

February 6, 2017

The Honorable Veronique Hakim
President, MTA New York City Transit
2 Broadway, 30th Floor
New York, NY 10004

RE: Change in Bus Stop Location: South and Forest Avenues

Dear President Hakim 

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to request that you examine the potential for an adjustment to the location of an existing bus stop, in order to better accommodate traffic demands and vehicle turns proximate to an existing capital project.

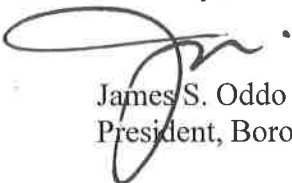
I am speaking of the capital improvement project to widen and align the intersection of South and Forest Avenues in Mariners Harbor, which is scheduled to commence this spring. These arterial streets also serve as vital MTA bus routes; some of the routes utilizing this intersection are the S40, S46, S48, S90, S96, S98, X12, X30 & X42.

The scope of work under this project includes the widening of South Avenue at the north side of Forest Avenue and continuing north to Netherland Avenue. An existing bus stop on the east side of South Avenue, between Forest and Netherland Avenues, should be reviewed and its current location evaluated as part of this effort. As currently configured, I believe the stop will interfere with the throughput afforded by the widening.

I also believe moving the stop a minimal distance to the north - away from Forest Avenue - will allow for a safer and smoother flow of traffic on South Avenue when a bus is stopped. In its current location, I believe buses will obstruct the travel lane and exacerbate traffic at the intersection, including cars and trucks seeking to turn onto northbound South Avenue from westbound Forest Avenue.

I ask that you please give strong consideration to making a change to the location of the bus stop as I described, and I thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,


James S. Oddo
President, Borough of Staten Island

