

February 20, 2018

Ms. Sonia Pichardo  
Regional Director  
New York State Department of Transportation, Hunters Point Plaza  
47-40 21st Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101

Re: Meeting Request

Dear Director Pichardo;

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing because I believe there is a need for a new northbound exit ramp from Route 440 (West Shore Expressway) at Bloomingdale Road, and would like to discuss the possibility of planning this exit.

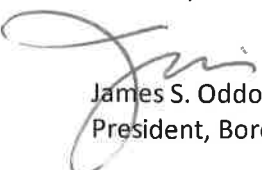
There are many existing, or soon-to-be, stakeholders that would greatly benefit from an exit at this location. Among these are:

- Broadway Stages
- Audi and Lexus of Staten Island
- Lowe's Home Improvement
- The Staten Island Golf Practice Center
- Pioneer Transportation Corporation
- The Staten Island Skating Pavilion
- The Historic Old Bermuda Inn
- The Staten Island Distribution Center

All of these entities – and others that may follow -will contribute to our burgeoning west shore: our "Jobs Coast." I believe it is our obligation to support them by understanding their specific needs and making sure that our transportation infrastructure keeps pace with their economic investment in the community. Absent such a mindset, additional commercial traffic could adversely affect other already overburdened local roads. I hope you will agree, and might have a member of your staff contact my Deputy Chief of Staff, Mary Mitchell, to schedule a meeting. She can be reached at (718) 816-2237 or [mmitchell@statenislndusa.com](mailto:mmitchell@statenislndusa.com).

I look forward to working with you on this critical transportation initiative. Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

  
James S. Oddo  
President, Borough of Staten Island

