



## Department of Transportation

POLLY TROTTEMBERG, Commissioner

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Honorable Scott Stringer  
New York City Comptroller  
1 Centre Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007

Honorable Barry Grodenchik  
Council Member, 23<sup>rd</sup> District  
73-03 Bell Boulevard  
Oakland Gardens, NY 11364

Dear Comptroller Stringer and Council Member Grodenchik:

Thank you for your December 17, 2018 correspondence regarding the proposed Belmont Park Redevelopment Project on the Queens County/Nassau County border.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is currently conducting the Nassau/Queens Interface Transportation Study, which includes Jamaica and Hempstead Avenues—the two corridors identified in the Belmont Park Redevelopment Project's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) as having impacted corridors and/or intersections. While our study did not specifically focus on the concerns that you raised in your letter, DOT will adjust the study's scope to include these issues. DOT will also hold meetings with stakeholders throughout the study process to solicit their input and will invite your offices to attend. In the interim, DOT will be meeting with Empire State Development (ESD) and their consultant on January 23, 2019 to discuss the project in general.

As DOT testified last June at the City Council hearing, residential parking permit programs require state legislative authorization. Furthermore, based on the experiences of other cities, DOT has cautioned that such programs for New York City can be difficult to manage and the potential benefits are limited. However, we are available to work with our partners in Albany should they wish to pursue a New York City residential parking permit program.

I have asked Queens Borough Commissioner Nicole Garcia to be available if you have any further questions.

Thank you for your concerns for transportation issues in your district.

Sincerely,

Polly Trottenberg  
Commissioner

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