

March 28, 2019

The Honorable Laura Anglin
Deputy Mayor
City Hall Park
New York, NY 10007

The Honorable Lorraine Grillo
Commissioner
New York City Department of Design and Construction
30-30 Thomson Avenue
Long Island City, NY 11101

The Honorable Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Re: Travis Sewer Project

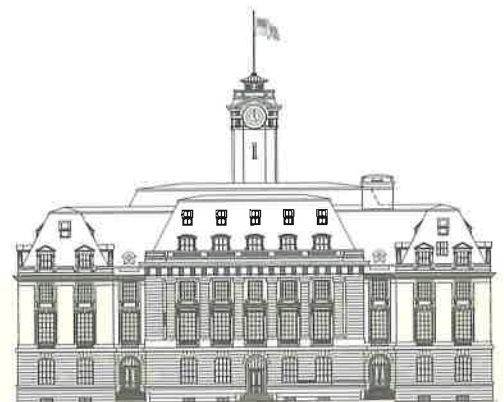
Dear Deputy Mayor Anglin and Commissioners Grillo and Trottenberg;

I hope this letter finds you all well.

I am writing to express my concerns about the Travis Sewer Project. Specifically, I want to highlight the quality, or lack thereof, of the temporary roadway conditions that exist between the various stages of the project to replace mains, storm and sanitary sewers.

I hearken back to the horrid conditions of the temporary skim coats that accompanied the Robinson Avenue Sewer Project, which elicited many dozens of complaints from irate Staten Island motorists. Since I do not wish to have a repeat of these conditions during the Travis Sewer Project, I am urging you at this early stage to insist that contractors maintain a high level of quality on even the most temporary of patches.

The unacceptable temporary conditions on projects such as these are not exceptions, but unfortunately seem to be the norm. There are dozens of the same complaints surrounding the Amboy Road Sewer Projects as well. Standards for these skim coats must be upheld, and if these ARE the standards they must be upgraded.



These conditions are unconscionable, and the unavoidable fact is that there will be dozens of highly critical "inspectors" each and every day advising me of the conditions at the Travis site. That they are residents or motorists passing through do not make their observations any less pertinent.

So in closing, let me reiterate my request that you request of the contractors that temporary patches, or skim coats, are of good and acceptable quality. I understand that time is of the essence, but shoddy workmanship cannot be the price we pay for it.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James S. Oddo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

James S. Oddo
President, Borough of Staten Island