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Staten Island North Shore Alternatives Analysis Open House to be Held Thursday April 22nd

MTA New York City Transit is beginning an Alternatives Analysis (AA) Study which will look at improving transit service on the North Shore of Staten Island. The first Open House will be held on Thursday, April 22nd from 7:15 PM to 9:00 PM at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center to discuss the re-use of the former Staten Island Railway North Shore Branch. The public is invited to come and comment on potential alternatives to be considered, the goals and objectives of the study and other concerns.

Passenger rail service on the Staten Island North Shore Branch ended in 1953. Freight service ended in 1989. The right-of-way has remained largely untouched since then. This study will examine and evaluate potential modes of travel, including: heavy rail, such as the SIR; light rail, such as Hudson-Bergen Light Rail; and Bus Rapid Transit service, among others.

The process will begin with the identification of a list of alternatives which will be narrowed down through a series of increasingly detailed analyses (costs, impacts, potential ridership). The study is expected to last approximately 12-14 months. The final result of this study will be an Alternatives Analysis report which will recommend a locally preferred alternative for further development.