

February 22, 2018

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

Re: Northbound Richmond Road Parking Restrictions During the Morning Rush Hour

Dear Commissioner Cocola:

We hope this letter finds you well.

We recently received a request from a constituent who commutes via Richmond Road to extend the hours of the northbound parking/standing restrictions so they begin at 6:00am instead of 7:00am.

After thinking through this request, we do believe it could help improve traffic flow, and ask that you consider implementing this change.

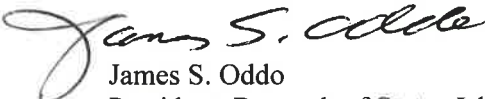
These parking restrictions are not in place to harass or annoy anyone, but rather to facilitate the flow of traffic on a heavily-used thoroughfare. Starting the parking restrictions at 6:00am would, in theory, double the lane capacity for an extra hour. We say "in theory" because it depends upon enforcement, and for this reason we have also written to NYPD Chief Corey to ask for greater and more visible enforcement on both the northbound side during the morning rush and the southbound side during the evening rush.


It is by now cliché to say that there is no "silver bullet" to solve our traffic problems. While this is true, there are a variety of different measures we can take to make incremental improvements. The no parking restrictions on Richmond Road work. Starting them an hour earlier recognizes the realities of commuting today and we believe they will work even better.

Therefore, we are requesting that you consider beginning the northbound parking restrictions at 6:00am instead of 7:00am.

Thank you for your time, courtesy, and consideration.

Very truly yours,


James S. Oddo
President, Borough of Staten Island


Steven Matteo
Minority Leader, New York City Council

