



## Department of Transportation

POLLY TROTTEMBERG, Commissioner

September 29, 2015

The Honorable James S. Oddo  
Borough President  
Borough Hall  
Staten Island, New York 10301

The Honorable Joseph Borelli  
Member of the Assembly, 62<sup>nd</sup> District  
101 Tyrellan Avenue, Suite 200  
Staten Island, New York 10309

Dear Borough President Oddo and Assembly Member Borelli:

Thank you for your August 26<sup>th</sup> letter requesting the Department of Transportation (DOT) to re-examine the Select Bus Service (SBS) lane on Richmond Avenue between Shirley Avenue and Hylan Boulevard.

As you know, the Hylan Boulevard SBS project was implemented in 2012 following careful planning with New York City Transit and intensive outreach with the community. The lane serves bus routes carrying over 15,000 Staten Islanders each weekday and has contributed to the reduction of travel time on the S79 SBS by 13 to 19%. While we continue to believe this SBS offers real value to the bus riders who use the service (and was implemented without removing any travel lanes or parking spaces), I have, nevertheless, asked DOT's Transit Development Unit to provide me with a clearer understanding of the feasibility and impacts of your request to remove the portion of the lane on Richmond Avenue between Shirley Avenue and Hylan Boulevard. I will follow up with both of you later this fall.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Polly Trottenberg".

Polly Trottenberg  
Commissioner

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