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The Honorable Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
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Dear Commissioner Trottenberg 

I hope this letter finds you well.

As we both know all too well, these are challenging times for the driving public, who are contending with horrible winter weather and poor road conditions. It is good to know that you are aware of our agenda and willing to work closely with us as we try to fully address the needs and concerns of Staten Island motorists.

I am writing to inform you of some interesting options that we've come across when looking for innovative ways to deal with the pothole situation, in terms of both the quality of the patch and the ease, cost and speed at which it can be addressed.

Last week I met with several officials from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) regarding various Staten Island related projects, including deck work on the Verrazano Bridge. During that meeting they referenced their use of rubberized asphalt. My staff has begun to research this "rosphalt," and we are intrigued that a tailored application of it in certain instances might be of great value.

Additionally, we have discovered two interesting companies that utilize technologies that differ from the current techniques used to fill potholes:

1. Patch Management, Inc. (a.k.a. Pothole Killers) which utilizes spray injection equipment and requires only a single operator, and

2. Kasi Technologies, Inc., which utilizes an infra-red heating element, allowing a large amount of existing road asphalt to be recycled and mixed with new asphalt, or to repair cracks with no new asphalt at all. We previously discussed this at our initial meeting last month. The prior administration was not enthused by it, yet went out and purchased some other technology. I think it merits a second look.

Lastly, we would like to follow up on the previous conversations that I have had with Galileo Orlando about a pilot program of using Recycled Asphalt Product (RAP) as an underbase. Galileo indicated he was choosing amongst several projects slated for Staten Island, but I have not heard back regarding any final decisions.

I have spoken with folks in the private sector who attest to the efficacy of this approach, and we have already received the support of NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to expand its BUD with your agency.

I welcome the chance to discuss these alternatives with the appropriate folks within your agency.

Very truly yours,



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