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Empire State Development Corp
Attn Michael Avolio, ESD,
633 Third Avenue, 37th floor
New York, NY 10017

Dear Sir:

I am a 50+ year resident of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park and I am writing to express my opinion that the current scope of the Belmont redevelopment project is too big for this suburban area and I also question the substance and breadth of the traffic study found in the DEIS.

I am dismayed to learn that while the DEIS acknowledges that GPS would be diverting traffic to local roadways, the study ignored conducting a **weekday evening rush hour analysis** of local roads where capacity brings traffic to a crawl in its current state. How can a project of the current scope not address rush hour traffic?

I am genuinely concerned for the safety of the residents and visitors of the surrounding towns, not to mention the safety and compromised emergency response by the Fire and Police Departments that will result from a project of this magnitude.

I demand that the ESD, in ensuring that they operate under the responsibility that they are given, take strong consideration in returning this project back to its initial 43 acre expanse so that the quality of life can be maintained in the surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

James Dodson

cc:
State Senator Anna Kaplan
Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages
Assemblyman Edward Ra
Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen