

**VI. ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS THAT CANNOT BE AVOIDED IF THE PROJECT IS IMPLEMENTED**

Although many adverse environmental impacts resulting from the proposed Cross County Center renovation will be mitigated, the proposed renovation may result in some impacts that cannot be avoided. These include both short term impacts associated with construction activities, and long term impacts on site conditions and demands for services and utilities. These impacts that have been identified are listed below:

**Short Term Impacts**

- Increased noise levels on and near the Cross County site resulting from construction and blasting activities. By limiting construction activities to those hours permitted by the City of Yonkers, the temporary increases in noise levels due to construction equipment usage will be minimized. In addition, noise levels will be lessened in intensity depending on topography and distance.
- Temporary re-routing and disturbance of normal traffic patterns is anticipated both off-site as roadway improvements are constructed, and on-site with the proposed on-site construction. The New York State Department of Transportation, the New York State Thruway Authority, the City of Yonkers Department of Public Works and any applicable regulatory agencies will govern the re-routing and protection required for all traffic adjacent to roadway improvement projects, dependent on their respective jurisdiction.

As needed during the roadway improvement periods, construction signage will be provided to communicate to motorists adjustments to traffic patterns and to establish safe speed limits throughout work zones.

### **Long Term Impacts**

- Increase in traffic to the area roadway network. However, all significant impacts have been mitigated, as discussed in Section IV.F of this DEIS.
- Some increased demand for community facilities, such as police and fire services, and utilities. There will also be an increase in solid waste generation.
- Change in the appearance of the site. Some new structures including a 5-level parking structure are proposed to be constructed. However, as discussed in Section IV.I of this DEIS, views from surrounding residences will generally be screened and/or reduced by distance. The upgrading of the overall appearance of the site is anticipated to produce a net positive benefit to the neighborhood.