

State Environmental Quality Review  
**NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance

**Project:** New York State Route 347 Pole Replacement Project

**Date:** June 9, 2021

This notice is issued in accordance with Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617 and 21 NYCRR LXXXI 10052.

The Long Island Power Authority (“Authority”) has determined, based on information provided by PSEG Long Island and the Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1, 2 & 3 prepared by PSEG Long Island that the Proposed Action described below will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

**Name of Action:** New York State Route 347 Pole Replacement Project

**Location:** NYS RTE 347 Between Gibbs Pond Road to Hallock Road, Village of Lake Grove, Town of Smithtown, and Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York

**SEQR Status:** Unlisted

**Conditioned Negative Declaration:** No

**Proposed Action Description:**

The Proposed Action is located along an approximately two mile stretch of New York State Route 347 between Gibbs Pond Road to Hallock Road, in the Village of Lake Grove, Town of Smithtown, and Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York.

The Proposed Action is being carried out in support of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) New York State Route 347 road widening and reconstruction project (“NYSDOT Project”). The Proposed Action includes the replacement of 153 wood utility poles, the installation of 18 new wood utility poles, and the removal of 7 wood utility poles. All pole activities are provided in Table 1. Nine of the replaced utility poles will increase by a height greater than 10 feet, of which, 8 of the poles will increase to a height of 55 feet and 1 of the poles will increase to a height of 45 feet. Poles increasing in height greater than 10 feet will increase in heights similar to that of existing poles in the immediate vicinity as poles in the immediate vicinity range in height between 35-70 feet. The majority of these poles are increasing in height due to being over/adjacent to traffic signal supporters and wires, being over/adjacent to private property parking lot lights, and being over/adjacent to NYSDOT signs and business signs.

Pole Action	Pole Number
Existing Wood Pole to be Replaced with New Wood Pole >10' Height Increase	29, 11, 1, 240, 239, 75, 148, 12S, 225
Existing Wood Pole to be Replaced with New Wood Pole <10' Height Increase	28, 20, 19, 76, 18, 15, 13, 12, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 5, 4.5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 206A, 92-1, 4, 245, 244, 243, 242, 241, 238, 237, 235, 233, 230, 228, 227.5, 226, 224, 223, 222, 221, 220, 219, 215, 214, 213, 212, 211, 210, 208, 207, 19, 20, 20.5, 21, 22, 23, 73.5, 11, 1, 2-1, 145, 147, 148S, 149, 149S, 150, 151, 151.5, 152, 152S, 153, 153.5, 154, 155, 12, 224, 226, 227, 228, 229, 35, 34.5, 34, 34S,
Existing Wood Pole to be Replaced with New Wood Pole No Change in Height	27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20.5, 20.25, 17, 16, 14, 10, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 18, 20, 21, 13, 12, 11, 3, 149-3.5, 149-4, 149-5, 149-6, 234, 232, 231, 230, 229, 228.5, 228.25, 225, 218, 217, 216, 209, 144, 146, 149A, 156, 230, 32.5, 31.5, 31
Existing Wood Pole to be Removed	222X, 23, 18X, 17X, 16X, 15, 14
Proposed Wood Pole (40'-55')	16.5, 10.5, 2S, 18.5, 13S, 12.5, 243.5, 241.5, 239.5, 237.5, 234.5, 213.5, 209.5, 208.5, 11S, .5, 153.5, 33.5

**Table 1 – Distribution Pole Removals, Replacements, and Installations**

Approximately 8,510 feet of underground distribution cable will be installed in 12 locations along the Proposed Action route. All underground activities are provided in Table 2. Approximately 2,490 feet of the underground distribution cable is planned to be installed via trenching; the remainder will be installed via horizontal directional drilling.

**Table 2 – Underground Distribution Cable Installation Locations**

Location	Approximate Length (feet)
Splice pit on Browns Road to new riser pole #12.5 on the north side of RTE 347	1,850
Existing pole #23 on Browns Road to existing pole #17 on the south side of RTE 347	500
Splice pit on Browns Road to existing pole #21 on the south side of RTE 347	1,170
Splice pit on Browns Road to existing pole #20 on the south side of RTE 347	1,030
Existing pole #20.5 to existing pole #21 on the north side of Browns Road	150
Existing pole #238 on the north side of RTE 347 to a new manhole on the west side of Alexander Avenue	320
New pole #234.5 on the north side of RTE 347 to the east side of Hamlet Lane	170
Existing riser pole #234 to existing riser pole #237 on the north side of RTE 347	450
Existing pole #216 to existing pole #228.5 on the north side of RTE 347	1,900
Existing pole #229 on the north side of RTE 347 to a transformer on the south side of RTE 347	480
Existing pole #221 on the north side of RTE 347 to a splice pit on the south side of RTE 347	150
New riser pole #33.5 on Hallock Road north of RTE 347 to existing pole #32.5 on Hallock Road south of RTE 347	340

Cable installation along the Proposed Action route will also include 3 manholes and 6 splice pits. In total, approximately 0.31 acres of ground disturbance will occur for the entirety of the Proposed Action, inclusive of the pole relocations.

**Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

The SEAF evaluates the effect of the Proposed Action upon land use, natural resources, visual resources and community character, energy use, environmental hazards and human health resources. Since the Proposed Action primarily involves the removal, replacement, and installation of overhead distribution poles and wires and installation of underground distribution cables, there will be no changes to land use or community character, nor will there be any effects on human health. Table 1, above, provides the work on the distribution poles.

Ground disturbance will primarily take place within previously disturbed areas. Disturbed areas will be restored upon completion of the Proposed Action. Any disturbed areas will either be reseeded and/or replanted, or stabilized with paved surfaces as prescribed for in the NYSDOT Project plans and specifications.

Portions of the Proposed Action are located adjacent to multiple Suffolk County Transit bus routes. The bus routes include S56 Commack to Smith Haven Mall via Kings Park; S58 East Northport to Riverhead County Center; S60 Smith Haven Mall to Gordon Heights; S62 Hauppauge to Smith Haven Mall, Riverhead; S69 Night Loop (Smith Haven Mall, SUNY Stony Brook, Port Jefferson); and 3D Brentwood Railroad to Stony Brook Railroad. Portions of the Proposed Action are also located adjacent to pedestrian accommodating sidewalks. Any sidewalks that are disturbed due to the Proposed Action will be restored to pre-construction conditions. The Proposed Action is being carried out in order to facilitate the NYSDOT Project. The Proposed Action will take place before and during the NYSDOT Project. Temporary diversions of pedestrian accommodations will occur during construction and as a result, no impact to this resource will occur as a result of the Proposed Action.

The pole height increases will not significantly impair the visual landscape as experienced from any aesthetic resources of concern or interfere with or reduce the public's or area residents' enjoyment and/or appreciation of the appearance of any scenic, open space, or other resource. Thus, there will be no significant adverse visual impacts as a result of the Proposed Action.

The Proposed Action is anticipated to start July 2021 and last up to two years until project completion.

Based on the SEAF and PSEGLI's recommendation according to the standards as set forth in SEQRA, the Proposed Action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

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