

STATEN ISLAND TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE

Update Presentation

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SHORT TERM ACTION PLAN
(17 Initiatives within the next year from
April 2006 to April 2007)

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

Progress to Date

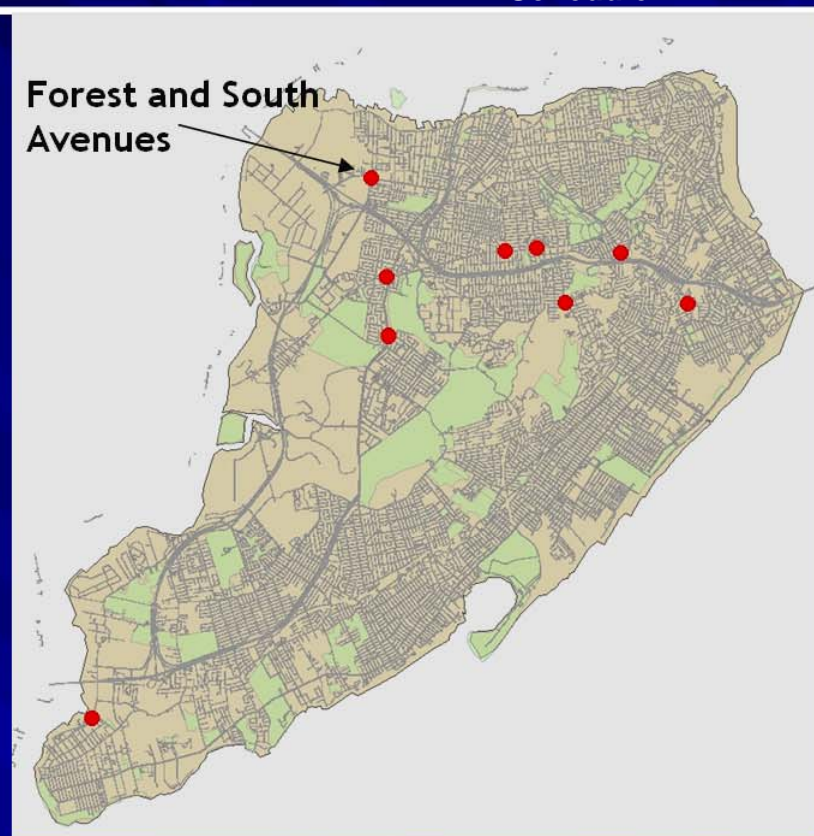


Update:

- Improvements completed to Forest and South Avenue
- Short term improvements already implemented at Richmond Avenue and Draper Place
- Analysis at 7 additional intersections underway

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 next intersection to be implemented



Short Term Initiative #1 - Forest and South Avenues Roadways: High Priority Intersection Focus



**Aerial View of Intersection of Forest and South
Avenue - Pre-Construction**

Short Term Initiative #1 - Forest and South Avenues Roadways: High Priority Intersection Focus



Construction at Forest and South Avenues to remove painted median and add left turn lane bay on Forest Avenue, 5/31/06, NYCDOT

Short Term Initiative #1 - Forest and South Avenues Roadways: High Priority Intersection Focus



Photo of improved intersection at Forest and South Avenues 6/7/06, NYCDOT.

Short Term Initiative #2 - Roadways: Increasing Intersection Capacity

Progress to Date

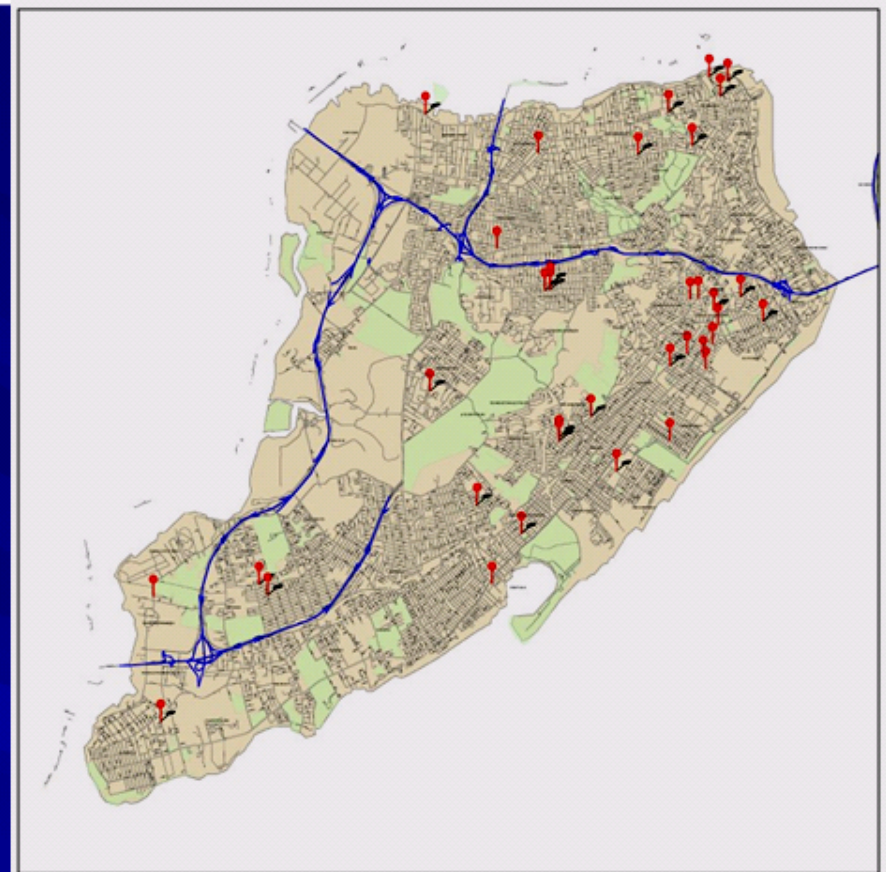
Delayed On Schedule Completed

Update:

- **Daylighting of Intersections**
 - 36 Intersections Daylighted in first 3 months
- **Increasing Right Turn on Red Opportunities**
 - Consultant began June 2006

Next Steps:

- **Daylighting of Intersections**
 - Continue Daylighting 12 Intersections per month
- **Right Turn on Red**
 - Collect data and begin design of criteria for evaluating each of 500+ intersection. Study completion expected September 2007.



Short Term Initiative #2 - Daylighting of Intersections

Roadways: Increasing Intersection Capacity



Intersection that is not Daylighted



Intersection that is Daylighted

NOTE: Photos to be updated

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

Progress to Date



Update:

Study in final review stage,
release expected July 2006

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

Next Steps:

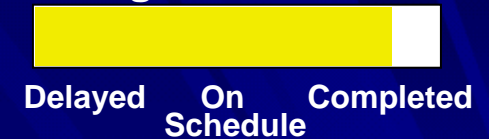
- Early Action Plan - prohibit left turns and indicate detour routes
 - Long Term Improvements - permanent closure of medians, new signals and new left turn bays



Photo of Left Turn Bay on Hylan Boulevard at
Chesterton Avenue, May 2006, NYCDOT

Short Term Initiative #4 - Roadways: Safety Projects

Progress to Date



Update:

- Projects completed at all intersection locations and initial implementation at 3 of Safe Route to School locations



Median construction work underway at Forest and Bard Avenue. June 7, 2006, NYCDOT.

Next Steps:

- Remaining 5 Safe Routes to School Reports to be released in 2006 and short-term improvements implemented

Short Term Initiative #4 - Forest and Bard Median Construction Roadways: Safety Projects



Photo illustrating Forest and Bard prior to Construction, April 2006, NYCDOT



Photo illustrating improvements to Forest and Bard June 2006, NYCDOT

Photo illustrating installation of raised median at Forest and Bard Avenues to improve traffic flow, 6/15/06 NYCDOT.

Short Term Initiative #4 - Henderson Avenue Corridor Speed Boards

Roadways: Safety Projects



Photo illustrating Henderson Avenue Corridor prior to treatment, NYCDOT.



Photo illustrating Henderson Avenue Corridor under construction, May 2006, NYCDOT.



Photo illustrating Speed Boards on Henderson Avenue Corridor to improve safety and reduce vehicular speeding, 6/15/06 NYCDOT.

Short Term Initiative #4 - Van Duzer Street Channelization

Roadways: Safety Projects



Photo illustrating channelization of Van Duzer Street that was installed to improve safety and reduce vehicular speeding, 6/15/06 NYCDOT.

Short Term Initiative #4 - Safe Routes to School Project - IS 27 Roadways: Safety Projects



Photo of St Charles School. As part of Safe Routes to School Project short term improvements already installed include new parking regulations to improve safety, June 2006, NYCDOT.

Short Term Initiative #4 - Annadale SIR Station Sidewalk Project

Roadways: Safety Projects



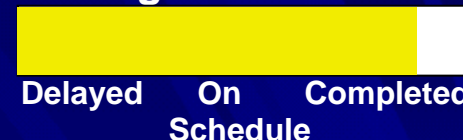
Annadale SIR Station prior to Construction April 2006, NYCDOT



Annadale SIR Station during construction of 250' of sidewalk. June 2006, NYCDOT

Short Term Initiative #5 - Inter-Agency Coordination: Builders' Pavement Plans

Progress to Date



Update:

Joint review of waivers underway

- Agencies have adopted new protocols per Borough President draft
- Adopted policy that maintains existing roadways and encourages developers to make improvements

Next Steps:

- Continue joint review



Short Term Initiative #6 - Inter-Agency Coordination: Cross Easements

Update:
**Current DCP Town
Center Study will
review cross easement
solutions**

Next Steps:

- Analyze parking/legal/design issues
- Explore text amendment
- Provide recommendations by Summer/Fall 2006



Short Term Initiative #7 - Roadways: Intersection Capital Projects

Progress to Date



Update:

- Seguine Avenue and Amboy Road Project on schedule and under construction
- Victory Boulevard and Travis Avenue Project facing delays due to project redesign and acquisition process issues

Next Steps:

- Seguine Avenue and Amboy Road project scheduled for completion in Fall 2006
- Preliminary EAS for Victory Blvd and Travis Ave. under review. Public hearing for property acquisition in fall 2006. Projected construction start is 4/2007 with completion by 12/2007



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

Progress to Date

Delayed On Completed
Schedule

Update:

- Initial Meeting of agency commissioners held. DDC taking the lead.
- Work Groups established for three issue areas
- Work Groups already convened

Next Steps:

- Work Groups to meet and develop initial recommendations to streamline processes by Fall 2006



Short Term Initiative #9 - Roadways: Charleston Area Improvements

Progress to Date



Delayed On Completed
Schedule

Update:

- Coordinated efforts of DCP, CDOT, and SDOT to propose a local road network and connections to West Shore Expressway
- Review of current and proposed development and future traffic needs



Next Steps:

- SDOT hiring consultant to review West Shore Expressway capacity/operational issues. Review of local road connections to be included in study.
- Propose local road network by Dec 2006. Incorporate proposed improvements to Englewood Avenue
- Identify public/private implementation strategies.

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

Progress to Date



Update:

- Hylan Blvd Enforcement Initiative has resulted in over 1,100 moving violations through 6/09/06
- NYPD, DOT and Parking Enforcement communicate on a regular basis to help identify problematic locations to deploy bulk of overtime traffic enforcement
- Additional radar training has been requested, and is being implemented by the Highway Division.

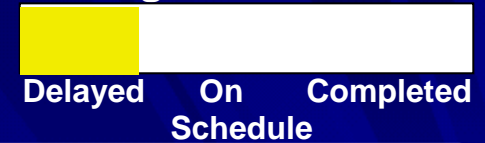


Next Steps:

- September - NYPD is working on a plan to alleviate traffic at school sites Special attention will be paid at drop off and pick up times
- Ongoing review between NYPD, DOT and Parking Enforcement on a regular basis to help identify problematic locations

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

Progress to Date



Update:

EDC completing construction this month on the 12 miles of assets and the refurbishment of the Arthur Kill Lift Bridge



Next Steps:

Complete work in NJ (which has taken longer than expected) to reactivate the railroad for commercial service (expected fall 2006)

Short Term Initiative #12

Bus Service: Provide Additional Transit Options in the South Shore

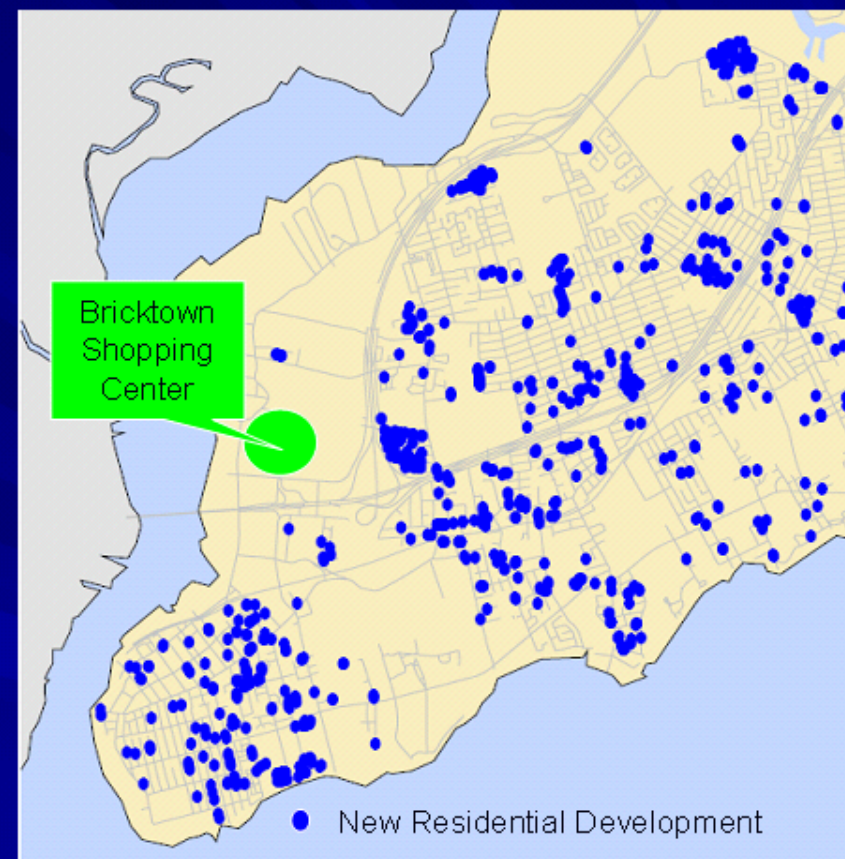
Progress to Date



Update:

Planning is underway; currently analyzing:

- Current and future land use/zoning in the area
- Commercial and residential development
- Local route spacing in the South Shore



Source: Department of Buildings

Next Steps:

Develop service options and seek public input

Short Term Initiative #13

Bus Service: Limited-Stop Service to St. George and to/from Brooklyn

Progress to Date



Update:

Planning and preparation of schedules is complete for:

- 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

New service will go into effect
September 3, 2006

Next Steps:

NYCT will inform the MTA Board of the service changes on
June 26, 2006



Source: MTA

Short Term Initiative #14

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

Progress to Date



Update:

- MTA is working with NJ Transit and PANYNJ to gather travel data
- MTA is consolidating the following data sources to develop travel market estimates:
 - NJ Transit's HBLRT Passenger Survey
 - PANYNJ Bayonne Bridge Crossing Data
 - Census Journey to Work Data
 - Locations of Major Traffic Generators
 - License Plate Counts at HBLRT Stations



Photo: Bayonnenj.org

Next Steps:

- Finalize travel market estimate
- Examine feasibility of service options
- Complete study in Fall 2006

Short Term Initiative #15

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

Progress to Date



Update:

New schedules as of July 17, 2006

- New AM express Tottenville - St. George is 8% faster than current express (33 min vs. 36 min) and 21% faster than local service (33 min vs. 42 min)
- Number of AM peak trains with fastest travel time increased from 1 to 6
- More AM trains serving schools at Oakwood Heights and New Dorp are stopping at all prior stations
- PM express service will begin at 4:30 PM (currently begins at 4:50 PM)
- New PM express St. George - Tottenville is 9% faster than current express (30 min vs. 33 min) and 28% faster than local service (30 min vs. 42 min)
- Additional PM school trip departing St. George at 3:16 PM



Source: MTA

Next Steps:

SIR will conduct a marketing campaign to jointly promote SIR schedule enhancements and the new Great Kills Park & Ride



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

Progress to Date

Delayed On Schedule Completed

Update:

- Great Kills Park and Ride Constructed (May 2006) and open for use (June 2006)
- Capacity 35 vehicles

Next Steps:

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



Photo of Great Kills SIR Park and Ride under Construction, May 2006, NYCDOT



Photo of constructed Great Kills SIR Park and Ride, June 2006, NYCDOT



Short Term Initiative #17 - Public Education/Outreach

Progress to Date

Delayed On Completed
Schedule

Update:

- CommuterLink outreach via Newspaper Inserts, Presentations to Businesses, and Radio Ads
- Meetings held with Community Boards on Task Force and NYCDOT Engineering Standards
- Task Force has acknowledged and reviewed over 600 unique SI Advance coupon responses

Next Steps:

- Periodic updates of Task Force on web-site by July 2006



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Important Milestones on Medium Term Initiatives

Update:

- **Richmond Hill Road Improvements (MT #2):** held two more stakeholder meetings, one more meeting scheduled in Fall 2006 before EIS is conducted
- **Rockland Avenue Improvements (MT #4):** exploring option of prioritizing project by starting initial improvements to the intersection of Rockland Avenue and Richmond Road. Feasibility to be determined by EAS expected 12/06
- **Arthur Kill Road Improvements (MT #5):** project moved up to 2009 and \$15 MM added to budget. Project to be conducted in stages.
- **Hylan Boulevard Contra Flow Study (MT #6)** study began 4/15/06
- **Bus Rapid Transit (MT #7)** plan released for Hylan Boulevard Corridor

Important Milestones on Medium Term Initiatives Update:

- **Staten Island Expressway Operational Improvements (MT #10):** Project scope includes: improving access to Hylan Boulevard and Clove Road, achieving better balance of traffic between the SIE and Service Roads, and complementing possible improvements to the SIE in the vicinity of the VNB
- **Fresh Kills Road Connections (MT #11):** EIS Scoping Meeting held on 5/25. Analysis of 2-lane and 4-lane roadway alternatives taking place.
- **West Shore Expressway (MT #12):** project is in preliminary design stage. Current schedule is for construction to begin in 2008
- **Implementation of Bus Service Connection to Hudson Bergen Light Rail (PFC #5):** moved up to Medium Term Initiative (MT #16) if the study determines a viable market exists

Important Milestones on Long Term Initiatives and Projects for Future Consideration

Update:

- **Build Ramp at Terminus of Korean War Veterans Parkway (LT #4):** two alternatives under consideration. At-grade alternative appears to be most promising. Land fill and community issues could cause delays
- **Goethals Bridge Replacement (LT #5):** DEIS team presents first screening results of alternative alignments at Public Forums June 27th & June 28th
- **South Shore Ferry Service (LT #8):** Parks has identified consultants to complete market analysis and feasibility study for the South Shore Site