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Village of Minoa Solicitation for Public Comment EV Charging in Community Spaces – Lewis Park & Adams Street

Public notification and solicitation of public comments for the proposed de minimis use of Section 4(f) resources

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is undertaking a federally funded project to install public electric vehicle (EV) charging at pre-existing parking lots at Lewis Park AND municipal parking lot on Adams Street in the village of Minoa, Onondaga County. The purpose of this proposed project is to enhance sustainable transportation infrastructure by installing EV Infrastructure at designated public spaces. This initiative aims to address the growing demand for accessible EV charging in community spaces, support the transition to zero-emission vehicles, and promote environmental stewardship. This project is being progressed as a Class II Categorical Exclusion in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as defined in 23 CFR Part 771.117(c) and as a Type II Action in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) as defined in 17 NYCRR, Part 15.

Section 4(f) of the United States Department of Transportation Act of 1966 protects publicly owned parks and recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic properties. Section 4(f) also requires transportation agencies such as the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to consider all measures to avoid the use of 4(f) resources. If there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of a 4(f) property, all possible planning to minimize the use must occur. In cases where the proposed impacts are not adverse and are determined to be minimal, the FHWA can make a de minimis use determination after the public is afforded an opportunity to comment on the use of the park and recreation resources.

This proposed undertaking will use one Section 4(f) resource at two public street lots, one off of S. Main Street and Hubert Street and two Adams Street. The parking lots are owned by the Village of Minoa. Based on the current design and scope of work, this project will have minor impacts to the Section 4(f) resource. These impacts will include electric-power related preparations and will be limited to the parking spaces within the lot where the chargers will reside.

As stipulated in 23 CFR Part 774.5(b)(2)(i), public notice and an opportunity for public comment must be provided prior to making a de minimis use determination for these resources. The public may submit their written comments to the attention of Mayor William Brazill wbrazill@villageofminoa.com or Village of Minoa, 240 N. Main Street, Minoa NY 13116. Comments will be received until July 16, 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

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