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# Greater Jamaica To Create New Retail Space

The Greater Jamaica Development Corporation (GJDC) announced plans to create a new street-level retail space under the Long Island Rail Road's Jamaica station on Sutphin Boulevard – an important step in the group's "airport village" vision.

The \$12 million project will create a 5,300 square-foot retail space, transforming the blighted underpass into a vibrant corridor. The site, opposite the LIRR entrance, is currently a series of garbage loading docks that detract from the aesthetic of the highly-traversed thoroughfare. Construction will begin later this year.

"This project is an important step in Downtown Jamaica's transformation," said Carlisle Towery, President of the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation. "For thousands of visitors and residents who utilize the LIRR everyday, the Sutphin Boulevard underpass is their gateway to the district. Thanks to the efforts of Congressman Gregory Meeks, Assemblymember Vivian Cook and Councilmember Thomas White, Jamaica is one step closer to becoming an airport village."

GJDC, in conjunction with NYC Economic Development Corporation, spearheaded the process to make the project a reality, and it is currently in discussions with retailers about leasing this prime location.

The Sutphin Blvd. project is the latest revitalization initiative orchestrated by GJDC. In September of 2007, the city approved the rezoning of 368 blocks in Jamaica as part of a "Jamaica Plan" intended to promote creation of three million square feet of new office, retail and hotel space, 5,200 new units of housing, and 9,500 jobs.



A rendering of the new street-level retail space under the Long Island Rail Road's Jamaica station on Sutphin Boulevard.

## JFK Chamber Hosts Luncheon



The JFK Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a luncheon at the Ramada Plaza at JFK International Airport. Bill Huisman, Director Aviation Development Council; Doris Mellina, Business Development Officer, Greater NY Development Company; Richard DeCastro and Randy DeCastro, RDS Industries.