The lighting design utilized the east facing girder by indirectly illuminating it; creating a ribbon of soft light to guide pedestrians along the waterfront.”

— Suzan Tillotson, Tillotson Design Associates

“The lighting provides a unique nighttime experience and invokes the magical quality of the water and the urban character of the Lower Manhattan’s East River Waterfront. It defines the area at night, providing illumination levels that encourage nighttime pedestrian use and imparting a feeling of safety without detracting from the water view. By washing the continuous girder of the FDR Drive’s elevated roadway, the water’s edge is indirectly illuminated in a glare and clutter-free manner. Vertical ribs of light at the exterior face of the handrail help to create an iconic image when viewed from the opposite shore.

— Amanda M. Burden, Chair of the New York City Planning Commission and Director of the Department of City Planning

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