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At Long Island Rail Road Scoping Hearing
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1. In reviewing the materials provided by the LIRR and MTA outlining some of the proposed work or scope of project there exists some problems that would affect the Village of Floral Park from both a quality of life standpoint as well as a policing perspective.

2. The following are a list of some questions that need to be addressed during these Scoping Hearings:

A) Grade crossing at Covert and S 12th street – where will the traffic divert to since traveling northbound towards Jericho for a.m. peak will be impassable. If drivers divert to side streets or Tulip Avenue to get to Plainfield Avenue our already overburdened roadways will experience greater wear and tear. Increase of traffic will invariably lead to accidents/aideds which will have to be addressed by FPPD patrol officers.

B) The traffic that has been measured already on Plainfield Avenue is approximately 4500 vehicles traveling northbound towards Jericho and approximately the same traveling southbound (9000).

C) Tulip Avenue which has approximately 9000 vehicles traveling daily and intersects with Plainfield Avenue, leading to an already congested situation especially at peak travel times (0700 x 0900 & 1600 x 1800). Increased traffic on Plainfield Avenue could have a deleterious effect on response time of our patrol officers especially North of the railroad.

D) Where would construction workers of project park and stage their equipment to complete this project?

E) What are the effects on railroad at Atlantic and South Tyson?

F) Is Floral Park start of project or end?

G) What effects on the present station at Floral Park?

3. It is difficult to comprehend the effects of this project without any detailed plans submitted by the MTA or LIRR but the above questions arise out the materials presented thus far.