



April 12, 2017

Re: Long Island Rail Road Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville  
Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

Dear Project Stakeholder:

Attached please find a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Long Island Rail Road Expansion Project (Proposed Project). This FEIS has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) (Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law) and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR 617.

The purpose of this FEIS is to provide an objective analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project in all phases of construction and operation. LIRR is the lead state agency for SEQRA. The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is an involved agency for approval of the work associated with the elimination of the grade crossings and the construction of proposed parking facilities.

The FEIS contains a full statement and description of the Proposed Project, its Purpose and Need, and a complete analysis of its potential significant adverse environmental impacts as outlined herein. The FEIS also contains responses to substantive comments received at the six (6) public hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, dated November 2016 (DEIS), which were held between January 17, 2017 and January 19, 2017, as well as written comments that were received by February 15, 2017.

In accordance with 6 NYCRR 617.9(a)(1), LIRR, as the project sponsor (or "Applicant") has opted to prepare this FEIS and has prepared the document to meet the requirements of SEQRA. Also pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.9(a)(2), LIRR, as Lead Agency, has determined this FEIS to be complete. The ultimate determination of impacts and potential mitigation measures associated with the Proposed Project is the responsibility of the Lead Agency and will be expressed in the Statement of Findings, pursuant to SEQRA.

This FEIS, along with the DEIS, and all technical memoranda used to make the assessments set forth in the FEIS, are available for review on the Proposed Project's website at [www.AModernLI.com](http://www.AModernLI.com).

## **Project Information Center**

There is a LIRR Expansion Project Information Center in the Mineola Station adjacent to the south platform waiting room. This information center provides opportunities for people to review the FEIS and ask questions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Thursdays and Fridays from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The LIRR welcomes your input on this important transportation project. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elisa C. Picca".

Elisa C. Picca  
Executive Vice President