important historical or archeological resources. The remaining aspects of the proposed Project are consistent with the long-standing use of the site as the Districts Transportation facility, will not result in a significant adverse change to existing views of the property, and will not impact the existing community or neighborhood character.

9. The proposed Project will not result in any major, adverse, change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy.

10. The proposed Project will not result in the creation of a hazard to human health.

11. The proposed Project will not result in a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space, or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support such uses.

12. The proposed Project will not result in the encouragement or attraction of a large number of people to the site as compared to the number of people that would come absent the action.

13. The proposed Project will not result in a material demand for other actions, will not result in changes to two or more elements of the environment which together would result in a substantial adverse impact, and will not cumulatively result in a substantial adverse impact when considered with any related actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed Project is a Type I action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.4(b)(9); and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby declares itself lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon consideration of the foregoing, the Board finds and concludes that the proposed Project will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed Project.