



Department of  
Transportation

## **CONSTRUCTION NOTICE**

### **PRECONSTRUCTION WORK** **THROUGH OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **VAN WYCK EXPRESSWAY (I-678), OVERPASSES AND SERVICE ROADS BETWEEN HILLSIDE AVENUE AND THE BELT PARKWAY**

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is advising the public there is ongoing preconstruction work along the Van Wyck Expressway (VWE) in both directions, as well as on the service roads and on local streets crossing over the VWE between Hillside Avenue and the Belt Parkway. This work may temporarily close highway lanes, service road lanes, shoulders, local street lanes and/or sidewalks during daytime and overnight work shifts. Traffic control measures, whether on streets, highways or sidewalks, will be in place to ensure the safety of pedestrians, vehicles and our workers. A minimum of one lane will remain open in each direction during this work and sidewalk access will be maintained.

These operations are part of early work for the \$342 million Van Wyck Expressway Capacity and Access Improvements to John F. Kennedy Airport Project – Contract 1. This project is being built under the Design-Build method which encourages innovative and efficient construction methods and scheduling. This preconstruction work at the Liberty Avenue, Rockaway Boulevard, Hillside Avenue, 109<sup>th</sup> Street, 101<sup>st</sup> Street, 133<sup>rd</sup> Street, Jamaica Avenue, Foch Boulevard, and Linden Boulevard overpasses will enable our constructor to design creative solutions to keep the local community moving through our project while we work to improve the VWE and its surrounding roadways.

Starting on or about September 28<sup>th</sup>, tree removals will begin in the vicinity of the intersections of several local street overpasses and Expressway service roads, adjacent to the VWE, to allow access for construction. Access is required to extend the overpasses to create room for the future HOV lanes to be built under a follow-up contract. New landscaping will be installed after the new HOV lanes are constructed.

Additional preconstruction activities will include utility investigations and soil borings. These activities may generate some noise and impacts to the local community will be mitigated.

Lane closures and work operations on this project are being coordinated with the ongoing Atlantic 6 Long Island Railroad Bridge replacement project in the vicinity of Atlantic Avenue and Jamaica Avenue in order to maintain the safe flow of traffic through this corridor.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as NYSDOT continues to improve our transportation infrastructure in New York City.

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