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Hon. Laura Curran
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Dear County Executive Curran,

We have reviewed the letter dated January 29, 2019, from Village of Floral Park Mayor Dominick Longobardi, wherein the Village requests that Nassau County complete a full and independent traffic analysis of the Belmont Park Redevelopment Civic and Land Use Improvement Project ("Proposed Project"). We fully support the Village's request and urge you to direct the Nassau County Department of Public Works/Traffic Engineering to conduct such a traffic analysis and secure its funding from New York State and/or the Empire State Development Corporation ("ESDC"), which is bringing this massive Proposed Project to Belmont Park.

The lack of traffic data within the ESDC's Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") is extremely disconcerting, and we are troubled by the DEIS's unsupported conclusion that traffic will not spill over from the Cross Island Parkway onto local roads within its vicinity. As you are aware, several of these roads fall within the jurisdiction of the County, including Plainfield Avenue in Floral Park, an already heavily trafficked northerly/southerly road between Jericho Turnpike and Hempstead Turnpike that abuts residential houses, a house of worship, and two schools within the Village. Nassau County should not allow its roads to be overburdened to the detriment of motorists, school-aged and adult pedestrians, and residents as the result of a project which failed to provide sufficient traffic data in its related DEIS. Accordingly, we urge you to direct Nassau County DPW/Traffic Engineering to conduct a traffic study for the Proposed Project.

Additionally, it is the ESDC's massive Proposed Project and related undetailed DEIS that necessitate an independent traffic study. Had ESDC proposed a smaller project or merely provided traffic data that supports its conclusions, no additional traffic study would be requested of the County. Neither condition exists, and an independent traffic study is critical to the well-being of areas surrounding Belmont, including the Village. However, its cost should not be borne by Nassau County, and we urge you to secure funding from New York State and/or the ESDC.

We are encouraged that our neighbor to the West, New York City, has announced that it will conduct a traffic study to determine the effects of the Proposed Project in Eastern Queens. Nassau County should be doing the same for western Nassau County.

Regards,



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