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Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the highway law, in relation to transferring certain land to the city of New York department of parks and recreation and to the state department of environmental conservation and designating such lands as parklands and open space

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 349-f of the highway law, as amended by chapter 558  
2     of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 349-f. New York city routes. The following existing or proposed main  
4     routes or thoroughfares, are designated herein, as aforesaid, viz.:  
5     New England thruway from the Westchester county line to Bruckner  
6     expressway; Bruckner expressway from New England thruway to Robert F.  
7     Kennedy bridge approach; Hutchinson river parkway from the Westchester  
8     county line to the Bronx-Whitestone bridge approach; Bronx river parkway  
9     from the Westchester county line to Bruckner expressway; Henry Hudson  
10    parkway from the Westchester county line to Miller highway excepting the  
11    Henry Hudson bridge, provided that no portion of this route from West  
12    Seventy-second street to the Cross Bronx expressway shall be constructed  
13    or reconstructed so as to encroach in any way on or over any land mapped  
14    or used for park purposes except for such temporary encroachment of no  
15    more than ten feet in width from seventy-third street to seventy-sixth  
16    street as may be essential during and for the purpose of reconstruction  
17    or repair of the existing roadway following which there shall be full  
18    restoration of park land; Major Deegan expressway from the Robert F.  
19    Kennedy bridge to Central Park avenue at the Westchester county line  
20    together with a connection to Broadway and along Broadway to Manhattan  
21    college parkway; Cross Bronx expressway from George Washington bridge  
22    approach to Throgs Neck bridge; Throgs Neck expressway from Bruckner  
23    expressway to Throgs Neck bridge; Arthur V. Sheridan expressway from  
24    Cross-Bronx expressway to Bruckner expressway; Mosholu parkway from  
25    Henry Hudson parkway to Bronx river parkway; Bronx and Pelham parkway  
26    from Bronx river parkway to New England thruway; Boston road from Bronx

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 and Pelham parkway to New England thruway; Miller highway from Henry  
2 Hudson parkway to the Hugh L. Carey tunnel; and from Hugh L. Carey  
3 tunnel to Brooklyn-Queens expressway; Franklin D. Roosevelt drive from  
4 the Hugh L. Carey tunnel to Robert F. Kennedy bridge approach; Harlem  
5 river drive from Robert F. Kennedy bridge approach to George Washington  
6 bridge approach; Belt parkway including Gowanus parkway to Third avenue  
7 and Sixtieth street, Leif Erikson drive to Knapp street, Shore parkway,  
8 Belt parkway, Southern parkway and Cross Island parkway from Hugh L.  
9 Carey tunnel to Bronx-Whitestone bridge approach; Nassau expressway from  
10 Southern parkway to the Nassau county line; Brooklyn-Queens expressway  
11 from Gowanus expressway to Grand Central parkway; Prospect expressway  
12 from Gowanus expressway to Ocean parkway; Ocean parkway from Prospect  
13 expressway to Shore parkway; Interborough parkway from Grand Central  
14 Parkway to Belt parkway; Gowanus expressway from the Verrazano-Narrows  
15 bridge to Third avenue at Gowanus parkway; Third Avenue from Gowanus  
16 expressway to Hamilton avenue; Hamilton Avenue from Third Avenue to Hugh  
17 L. Carey tunnel; Queens boulevard from Queensborough bridge approach to  
18 Van Wyck expressway; Van Wyck expressway from Whitestone expressway,  
19 including a connection to Grand Central parkway, to John F. Kennedy  
20 international airport; Woodhaven boulevard from Queens boulevard to  
21 Cross Bay parkway bridge northerly approach; Cross Bay parkway from  
22 Cross Bay bridge southerly approach to Short Front parkway; Shore Front  
23 parkway from Cross Bay parkway generally along the shore line of the  
24 Atlantic ocean to the Nassau expressway at the Nassau county line;  
25 Queens-Midtown expressway from Queens-Midtown tunnel approach to Queens  
26 Boulevard; Horace Harding expressway from Queens Boulevard to the Nassau  
27 county line; a connection between Brooklyn-Queens expressway and North-  
28 ern boulevard in the vicinity of Grand Central parkway; Grand Central  
29 parkway from Robert F. Kennedy bridge approach to Nassau county line;  
30 Whitestone expressway from Bronx-Whitestone bridge approach to Van Wyck  
31 expressway and continuing to Grand Central parkway; Clearview expressway  
32 from Throgs Neck bridge to Nassau expressway; Richmond parkway from  
33 [Staten Island expressway to] THE Outerbridge crossing approach TO LA  
34 TOURRETTE PARK AT RICHMOND AVENUE; Staten Island expressway from  
35 Goethals bridge to the Verrazano-Narrows bridge with a connection to  
36 Bayonne bridge; [Willowbrook parkway from Staten Island expressway to  
37 Great Kills park;] West Shore expressway from Staten Island expressway  
38 to Outerbridge crossing; Shore Front drive northerly from the terminus  
39 of West Shore expressway at Staten Island expressway, thence generally  
40 along the shore lines of Kill Van Kull, the Narrows, Lower New York bay  
41 and Raritan bay to the approach to Outerbridge crossing.

42 S 2. Upon the completion by the city of New York of the following  
43 traffic improvements:

44 (a) at the intersection of Rockland Avenue and Brielle Avenue, the  
45 widening of Rockland Avenue sufficiently to improve safety sightlines  
46 for motorists and pedestrians;

47 (b) the creation of a new road stent, along the boundaries on the New  
48 York city map designated as Ashworth Street, sufficient in length to  
49 allow motorists on Rockland Avenue traveling northbound toward the  
50 Staten Island Expressway to safely exit Rockland Avenue and connect with  
51 Forest Hill Road, thereby reducing congestion at the existing inter-  
52 section of Rockland Avenue and Forest Hill Road;

53 (c) at Rockland Avenue and Forest Hill Road, a widening which allows  
54 sufficient stacking capacity for a dedicated left-turn lane and a right-  
55 turn lane heading south toward Richmond Avenue;

(d) a Nadine Street by-pass road shall be constructed paralleling Rockland Avenue from Nevada Avenue to the intersection of McCully Avenue and Richmond Road; and

(e) a new access road connecting Forest Hill Road to the College of Staten Island campus

all right, title and interest in property as defined in the highway law as the Willowbrook Parkway from the Staten Island Expressway to Richmond Road, shall be vested in the department of parks and recreation of the city of New York.

S 3. Upon the completion by the city of New York of the following traffic improvements:

(a) at the intersection of Ocean Terrace and Todt Hill Road, the creation of dedicated right-turn and left-turn lanes in all four directions;

(b) at the intersection of Manor Road and Rockland Avenue, the creation of dedicated right-turn and left-turn lanes on Rockland Avenue in the westbound direction, and on Manor Road in the southbound direction; and including, to improve safety, the realignment of Rockland Avenue at the severe S-curve within the right-of-way cloverleaf; and

(c) at the intersection of Arthur Kill Road and Richmond Avenue, the Korean War Veterans Parkway Terminus Project at Richmond Avenue

all right, title and interest in property as defined in the highway law as the Richmond Parkway from a point 60 feet south of the Staten Island expressway to Richmond Avenue, shall be vested in the state department of environmental conservation.

S 4. Upon completion of the traffic improvements required by sections two and three of this act, the parcels defined in such sections of this act shall be used for parks/open space purposes, shall not be used for transportation purposes and shall not be sold, leased, exchanged, donated, or otherwise disposed of or used for other than public park/open space purposes without the express authority of an act of the legislature, which shall provide for the substitution of other lands of equal environmental value and fair market value and reasonably equivalent usefulness and location to those to be discontinued, sold or disposed of, and such other requirements as shall be approved by the commissioner of parks and recreation of the city of New York and the state commissioner of environmental conservation.

S 5. All existing portions of open and traveled streets (for example Rockland Avenue and the intersection of Ocean Terrace and Todt Hill Road) as well as new portions specified in sections two and three of this act shall be vested in the city of New York under the auspices of the department of transportation of such city.

S 6. There shall be set aside by the state a sum of money equal to the cost of the traffic improvements required by sections two and three of this act upon the parcels that are de-mapped pursuant to this act, payable on the application of the city of New York.

S 7. This act shall take effect immediately.