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Honorable James Oddo
Office of the Borough President
10 Richmond Terrace
Staten Island, NY 10301

Dear Borough President Oddo:

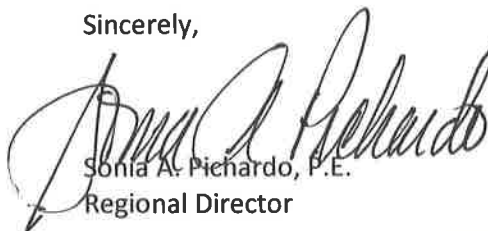
This is in response to your recent letter to Governor Andrew Cuomo regarding the feasibility of extending the High Occupancy Vehicle Lane (HOVL) on the westbound Staten Island Expressway to the entrance of the Goethals Bridge. Your letter was forwarded to the New York State Department of Transportation's (NYSDOT's) New York city for a response.

We appreciate your support of the 24/7 Bus HOV 3+ project, which has proven to be an instrumental component of the 12.5 mile HOVL between Victory Boulevard in Staten Island and the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel in Brooklyn. Furthermore, the HOVL on the Verrazano Narrows Bridge is now completed and it provides for a seamless route from the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel to Staten Island.

The HOVL was designed to begin at Victory Boulevard to capture all HOV vehicles from the West Shore Expressway, Goethals Bridge and the Martin Luther Jr. Expressway, and it continues to effectively serve that function. Accordingly, there are no plans to extend the lane further west at this time.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. Please feel free to contact me or Assistant Commissioner George Paralemos at (718) 482-4526 if you wish to discuss this or any other transportation-related matter.

Sincerely,



Sonia A. Pichardo, P.E.
Regional Director

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cc: George Paralemos, Assistant Commissioner, R-10 & 11