

August 20, 2014

Mr. Tom Cocola
Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
10 Richmond Terrace, Room 300
Staten Island, NY 10301

Dear Commissioner Cocola:

We hope this letter finds you well.

Earlier this week, we took a driving tour of sorts throughout many areas of the South Shore. It is our goal as elected officials to get out and simply drive our streets as often as possible, to observe firsthand what works and what doesn't, where changes should be made and where we have already found satisfactory solutions. During the tour we saw many positive things happening in our communities. We also saw many instances of issues that still need to be addressed to the satisfaction of residents and elected officials.

Two of those issues that fall in the latter camp are the need for left-turn signals at two busy intersections:

- (1) Richmond Valley Road and Page Avenue, and
- (2) Amboy Road and Page Avenue.

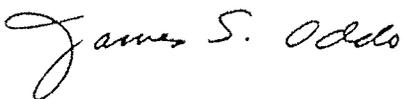
Frankly, residents should not have to wait for widening projects to be completed before getting simple improvements, like left turn signals, that will improve traffic flow.

These are not new requests. As you know, Council Member Ignizio has asked for such turn signals previously.

We are writing to urge you to immediately put in the needed left turn signals at these intersections as soon as possible.

We thank you for your time, courtesy, and consideration.

Very truly yours,



James S. Oddo
Borough President



Vincent Ignizio
Minority Leader



Andrew Lanza
Staten Senator

