

March 26, 2015

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Re: Staten Island Bus Rapid Transit

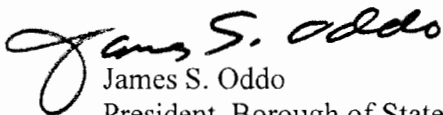
Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am writing to urge you to support a North Shore Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project for the Richmond Terrace corridor on Staten Island, and to include it in the proposed amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

From my window at Staten Island Borough Hall, I can see the beginnings of almost \$1 billion of private investment, which is certain to make this area a premier destination for millions of tourists and locals alike. The need for BRT has never been more glaring to support public access to these North Shore destinations.

I believe this project should be given priority status, befitting its importance not only to the North Shore, but to all of Staten Island and New York City. A rejuvenated North Shore, as a destination to live, work and play, represents a rising tide that will indeed lift all boats. Bus Rapid Transit is a critical component of that renaissance.

Sincerely,



James S. Oddo  
President, Borough of Staten Island

