

B. AIR QUALITY

Comment B-1

Additionally, how will the gridlock and additional traffic impact on the quality of the air? At peak traffic hours and especially at holiday times, the area on Midland and Kimball Avenues will become one big parking lot, so to speak.

(Statement at 09/28/2005 Public Hearing by Mr. Joseph Michael and Memorandum from Bronxville Glen South Condominium, dated 09/28/2005)

Response B-1

An air quality analysis was conducted and included in the DEIS. Based on the traffic volume growth for the No-Build and Build Conditions, for all time periods the analysis conducted for air quality determined that the project will not cause any adverse air quality impacts and will not result in any violations of the National or State Ambient Air Quality Standards (AAQS).

Comment B-2

Air Quality/ Dust

Materials will be transported across the CCSC from work site to stockpile and crushing areas. Any material transported on truck tires or falling from the bed of the truck can be further pulverized into fines by the action of auto tires and then blown into the air.

Automobile created fines have been a significant factor in some communities that have problems with high particulate matter pollution.

The site should include wheel wash stations for any vehicle exiting a disturbed area of the site. Street sweeping should be conducted regularly after work is completed and the path between the work site and rock crusher should be limited to a specified route so the sweeping can be most effective.

(Memorandum from City of Yonkers Planning Bureau, dated 11/18/2005)

Response B-2

Provisions will be made to include tracking pads and non-automatic wash-down stations at exit points of disturbed areas along with street sweeping services as required to minimize the potential for material transfer throughout the Center. Onsite haul roads have been identified on Figure K-24 "Construction Haul Roads". Throughout the construction phases, construction traffic will be routed via specific corridors (internal site roadways) to limit the areas requiring additional cleaning.

Comment B-3

I am a long time resident of Yonkers who lives near the corners of Midland and Kimball Avenues. Two major traffic arteries (Cross County Parkway and the N.Y. State Thruway) cross not far from this site. Also, a large shopping center (Cross County Shopping Center) is located there. There are a gas station, a breakfast grill, a Chinese food take-out and a dry cleaner in the vicinity.

During rush hour, the air is fouled by the heavy traffic. During the morning, the smell from the grill fills the air and in the evening the smell from the Chinese take-out does the same. I'm sure the gas station and dry cleaner add to the problem. Until it recently closed, the Sizzler in the shopping center also fouled the air.

(Letter from A. Silverman, dated 10/06/2005)

Response B-3

The gas station, the breakfast grill, the Chinese food take-out, and the dry cleaner are businesses not owned by and therefore not under the control of the applicant, and are not part of the present application.

Air quality with regard to the proposed additional traffic from the renovated Cross County Shopping Center was analyzed in the DEIS. Following State and Federal requirements and the NYSDOT screening procedures, it has been determined that no further analysis is necessary and the project will not cause any adverse air quality impacts and will not result in any violations of the National or State Ambient Air Quality Standards (AAQSs).