



THE ADVOCATE FOR NEW YORK CITY'S HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS

## **CityBridge/Boldyn 5G Network Towers**

SITE NAME: MN-07-120401\_A

ADDRESS: 2800 Broadway aka 255 West 108th Street

COMMUNITY DISTRICT: Manhattan CD7, CM Shaun Abreu

### **COMMENT:**

The proposed site for a Link5G tower at the corner of 108th Street and Broadway has the potential to have an adverse impact on the surrounding (within 500 feet) City Landmarks and SHPO eligible districts and buildings:

- Manhasset Apartments (1899-1901, 1901-05) - LPC Individual Landmark
- Schinasi Residence - LPC Individual Landmark
- Riverside-West End Historic District Extension II - LPC Historic District
- Morningside Heights Historic District/Cathedral Heights Historic District - LPC Historic District
- 352 & 353 Riverside Drive - NRHP-Listed Buildings
- West Side Unitarian Church - Congregation Ramath Orah - NRHP-Listed Building
- 110th Street-Cathedral Parkway Station - NRHP-Listed Site
- Broadway-Riverside Drive Historic District - SHPO Eligible Historic District
- P.S. 165 - SHPO Eligible Building & Structure
- Church of the Ascension - SHPO Eligible Building & Structure

Per FCC Form 620, Page 12, "are there more than 10 historic properties within the APEs for direct and visual effect" (which there are) then "a Cultural Resources Report" is required, but the applicant has marked "no". This Cultural Resources Report is due.

In regards to EBI Consulting's report,

View 23 claims the tower, opposite the Manhasset Apartments, is "not visible" when it is clearly visible in the shot. The vegetation is not a sufficient fig leaf to disguise this intrusion.

View 28 claims the tower is "not visible" when the tower will be in direct view of everyone exiting the subway from this station.

The determination of No Effect and No Adverse Effects by Boldyn/EBI - claims there are no adverse effects on Historic Properties (visual effects). The evidence provided by their own exhibits negates their determination. A more appropriate determination would be that this installation presents an Adverse Effect on one or more Historic Properties. LW! Challenges the narrow definition of adverse effect employed by Boldyn/EBI.

The Historic Districts Council believes that these 32-ft tall structures are poorly designed and will further clutter the city's streetscapes. Their out-of-scale design will not only detract from historic areas and buildings in our neighborhood, but are also inappropriate for most commercial and residential areas of the

city. We also believe that determining cumulative effect will not be wholly possible without seeing a manifest of the complete 5G rollout planned.