

ers and license plate imaging technology.

The study and preliminary design work is scheduled to take approximately two years and cost \$9 million.

Port Authority Chairman Anthony R. Coscia said, "Facilitating the efficient movement of people and goods is one of our biggest challenges as we confront the region's expected growth over the next several decades. We must seek creative ways — like all-

stubborn choke points, but also reducing the greenhouse gases released when thousands of cars and trucks idle in toll lanes."

The study will look at the operational, financial, technological, organizational, institutional, legal and regulatory issues surrounding the switch to an all-electronic toll collection system. It also will develop schedules, project costs and preliminary designs for infrastructure.

DOB unveils next generation document management system

Buildings Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster, FAIA, has announced the launch of the Buildings Scan and Capture Application Network (B-SCAN) document management system in the Bronx.

The effort is a major component of the Department's Strategic Plan and is being implemented by borough. BSCAN Phase I began on Staten Island in April 30, 2007.

The B-SCAN system is designed to guide the electronic processing, storage and online retrieval of paper documents associated with construction

permit applications. Enabling the online access of job folder contents on the Internet via BISWeb, B-SCAN will also allow Buildings staff to manage construction permit applications electronically.

With the exception of architectural plans, B-SCAN will capture all documents associated with New Building and Alteration permit applications. Since its implementation in Staten Island, over 300 construction permit applications have been scanned, representing nearly 4,000 pieces of paper

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The development team for 3830 Parsons Blvd. Flushing, recently celebrated the building's topping off. This new project will provide 40 residential units, nearly 7,000 s/f of retail as well as underground parking. Pictured l-r: George Hsu and John Hsu of Metal Stone Construction (General Contractor), Jay Chen and Wayne Wong of United Commercial Bank (Lender), Edmond Li of Veracity Development (Developer), Joe Chin of Metal Stone Construction, and Vincent Cheng (Development Partner).

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