



January 7, 2018

Honorable Bill de Blasio
Mayor
City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Re: I-278 HOV3+ Lane Improvements

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

We hope this letter finds you well.

We are writing to request a meeting with you at City Hall to discuss problems with, and potential improvements to, the High Occupancy Vehicle 3+ (HOV3+) lane that traverses Staten Island and Brooklyn. Together, we represent the commuting public traveling to and through the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel during rush hour, in both private vehicles and New York City Transit (NYCT) buses.

Participation in this meeting by both the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) would, we believe, be necessary as well.

During private conversations, we discussed various improvements — some of which we believe might be easily accomplished and some which we understand are more difficult and time-consuming to implement. These include:

- A two-hour expansion of the morning hours of operation, from the current 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM to 5:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Attracting those commuters with flexibility in their schedules to travel earlier or later would, we believe, be beneficial to relieving congestion.

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- Increased enforcement, initially through a greater — and more consistent — police presence, and potentially through the use of technology currently being developed that will detect the presence of the requisite number of people in a vehicle.
- As a measure that is ancillary to the efficient operation of express buses, but as important as enforcement in the HOV lanes, we would like to discuss the possibility of passing legislation we intend to introduce that would prohibit the operation of tour buses in bus lanes during the morning and evening rush.
- In order to facilitate the seamless transition of oversight and management of HOV lanes to New York City we are, under separate cover, calling upon New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to immediately release their impact analysis.

We realize there is no panacea that will make rush hour commuting a quick and pleasant experience, but we, all of us, owe it to our constituents to take any and every measure that is practicable in order to alleviate, to whatever degree is possible, the multiple hours a day taken away from their homes and their families.

Sincerely,



Eric L. Adams
Brooklyn Borough President



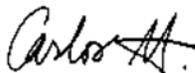
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