

*“The Governor and State DOT are ‘walking the walk’ on this much needed safety improvement, and now Staten Islanders can walk more safely. They heard our plea for assistance and they acted, and their action will directly help seniors, runners and cyclists, those pushing baby strollers, and everyday Staten Islanders out for a stroll to the park. Thank you for ‘doing’ and helping!”*

**-BP ODDO**

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**T**he effort to construct sidewalks along Drumgoole Road West adjacent to Bloomingdale Park has been a long and difficult one, but it has finally reached a happy conclusion. Since the park opened, the lack of sidewalks was a glaring omission, putting the safety of pedestrians at risk.

BP Oddo fought to advance the long-stalled capital project to build the sidewalks, but his efforts were met with bureaucratic excuses for years. He was not shy about voicing his dissatisfaction with the progress from the NYC Department of Design and Construction and the agency’s mismanagement of this project from the beginning.

With no end in sight, BP Oddo reached out to the New York State Department of Transportation for assistance with state-related oversight required for the project’s final approval. NYSDOT Commissioner Driscoll asked his team to meet with BP Oddo to advance the approvals, and they promised they would find solutions to this decade-old dilemma.

In September of 2016, Commissioner Driscoll announced that NYSDOT would construct the sidewalks originally planned as a city capital project as part of the State’s \$4 million interchange improvement project for the Korean War Veterans Parkway and West Shore Expressway.

This past October, BP Oddo was pleased to announce the completion of the new sidewalks and take a ceremonial walk with State DOT officials.

BP Oddo thanks Governor Cuomo and Commissioner Driscoll for understanding the importance of infrastructure investment and pedestrian safety and for acting quickly to turn these sidewalks into a reality.



On Thursday, October 19th, BP Oddo joined with City Council Member Joe Borelli, NYSDOT Regional Director Sonia Pichardo, and other NYSDOT officials to announce the completion of the new sidewalks on Drumgoole Road West between Lenevar Avenue and Bloomingdale Road.

**#SafeSidewalks**



Streetwalkers of Bloomingdale Park.



# Bloomingdale Park Sidewalks

A NEW YORK STATE AGENCY STEPS UP – BIG TIME