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# IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. AUBRY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law and the highway law, in relation to renaming the Queens Midtown tunnel the Jane Matilda Bolin tunnel

**The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:**

Section 1. Paragraphs (f), (i) and (j) of subdivision 9 of section 553 of the public authorities law, paragraphs (f) and (i) as amended by chapter 954 of the laws of 1946 and paragraph (j) as amended by chapter 558 of the laws of 2010, are amended to read as follows:

(f) a vehicular tunnel or tunnels heretofore constructed, known as [~~Queens Midtown~~] Jane Matilda Bolin tunnel, under the East river from the borough of Manhattan to the borough of Queens, together with such incidental bridges and tunnels, including but not limited to, a tunnel or tunnels or bridge across Newtown creek from the borough of Queens to the borough of Brooklyn and such other structures, appurtenances, facilities and approaches as shall be necessary or convenient; and

(i) a vehicular tunnel or tunnels or arterial highway across the borough of Manhattan connecting the [~~Queens Midtown~~] Jane Matilda Bolin tunnel with the Lincoln (Midtown Hudson) tunnel, together with such incidental tunnels and such other structures, appurtenances, facilities and approaches as shall be necessary or convenient; and

(j) Bus stations or terminals or automobile parking garages at or in the vicinity of the Columbus circle in the borough of Manhattan and of the Manhattan plazas of the [~~Queens Midtown~~] Jane Matilda Bolin and Hugh L. Carey tunnels. Any such project may, subject to zoning restrictions, include space and facilities for any or all of the following: public recreation, business, trade and other exhibitions, sporting and athletic events, public meetings, conventions and all kinds of assemblages, and in order to obtain additional revenues, space and facilities for busi-

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

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ness and commercial purposes. Whenever the authority deems it to be in the public interest, the authority may lease any such project or any part or parts thereof or contract for the management and operation thereof or of any part or parts thereof. Any such lease or contract may be for a period of not exceeding ten years, or, if any of the revenues therefrom are or are to be pledged to secure bonds then such lease or contract may be for a period extending not later by more than one year than the last maturity of such bonds.

§ 2. Subdivision 3 of section 563 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 558 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

3. The state of New York does pledge to and agree with the holders of any bonds that no tunnel, bridge, parkway, causeway, street, road, highway or other connection for vehicular traffic, which will be competitive with the [~~Queens Midtown~~] Jane Matilda Bolin tunnel or the Hugh L. Carey tunnel or the Brooklyn Richmond tunnel or the Narrows bridge will be constructed; provided that a tunnel, bridge, parkway, causeway, street, road, highway or other connection for vehicular traffic shall be considered as competitive if it shall form a connection for vehicular traffic over, under or across the East river south of Queensboro bridge, or, if it shall form a connection for vehicular traffic between the boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn or Richmond over, under or across New York bay. The covenant herein contained restricting competitive traffic connections with any project or projects shall be only for the benefit of the holders of bonds secured in whole or in part by the pledge of the revenues of such project or projects and subject to and in accordance with all contract provisions with respect to any bonds outstanding on January first, nineteen hundred fifty-five and the rights of the holders of such bonds, the covenant herein contained shall not be deemed to prevent the construction of any bridge or tunnel exclusively for railway rapid transit purposes.

§ 3. Section 349-f of the highway law, as amended by chapter 288 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

§ 349-f. New York city routes. The following existing or proposed main routes or thoroughfares, are designated herein, as aforesaid, viz.:

New England thruway from the Westchester county line to Bruckner expressway; Bruckner expressway from New England thruway to Robert F. Kennedy bridge approach; Hutchinson river parkway from the Westchester county line to the Bronx-Whitestone bridge approach; Bronx river parkway from the Westchester county line to Bruckner expressway; Henry Hudson parkway from the Westchester county line to Miller highway excepting the Henry Hudson bridge, provided that no portion of this route from West Seventy-second street to the Cross Bronx expressway shall be constructed or reconstructed so as to encroach in any way on or over any land mapped or used for park purposes except for such temporary encroachment of no more than ten feet in width from seventy-third street to seventy-sixth street as may be essential during and for the purpose of reconstruction or repair of the existing roadway following which there shall be full restoration of park land; Major Deegan expressway from the Robert F. Kennedy bridge to Central Park avenue at the Westchester county line together with a connection to Broadway and along Broadway to Manhattan college parkway; Cross Bronx expressway from George Washington bridge approach to Throgs Neck bridge; Throgs Neck expressway from Bruckner expressway to Throgs Neck bridge; Arthur V. Sheridan expressway from Cross-Bronx expressway to Bruckner expressway; Mosholu parkway from Henry Hudson parkway to Bronx river parkway; Bronx and Pelham parkway

from Bronx river parkway to New England thruway; Boston road from Bronx and Pelham parkway to New England thruway; Miller highway from Henry Hudson parkway to the Hugh L. Carey tunnel; and from Hugh L. Carey tunnel to Brooklyn-Queens expressway; Franklin D. Roosevelt drive from the Hugh L. Carey tunnel to Robert F. Kennedy bridge approach; Harlem river drive from Robert F. Kennedy bridge approach to George Washington bridge approach; Belt parkway including Gowanus parkway to Third avenue and Sixtieth street, Leif Erikson drive to Knapp street, Shore parkway, Belt parkway, Southern parkway and Cross Island parkway from Hugh L. Carey tunnel to Bronx-Whitestone bridge approach; Nassau expressway from Southern parkway to the Nassau county line; Brooklyn-Queens expressway from Gowanus expressway to Grand Central parkway; Prospect expressway from Gowanus expressway to Ocean parkway; Ocean parkway from Prospect expressway to Shore parkway; Interborough parkway from Grand Central Parkway to Belt parkway; Gowanus expressway from the Verrazzano-Narrows bridge to Third avenue at Gowanus parkway; Third Avenue from Gowanus expressway to Hamilton avenue; Hamilton Avenue from Third Avenue to Hugh L. Carey tunnel; Queens boulevard from Queensborough bridge approach to Van Wyck expressway; Van Wyck expressway from Whitestone expressway, including a connection to Grand Central parkway, to John F. Kennedy international airport; Woodhaven boulevard from Queens boulevard to Cross Bay parkway bridge northerly approach; Cross Bay parkway from Cross Bay bridge southerly approach to Short Front parkway; Shore Front parkway from Cross Bay parkway generally along the shore line of the Atlantic ocean to the Nassau expressway at the Nassau county line; Queens-Midtown expressway from [~~Queens-Midtown~~] **Jane Matilda Bolin** tunnel approach to Queens Boulevard; Horace Harding expressway from Queens Boulevard to the Nassau county line; a connection between Brooklyn-Queens expressway and Northern boulevard in the vicinity of Grand Central parkway; Grand Central parkway from Robert F. Kennedy bridge approach to Nassau county line; Whitestone expressway from Bronx-Whitestone bridge approach to Van Wyck expressway and continuing to Grand Central parkway; Clearview expressway from Throgs Neck bridge to Nassau expressway; Richmond parkway from Staten Island expressway to Outerbridge crossing approach; Staten Island expressway from Goethals bridge to the Verrazzano-Narrows bridge with a connection to Bayonne bridge; Willowbrook parkway from Staten Island expressway to Great Kills park; West Shore expressway from Staten Island expressway to Outerbridge crossing; Shore Front drive northerly from the terminus of West Shore expressway at Staten Island expressway, thence generally along the shore lines of Kill Van Kull, the Narrows, Lower New York bay and Raritan bay to the approach to Outerbridge crossing.

§ 4. Terms occurring in laws, regulations, contracts and other documents. Whenever Queens Midtown tunnel or Queens-Midtown tunnel is referred to or designated in any law, regulation, contract or document, such reference or designation shall be deemed to refer to Jane Matilda Bolin tunnel, and no such laws, regulations, contracts or other documents shall be thereby impaired in any way.

§ 5. The New York state department of transportation, the New York city department of transportation and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority shall provide for the installation and maintenance of adequate signage in conformance with section one of this act within such time and in such manner as they shall deem appropriate.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.