

# STATEN ISLAND TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE

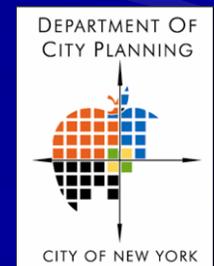
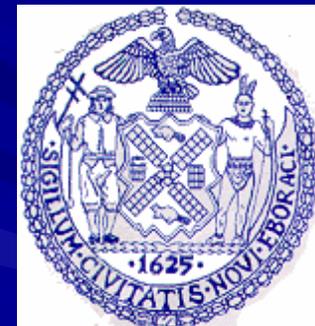
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## STATEN ISLAND TASK FORCE - TOP 10 LIST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC AND REDUCE CONGESTION

1. Physically Improved 4 Key Intersections
2. Daylighted 72 Intersections
3. Completed 12 Safety Projects
4. Improved Hylan Boulevard
5. Increased Limited Stop Bus Service
6. Enhanced SIR Service
7. Changed Process to Review Builders Pavement Plans
8. Improving Capital Project Process



Photo: Meeting of Working Group of Task Force 9/8/06

9. Moved Bayonne Bus Connection forward
10. Moving forward with Charleston Area Improvements

**6 SHORT TERM INITIATIVES COMPLETED IN LESS THAN 6 MONTHS**

# Task Force Project Updates September 2006

12 Short Term Initiatives  
1 Medium Term Initiatives and  
2 Long Term Initiatives

# SHORT TERM ACTION PLAN

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# Short Term Initiative #1 - Roadways: High Priority Intersection Focus

## Update:

### • 4 Additional Intersections Re-designed

- Victory Boulevard and Jewett Avenue
- Draper Place and Richmond Avenue
- West Fingerboard Road and Clove Road
- Victory Boulevard and Richmond Avenue



## Next Steps:

- Preliminary design at several other locations which include short-term (signals, signage, striping) and medium term improvements (median removal, roadway widening)

# Victory Boulevard and Jewett Avenue Improvements

## UPDATE:

1. Constructed sidewalks on Jewett Avenue



Victory Boulevard Barrier, September 2006, NYCDOT

2. Introduced turning phases on Victory Boulevard and allowed right turns on southbound Jewett Avenue
3. Installed barriers to prevent unsignalized and conflicting turning movements onto Watchogue Road.

# Draper Place and Richmond Avenue Planned Improvements

## Short Term Improvements

1. Extended turning phases on Richmond Avenue
2. Restricted turning movements from Barnes and Nobles Parking



September 2006, NYCDOT

3. Provided additional parking and one-way conversion of Travis Avenue.
4. Re-striped roadway approach on Draper Place
5. Improved slip ramp onto Richmond Avenue from Draper Place

## Next Steps:

6. Extend dedicated left turn bay on Richmond Ave by 200'

# Clove Road and West Fingerboard Road Planned Improvements

## Short Term Improvements

1. Re-stripe all centerlines
2. Install improved lane markings
3. Install curbs and sidewalks on Clove Road



Intersection of Clove Road and West Fingerboard Road, September 15, 2006, NYCDOT

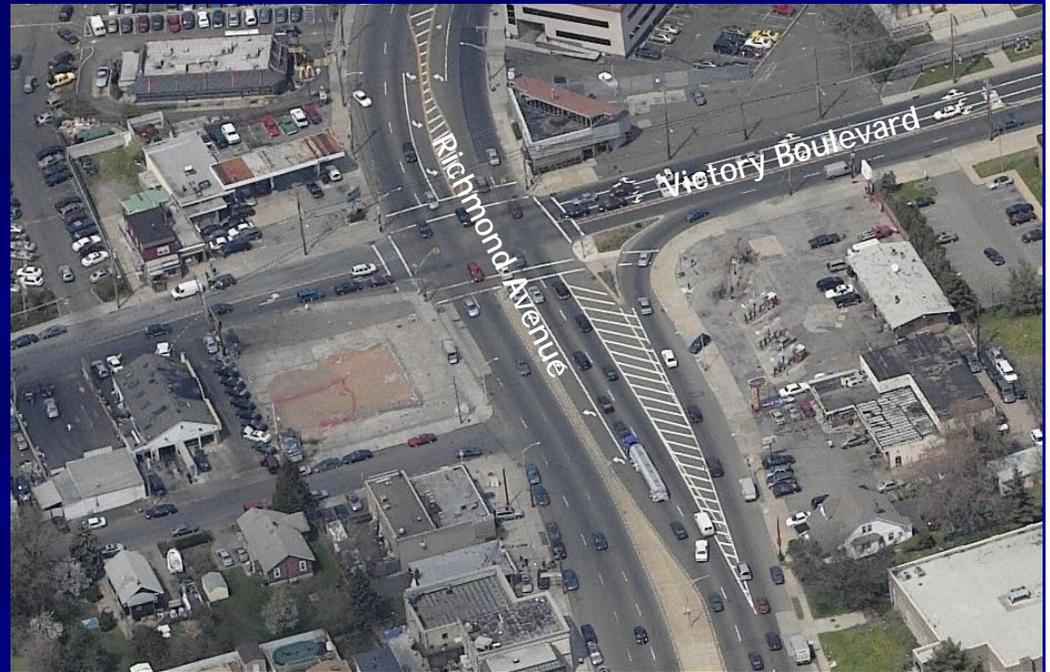
## Long Term Improvements

4. Widen Clove Road between Fingerboard Road and Whitney Avenue
5. Widen West Fingerboard east of Clove Road
6. Extend and Improve Corners and install pedestrian islands

# Victory Boulevard and Richmond Avenue

## Short Term Improvements

1. Improve lane markings on Victory Boulevard
2. Install a dual left turn signal phase for both directions of Richmond Avenue



## Medium/Long Term Improvement

3. Widen Victory Boulevard at the south western corner.

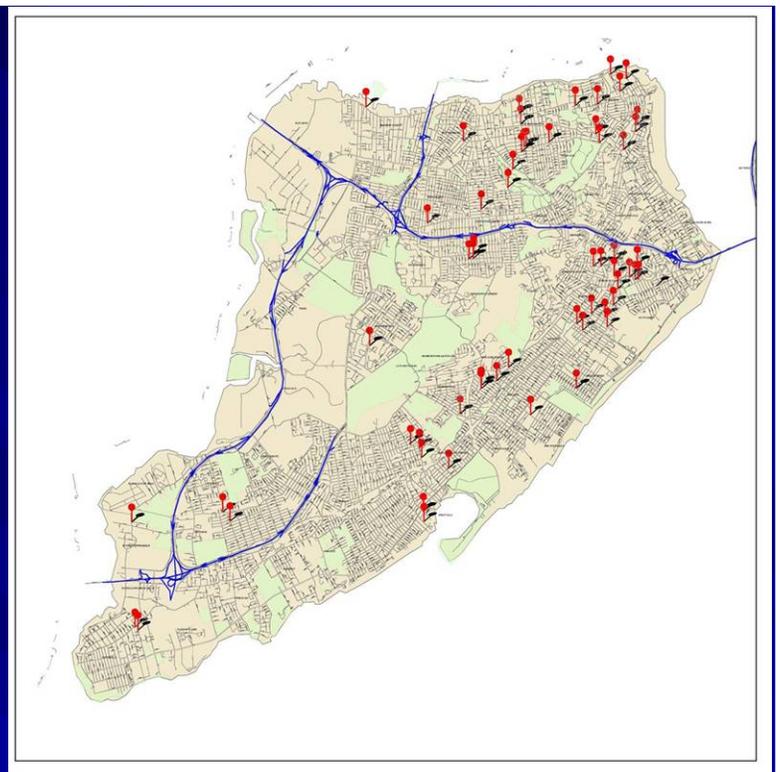
## Short Term Initiative #2 - Roadways: Increasing Intersection Capacity

### Update:

- Daylighting of Intersections
  - 72 Intersections Daylighted in first 6 months
- Increasing Right Turn on Red Opportunities
  - Consultant on board - Data collection in progress

### Next Steps:

- Daylighting of Intersections
  - Continue capacity improvements at rate of 12 intersections per month, not limited to daylighting
- Right Turn on Red
  - Study completion expected September 2007



# Short Term Initiative #3 - Roadways: Hylan Boulevard Left Turn Improvement Study

## Update:

### Four of Five phases Implemented

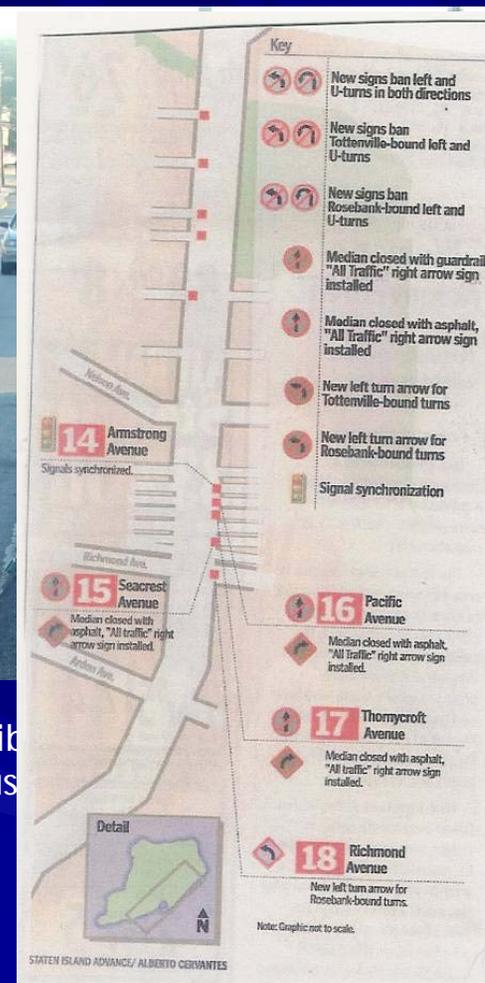
- Prohibition of Left Turns at 24 intersections over 5 phases
- Proposed construction of new left turn lanes with left turn signals at 10 intersections

### Next Steps:

- Long Term Improvements - permanent closure of medians, new signals and new left turn bays



Photo of Left Turn prohibi  
at Cooper Avenue, August



# Short Term Initiative #7A - Seguine Avenue and Amboy Road Intersection Capital Project

## Update:

- Seguine Avenue and Amboy Road DDC Project completed September 4, 2006



Photo of Amboy Road and Seguine Avenue under construction, August 2006, NYCDOT



Photo of Amboy Road and Seguine Avenue post construction, September 2006, NYCDOT

## Short Term Initiative #7B - Victory Boulevard and Travis Avenue Intersection Capital Project

### Update:

- All design issues have been resolved
- EAS has been completed

### Next Steps:

- Public Hearing scheduled for October 2006
- Anticipate receiving title of needed land by Summer 2007
- Construction to begin Fall 2007

# Short Term Initiative #8 - Inter-Agency Coordination: Capital Project Process

## Update:

### 1. Planning/Coordination group

- Organized permanent multi-agency group
- Using Arthur Kill Road as model for planning of complex projects

### 2. Environmental Review

- Legal review to begin in earlier stages
- Set aside funds for environmental review earlier in planning process
- When appropriate approach environmental review on a larger scope

### 3. Acquisition

- DDC has significantly increased the number of attorneys assigned and has streamlined its legal procedures
- All impacted agencies will participate in assigning priorities to projects
- The City will consider "full width" takings on appropriate projects



## Short Term Initiative #9 - Roadways: Charleston Area Improvements

### Update:

- Interagency meetings held to conceptualize buildout of Englewood Avenue and additional roadways



### Next Steps:

- Charleston Transportation Study will identify short term improvements (expected 12/2006)
- West Shore Land Use and Transportation Study will identify long term infrastructure needs
- SDOT's Traffic Study will identify capacity/operational improvements to West Shore Expressway (ramps) and its service roads (expected 6/2007)

## Short Term Initiative #10 - Roadways: Enhanced NYPD Role to Facilitate Traffic Flow

### Update:

Enhanced Zero Tolerance Initiative - (school/pedestrian/traffic safety) began on 9/18 and will continue throughout the school year.



### Next Steps:

- Sites will be selected based on information from DOT, Precinct Highway Safety Personnel, and community complaints.

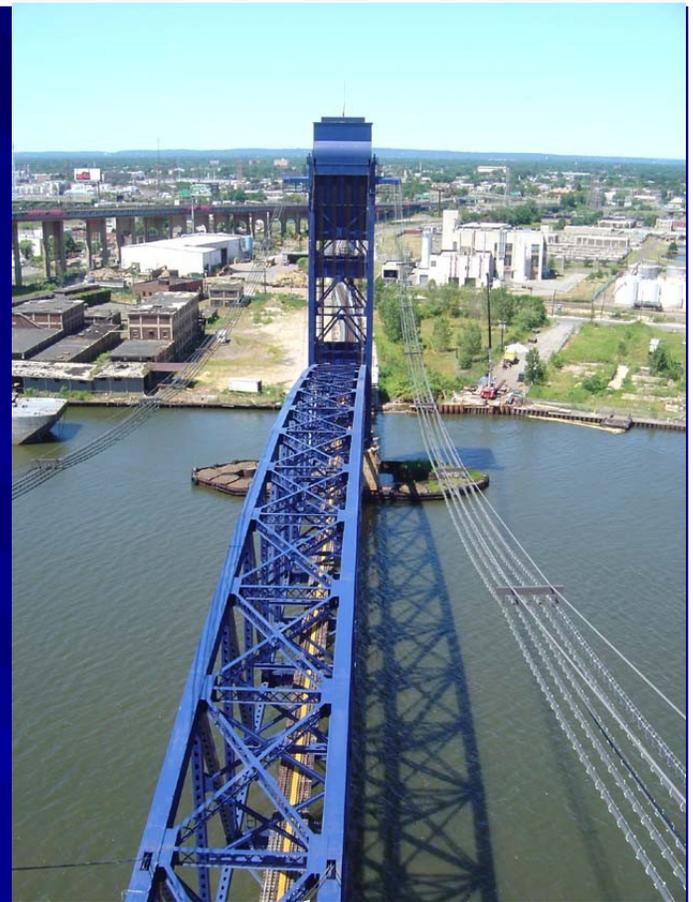
# Short Term Initiative #11 - Rail Service: Restore Freight Connection

## Update:

- Completing NJ Construction
- Executing operating Agreements

## Next Steps:

- Install and test signals in New Jersey - Fall 2006
- Complete inter-modal terminal at Howland Hook Marine Terminal (PA) - Fall 2006



# Short Term Initiative #13 Bus Service: Limited-Stop Service to St. George and to/from Brooklyn

## Update:

New service went into effect September 5, 2006

- New S90 and S96 limited-stop AM service in the North Shore
- New S93 bi-directional AM and PM limited-stop service between Staten Island and Brooklyn

# More buses, less stops.

**S93** Introducing Limited-Stop service in both directions during morning and evening rush hours.

**S90** New weekday morning Limited-Stop service to St. George and extended weekday evening Limited-Stop service to South Av.

**S96** Introducing Limited-Stop service to St. George Ferry Terminal weekday mornings.



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# Short Term Initiative #14

## Bus Service: Assessment of Potential SI-HBLRT Market and Service Options

### Update:

- Completed data collection
- Developing assumptions for travel markets:
  - Travel Times
  - Market Penetration Rates
  - Transfer Penalties
  - Fare Differences
- Evaluating feasibility of service options



*Photo: Bayonnenj.org*

### Next Steps:

Completed study expected Fall 2006

# Short Term Initiative #14

## Bus Service: Assessment of Potential SI-HBLRT Market and Service Options

### Update:

State Legislature Passed and Governor Signed into law a bill that addresses previous issue of MTA being able to provide service if market analysis is found to be viable



*Photo: Bayonnenj.org*

### Next Steps:

MTA study is expected to be completed in Fall 2006

# Short Term Initiative #15

## Rail Service: Enhanced Staten Island Railway (SIR) Train Schedules

### Update:

New schedules as of July 17, 2006

- Faster rush-hour express service
- All morning rush-hour express trains run non-stop from New Dorp to St. George
- Improved evening rush-hour express service
- Earlier evening rush-hour express service
- More frequent early morning weekend service

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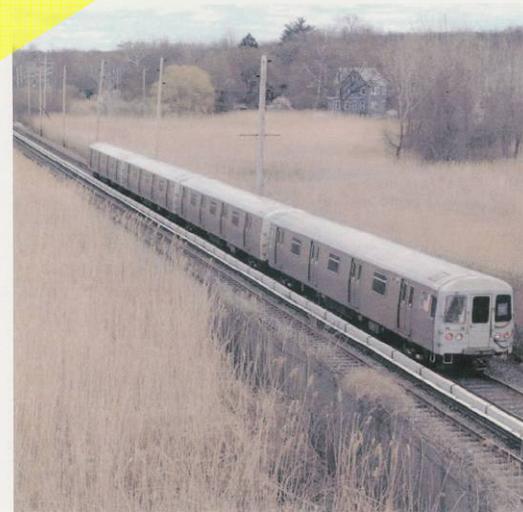
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rush hour service.  
With the emphasis  
on the "rush."**

Plus, faster rush-hour service. All morning Staten Island Railway express trains now run non-stop from New Dorp to St. George Ferry Terminal. And there's also earlier evening express service available. Look for our new and improved timetable in today's newspaper.

Taking the Staten Island Railway to the Staten Island Ferry is now more convenient, saving you time and money. Connections from the railway, to the ferry, to the subway are only \$2 one-way – or MetroCard credits. And SIR offers fast, reliable service from local stations to St. George Ferry Terminal.

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# Short Term Initiative #16 - Rail Service: Improved Access to SIR

## Update:

- Great Kills Park and Ride Constructed and open for use (June 2006) three months ahead of schedule
- Current capacity 35 vehicles

## Next Steps:

Adjacent parcel to be privately developed - will increase lot for storage of up to 80 vehicles

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**You like  
convenience.  
We do too.  
How about  
more of it?**



### **The new Great Kills Park & Ride lot.**

New York City Transit and the New York City Department of Transportation are proud to present the new Great Kills Park & Ride lot, located off Lindenwood Road at the railway, off Amboy Road. Like all Staten Island Railway lots, the new Park & Ride lot makes commuting to the city with the SIR to Staten Island Ferry connection even more convenient. And every lot is free. You'll save time and money. One-fare rides from the railway, to the ferry, to the subway are only \$2 one-way - or less with MetroCard discounts. And SIR offers fast, reliable service from local stations to St. George Ferry Terminal.

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## MEDIUM-TERM PROJECTS (2007-2009)

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## Medium Term Recommendation #10 - Highways: Staten Island Expressway Improvements

### Update:

- Preliminary design for reconfigured ramps at Clove Road and Hylan Boulevard scheduled to begin Fall 2006

- Study to examine operational options for median bus lane completed Summer 2006

### Next Steps:

- Ramp work to begin by Fall 2009
- Median Lane expansion to Victory Boulevard scheduled for contract in 2011



## LONG-TERM PROJECTS (2010 and beyond)

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## Long Term Recommendation #4 - Bridges: Goethals Bridge Replacement

### Update:

- Received Advisory Board and Public Feedback
- Approval of six-lane options for evaluation



*Photo: Goethals Bridge Replacement EIS Newsletter #1, Fall 2004. [www.panynj.gov](http://www.panynj.gov)*

### Next Steps:

- Analyzing six-lane options, incorporating various priority-lane and/or congestion-pricing scenarios.
- Expecting to report results late this year and release a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in early 2007.