

# Public Scoping Meeting Presentation

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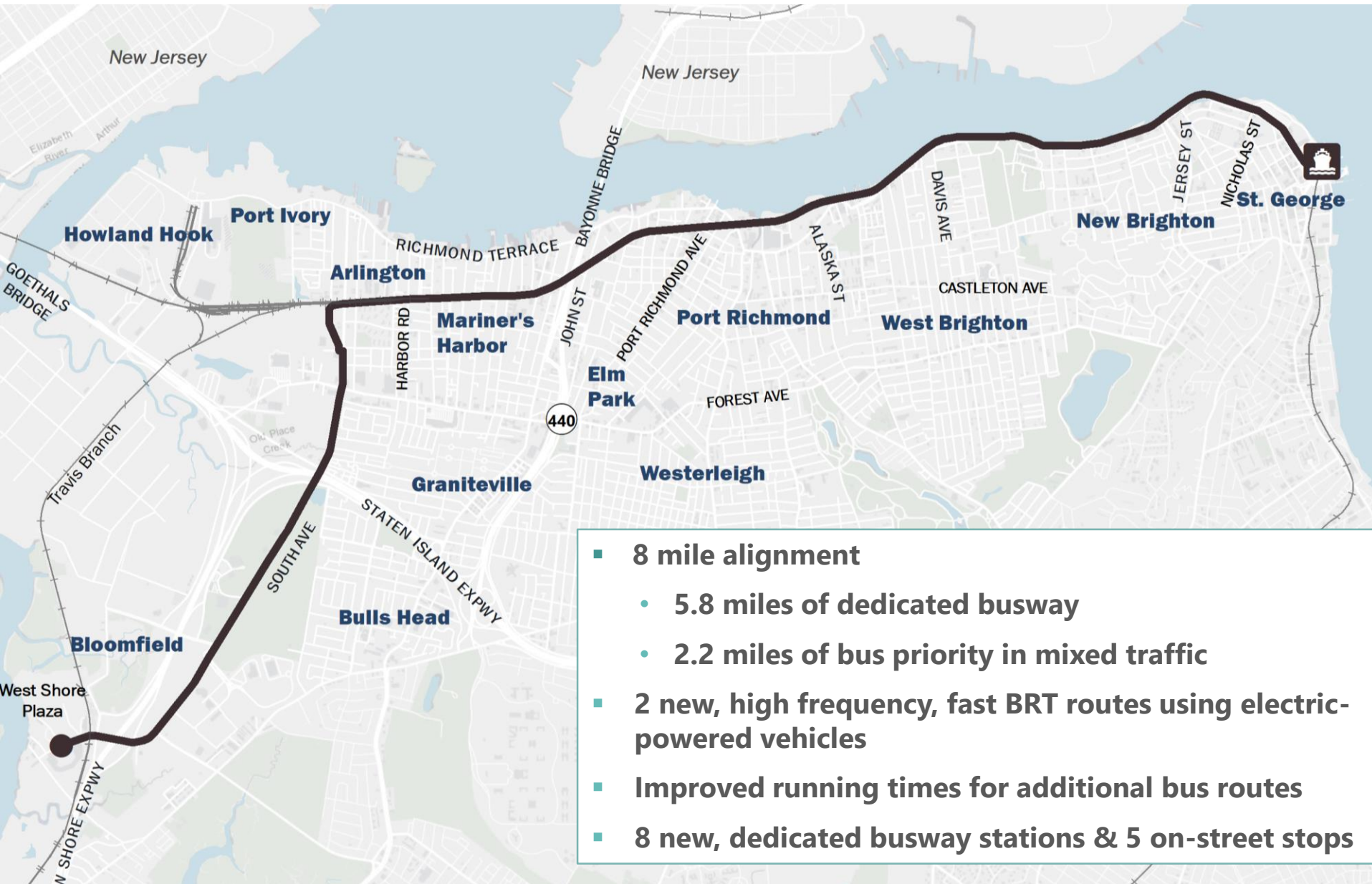


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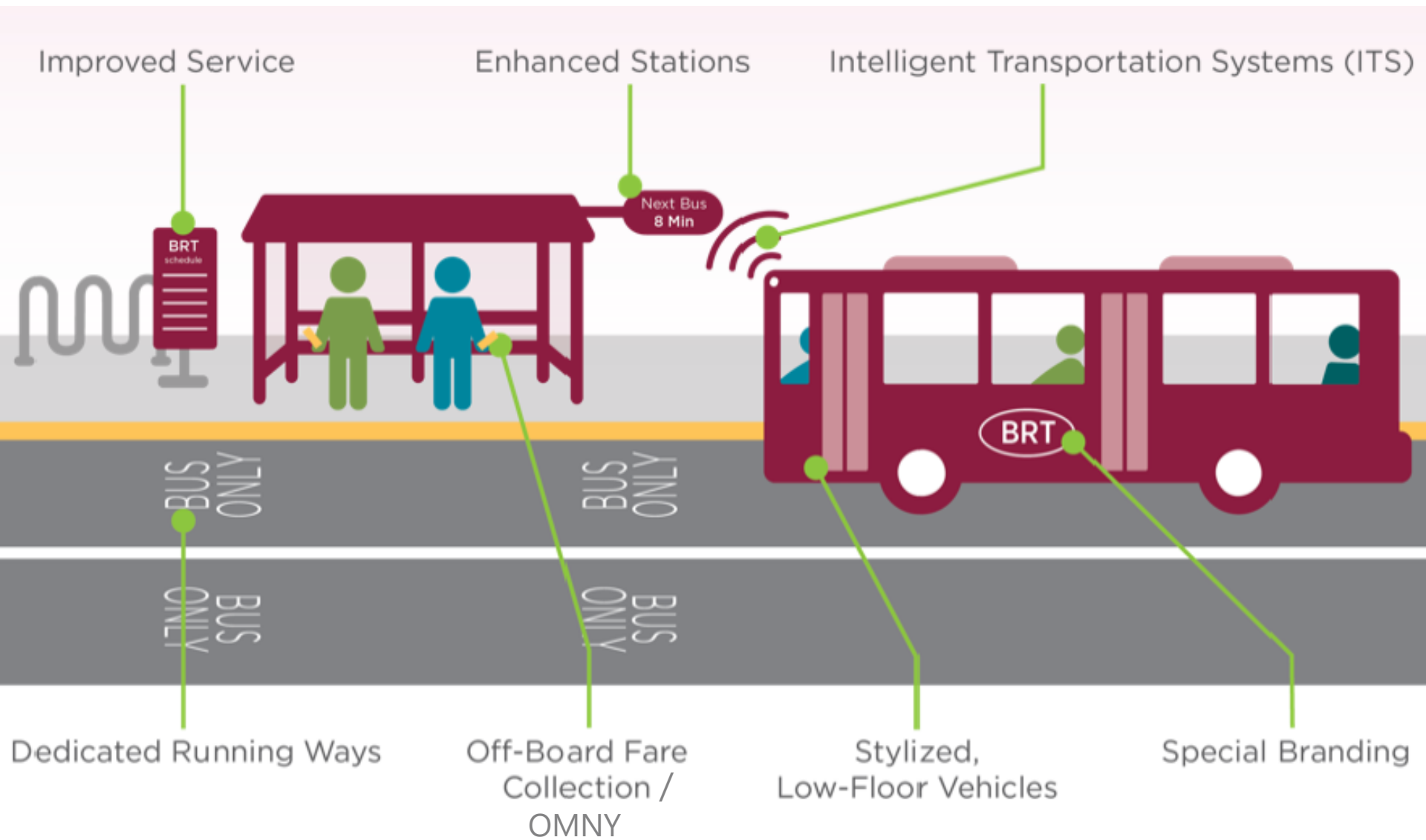
STATEN ISLAND  
NORTH SHORE  
**BRT**

# MTA Staten Island North Shore Bus Rapid Transit

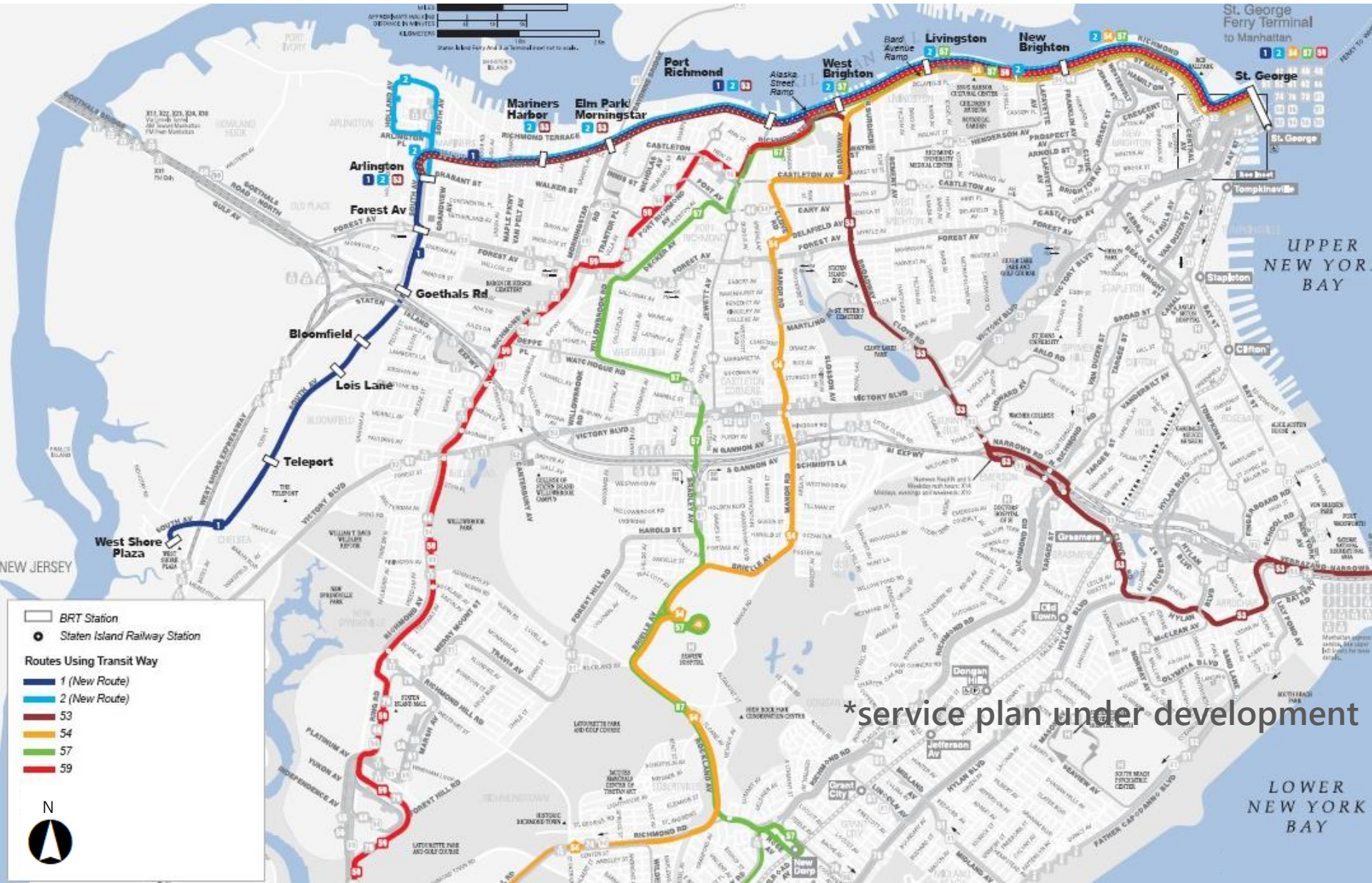


- 8 mile alignment
  - 5.8 miles of dedicated busway
  - 2.2 miles of bus priority in mixed traffic
- 2 new, high frequency, fast BRT routes using electric-powered vehicles
- Improved running times for additional bus routes
- 8 new, dedicated busway stations & 5 on-street stops

# What is Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)?



# Multiple Routes Using Busway\*



\*service plan under development

# Project Benefits



Added transit capacity



Fixed transit corridor for faster travel time



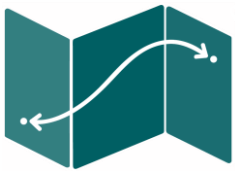
Investment in high-quality rapid transit



Supports economic development and job connectivity



Reuses and improves an abandoned transportation corridor



Planned use by select existing NYCT bus routes for faster service to St. George



Provides improved intermodal connectivity



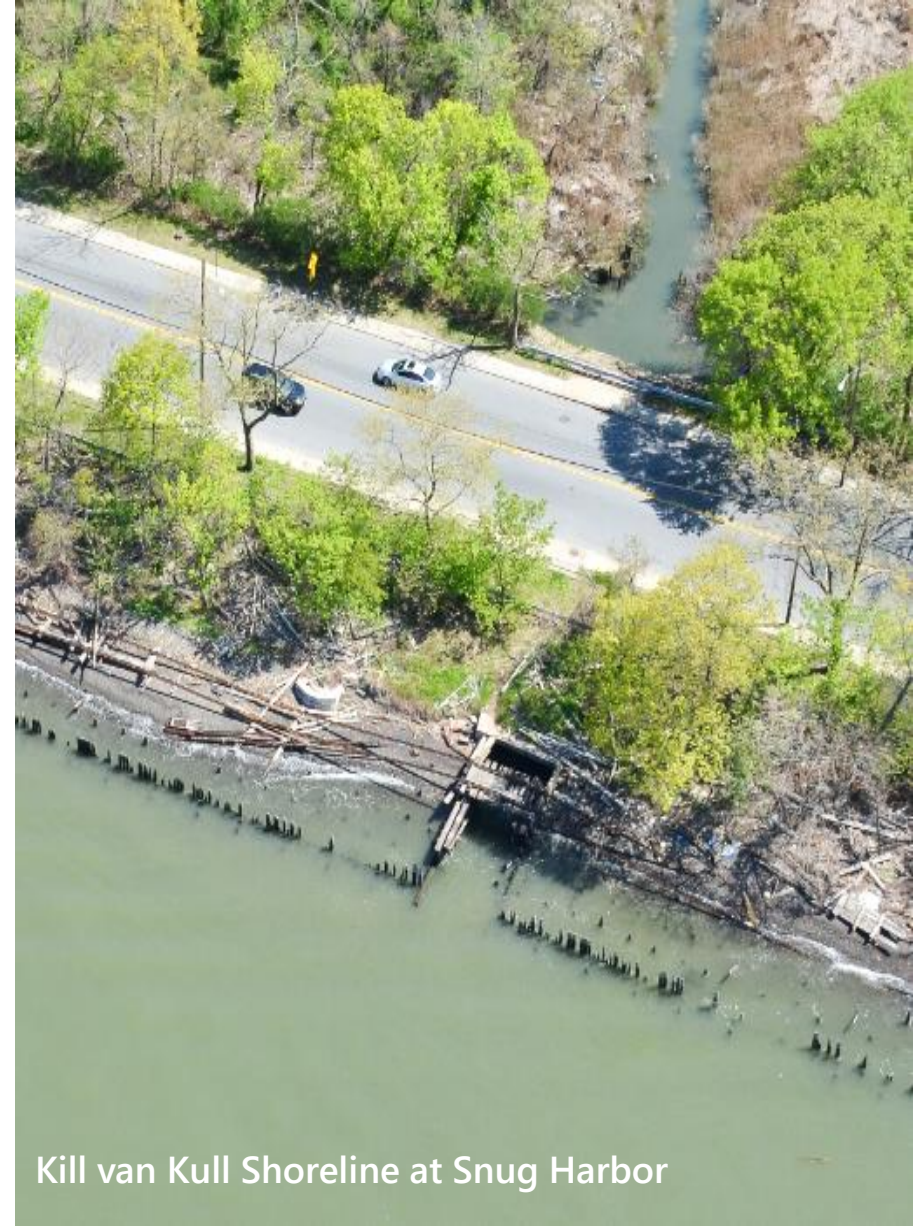
Modern, branded infrastructure and buses



First Bus Rapid Transit corridor in NYC keeps Staten Island on pace with other US and global modern cities



ADA accessibility

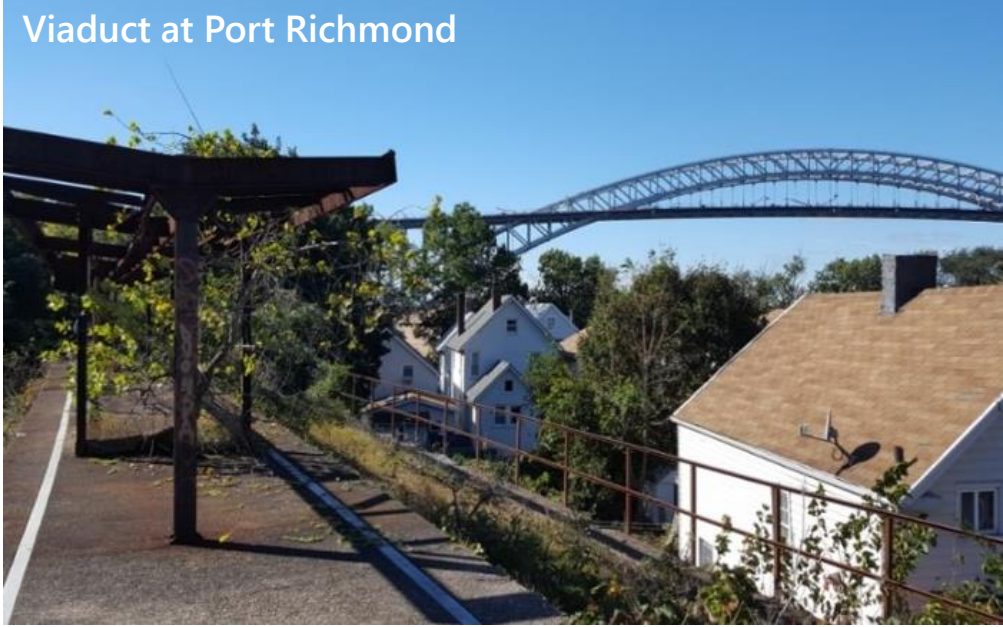


Kill van Kull Shoreline at Snug Harbor

**Images of Proposed Alignment**



Open Cut at Mariners Harbor



Viaduct at Port Richmond



South Avenue



# Goals & Objectives

## Improve Mobility



- Provide increased and improved travel options along the North Shore
- Provide a well-integrated and efficient transit system
- Improve transit access for transit-dependent populations
- Reduce travel time for Manhattan-bound trips
- Improve transit reliability
- Provide improved transit access to growing activity centers
- Reduce roadway congestion by attracting auto users to transit

## Preserve & Enhance the Environment, Natural Resources & Open Space



- Improve air quality by providing transit alternatives that moderate the increase of vehicle emissions
- Minimize potential adverse impacts on residential areas, businesses and the built environment from the operation of a transit mode on the North Shore
- Minimize potential adverse impacts on the natural environment from the operation and construction of a transit mode on the North Shore
- Maintain safe and efficient access to land uses along the North Shore

## Maximize Limited Financial Resources for the Greatest Public Benefit



- Make use of existing capacity in transportation corridors, assets and infrastructure
- Advance the most cost-effective transportation options
- Increase revenue potential, thereby minimizing level of subsidy required
- Develop transit options that use known and proven technologies suitable for use on the North Shore
- Provide a transportation solution that can be implemented in a timely manner





# Proposed Action & Build Year

- **Implementation of a Staten Island North Shore BRT**
  - Introduction of new & enhanced public transit service
- **MTA is Lead Agency**
  - Involved City agencies coordinated through Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination (MOEC)
- **NY State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Type I action**
  - Using City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Technical Manual thresholds as appropriate
- **Potential City Actions separate from SEQRA**
  - City may use SEQRA EIS to make findings
- **Build Analysis Year**
  - 2027



# Potential Approvals

## Potential City Approvals\*

- **Transfer of Property**
  - City-owned ROW to MTA-NYCT in ownership or added to MTA's Master Lease
  
- **Potential Land Use Actions**
  - Landfills (waterfront fill)
  - Change in City Map
  - Property Acquisitions & Dispositions
  - Cross Access Connections for parking areas

\* Potential City Actions are separate from SEQRA. The City may use SEQRA FEIS to make their CEQR findings if it is determined that potential city actions are needed.



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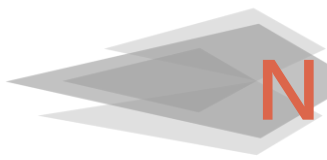
## Other Potential Approvals

- **US Army Corps of Engineers**
  - Clean Water Act, Section 404/Section 10 permits
- **US Coast Guard**
  - Rivers & Harbors Act, Section 9 permit
- **New York State legislation authorizing the alienation of mapped parkland**
- **New York State Historic Preservation Office & NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission**
  - SHPA of 1980, Section 14.09 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law
- **NYS Department of Environmental Conservation**
  - Tidal & freshwater wetlands permit
  - SPDES permit



# EIS Technical Areas

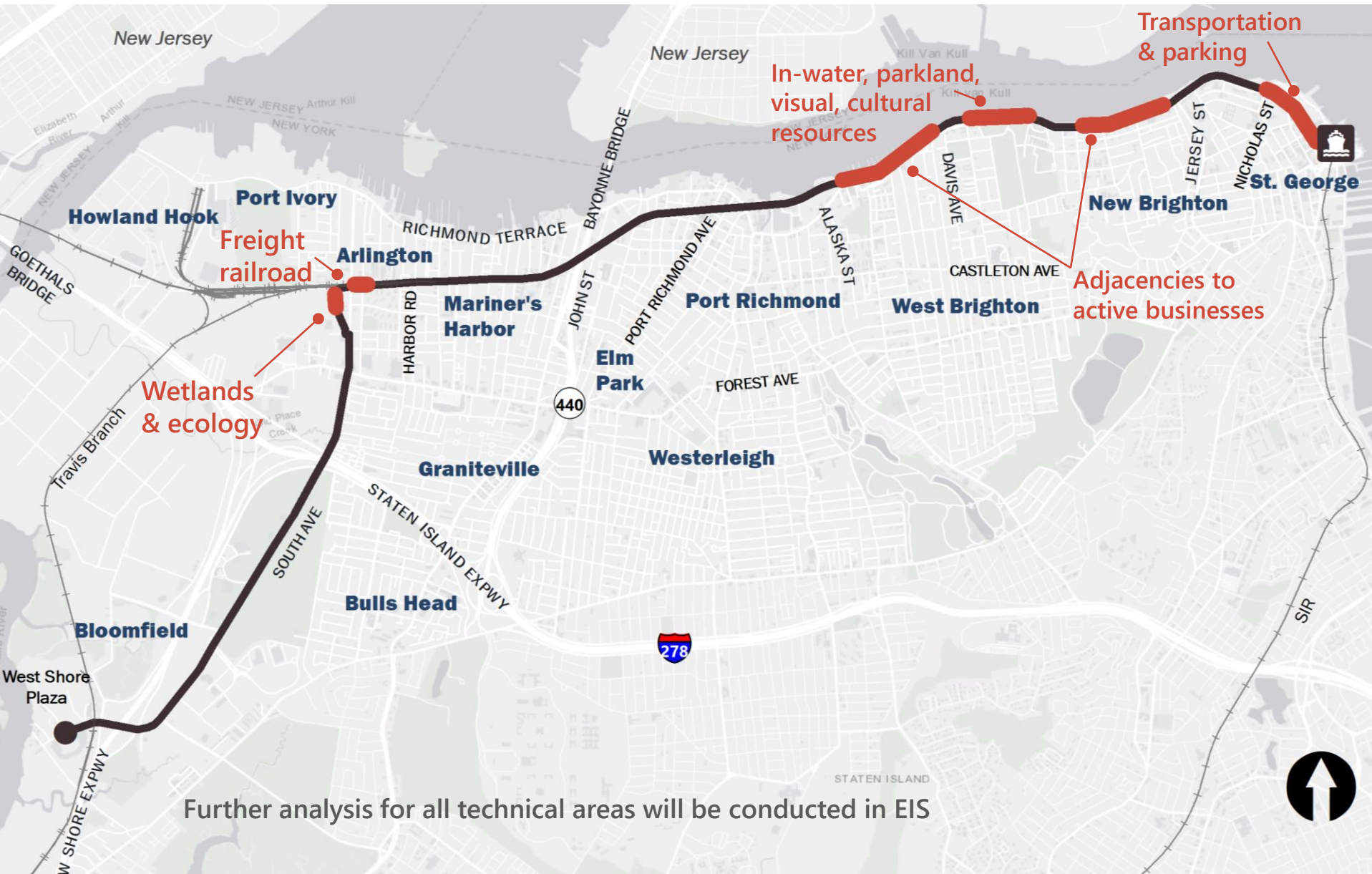
- **Land Use, Zoning, & Public Policy**
- **Socioeconomic Conditions**
- **Community Facilities & Services**
- **Open Space**
- **Shadows**
- **Urban Design & Visual Resources**
- **Natural Resources**
- **Hazardous Materials**
- **Water & Sewer Infrastructure**
- **Solid Waste & Sanitation Services**
- **Energy**
- **Cultural Resources**
- **Transportation**
  - Traffic & Parking
  - Transit & Pedestrians
- **Air Quality**
- **GHG & Climate Change**
- **Noise**
- **Public Health**
- **Neighborhood Character**
- **Construction**
- **Purpose & Need**
- **Alternatives**



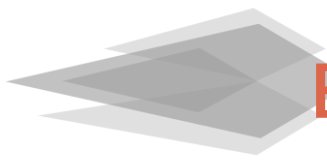
# NEPA-Related Studies

- **Environmental Justice**
- **Section 4(f)/6(f)**
- **Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**
- **Indirect & Cumulative Effects**
- **Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act**

# Known Environmental Issues



Further analysis for all technical areas will be conducted in EIS



# Environmental Review Process Timeline

September 18, 2019

Release of Draft Scoping Document

October 17, 2019

**Public Scoping Meeting**



November 18, 2019

Close of Public Scoping Comment Period

Fall 2019/2020

Preparation of SEQRA DEIS

Fall 2020

Release of SEQRA DEIS, Public Hearing, & Public Comment Period

Mid 2021

Release of SEQRA FEIS

MTA Board Approval

NEPA Document (as needed)



# How to Comment

- **Public Comment Period**
  - Ends at 5:00pm on November 18, 2019
- **At today's public scoping meeting**
  - Register to speak publicly or provide a one-on-one comment
  - Fill out a comment card
- **Project website/comment feedback form:**  
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[https://mta-nyc.custhelp.com/app/comments\\_sinsta](https://mta-nyc.custhelp.com/app/comments_sinsta)
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# Thank You!

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