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### MTA to Host Public Hearing on Redesign of Staten Island Express Bus Network

#### *New Changes to Proposed Routes Taken from Community Feedback*

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is hosting a public hearing on Monday, May 21, to engage residents and express bus customers on feedback for the redesign of the Staten Island express bus network to better match ridership and improve trip speeds and reliability.

The public hearing on May 21 begins at 6 p.m., with registration for public speakers open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The hearing follows extensive community outreach including meetings with Staten Island Borough President James Oddo, other elected officials and labor officials, and open house meetings where MTA New York City Transit staff solicited community feedback on how best to streamline routes across the borough.

“This hearing complements our commitment to public engagement and input on this project,” said MTA NYC Transit President Andy Byford. “We’ve already made changes based on suggestions and feedback we received at the open houses we’ve hosted. We will continue to reach out to the people who use and live along these routes so that we create a new network that is thoughtful, inclusive and reflective of the needs of everyone impacted by these decisions.”

The redesign of Staten Island’s express bus network results from a comprehensive two-year customer experience study that found existing routes are slowed by, among other factors, extraneous stops, traffic congestion and long routes that do not reflect population growth and trends. The new routes are expected to address many factors that contribute to slow bus speeds and unreliability by concentrating routes on streets with bus lanes where possible; reducing route lengths; bypassing known areas of congestion in Manhattan; and increasing spacing between stops.

NYC Transit staff hosted several open houses on the proposed redesign in fall 2017 and spring of this year to solicit public feedback on the best routes and stop locations to maximize accessibility to the largest number of customers. Thanks to this public feedback, MTA staff conducted further analyses and made several adjustments to the proposed new routes, such as operating the SIM7 route on Hylan Boulevard north of Midland Avenue instead of Father Capodanno Boulevard, and extending the SIM8 route to serve Woodrow Road, terminating at Woodrow Road and Huguenot Avenue. Other public recommendations that have been incorporated into the redesign include operating the SIM8, SIM22, SIM23, SIM24, SIM25, SIM26 and SIM30 routes via the Lincoln Tunnel on 42nd Street in both directions instead of on that street eastbound and 34th Street westbound, in order to use the fastest route possible.

Notices about this hearing have been posted on all Staten Island buses since early this month, as well as on the MTA.info website and in newspaper advertisements. Those who cannot attend are encouraged to submit comments by mail. More information on how to submit comments and to register as a speaker for the public hearing is available online [here](#), and details of the Staten Island express bus study and proposed redesign are available [here](#).

#### **Monday, May 21, 2018**

Hearing begins at 6 p.m.; Registration is from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Williamson Theatre, College of Staten Island

1P Building

2800 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island

#### **Directions:**

An MTA New York City Transit shuttle bus will operate from the College of Staten Island bus stop to the theater.

By NYCT bus: S62/92, S93

From Manhattan: X10, X11

From Brooklyn: S53 to S62/92, S93