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Crossgates mall plan amended

A second and revised environmental impact statement calling for major street changes has been filed by the developers of the proposed Crossgates Mall in Guilderland.

The statement, required to obtain four state permits, was filed with the state Environmental Conservation and Transportation departments, which will review the report and schedule public hearings.

The developers, Pyramid Crossgates, who have said the \$85 million mall would be the largest shopping center in the Capital District, would spend \$3.4 million to alter Western Avenue, the Northway and Washington Avenue. Under the new plan:

- A 300-foot, four-lane bridge on Western Avenue would cross the Thruway.

- Lanes would be added to both Western Avenue and the Northway exit ramp.

- Five driveways would link the mall and adjacent roads.

- At least four more traffic lights would be added.

- Another westbound turn lane would be added on Washington Avenue Extension and the eastbound ramp of Interstate 90.

The report projects an additional 11,000 cars a day on Western Avenue and a total of about 50,000 a day entering the 170-acre site surrounded by Washington Avenue Extension, Western Avenue, Rapp Road and the Northway.