

BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND COMMUNITY BOARD #3

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Traffic and Transportation Committee Public Hearing Report

DATE: February 5, 2025 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

Committee Members Present

Frank Morano, *Chairman of the Board* Danny Venuto, *Chair, Traffic & Transportation* Owen Reiter, *Chair, Police & Public Safety* Robert DiGennaro Claudio Perfetto Charles Setteducato **Committee Members Absent**

John Felicetti James Pistilli Anthony Rapacciuolo John Tabacco

Board Members Present

Vito Gallo

<u>Staff</u>

Stacey Wertheim, *Interim District Manager* Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

<u>Guests</u>

Carol Donovan, Richmondtown-Clarke Avenue Civic Association Area Residents

Public Contact

 A resident of Hillside Terrace presented a petition signed by the neighbors in support of a oneway conversion of Hillside Terrace between Durant Avenue and Hylan Boulevard. Side-view mirrors are constantly being knocked off, and cars are being sideswiped. The Resident has contacted DOT requesting a study to examine the feasibility of traffic calming devices and/or a one-way conversion.

MOTION:

Whereas, Hillside Terrace, located between Durant Avenue and Hylan Boulevard, currently operates as a two-way street; and

Whereas, an overwhelming majority of community members have expressed support for the conversion of Hillside Terrace into a one-way street to improve traffic safety and efficiency; and

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Whereas, conducting a feasibility study by DOT would help evaluate the potential benefits, challenges, and impact of converting Hillside Terrace from a two-way to a one-way street,

Now, Therefore be it Resolved, Community Board 3 formally supports the request to the Department of Transportation (DOT) to initiate the process for conducting a feasibility study regarding the conversion of Hillside Terrace from a two-way street to a one-way street for the section of Hillside Terrace from Durant Avenue to Hylan Boulevard.

VOTE: In favor 6; Against 0; Abstentions 0 Morano Y; Venuto Y; Reiter Y; DiGennaro Y; Perfetto Y; Setteducato Y

- Carol Donovan spoke about the projected Arthur Kill Road Widening project. She said the
 community does not favor the project and asked for Community Board support. The Civic
 Association held a meeting with DDC and DOT where they did a presentation, but they were
 not offered any responses to their inquiries. They are concerned about bus traffic, the Loop, a
 pedestrian crossing on Arthur Kill Road, Eminent Domain, and the possible release of
 contaminants from a former landfill in the construction process.
- An area resident asked for a DOT study at Joline Avenue between Amboy and Hylan. It is a
 narrow 2-way street. There is commercial traffic from the DEP on this stretch of roadway.
 There have been many vehicular and pedestrian accidents. The constituent was instructed to
 first get a petition from residents of Joline Avenue and other affected streets. Once received,
 we will review the request.

<u>Agenda</u>

None

Old Business

None

New Business

- The DOT created a School Slow Zone around PS 42. On school days, the speed limit will be lowered to 20mph on streets with only one moving lane per direction.
- MTA invited the Traffic & Transportation Committee to a Borough-Based Feedback session on the Capital Plan for 2025-2029. It will be hosted virtually on February 19th from 5:00-6:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Venuto, Chairman