



## **Service Changes: S52 Travel Path Revision at Staten Island University Hospital**

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### **Service Issue**

The S52 currently enters the property of Staten Island University Hospital (SIUH) to serve two bus stops at the southern end of its route. The SIUH administration has requested that the S52 discontinue bus operations on their property citing traffic issues in the hospital campus. SIUH activated the exit clause in the License Agreement with NYC Transit that permits buses to operate on their private property.

### **Recommended Solution**

Discontinue S52 service on Staten Island University Hospital (SIUH) property and to the two bus stops on the property at the request of the SIUH administration. The last stop from St. George Ferry Terminal would be at the existing bus stop on Seaview Avenue at Nugent Avenue. The S52 would turn around without passengers by making a U-turn at the end of Mason Avenue near Alter and Delaware Avenues. The layover and first stop toward St. George Ferry Terminal would be on Seaview Avenue at Nugent Avenue.

### **Estimate Impact**

This revision would be cost neutral as there would be no change in travel time or travel distance.

### **Proposed Implementation Date**

The implementation is planned for January 2025

# Staff Summary



<b>Subject</b>	S52 Travel Path Revision at Staten Island University Hospital
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## Purpose

The purpose of this staff summary is to gain presidential approval for, and to inform the New York City Transit and MTA Bus Committee of a revision to the S52 in South Beach, Staten Island to discontinue bus operations on the campus of Staten Island University Hospital (SIUH) at the request of SIUH administration.

## Discussion

The S52 currently provides local bus service on weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays between St. George Staten Island Ferry Terminal and Staten Island University Hospital (SIUH) via the neighborhoods of New Brighton, Stapleton, Rosebank, Arrochar and South Beach. The S52 travels a one-way distance of approximately 9 miles, transporting an average of approximately 6,540 passengers per weekday, approximately 2,465 passengers per Saturday, and approximately 2,030 passengers per Sunday.

In about 1988 the administration of SIUH began discussions requesting that NYC Transit provide bus service that is closer to the SIUH Ambulatory Care facility at the end of Mason Avenue near Alter Avenue. This facility opened in 1990. NYC Transit worked together with SIUH to accommodate the request, which was implemented in 1992. SIUH agreed that the S52 would enter their private property to facilitate a turnaround. In 2009, the travel path of the S52 on the property was revised to the current travel path following construction of new buildings and changes to the internal roadways. The S52 serves two bus stops within the SIUH campus providing an important service to SIUH (serving patients, visitors and employees). Approximately 210 riders per weekday use these two stops.

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The current SIUH administration has requested that the S52 discontinue operations on their property citing traffic issues throughout the hospital campus. NYC Transit and NYC Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) representatives met with SIUH staff several times to discuss strategies to mitigate their concerns about traffic on the hospital campus so that the S52 could remain on the property and continue to serve the two bus stops. Despite these efforts, SIUH determined that they no longer want buses operating on their property, and they activated the exit clause in the License Agreement with NYCT that permits buses to operate on their private property.

To accommodate SIUH's request to not operate on their property, while maintaining bus customer access to the SIUH campus, the travel path of the S52 would be revised to remain on the adjacent public streets. Traveling from the St. George Ferry Terminal, the S52 would continue to travel west on Seaview Avenue, but it would make its last stop at the existing bus stop on Seaview Avenue at Nugent Avenue. The S52 would then turn around without passengers by turning north onto Mason Avenue and make a U-turn at the dead end near Alter and Delaware Avenues to return to Seaview Avenue. The first stop toward St. George Ferry Terminal would be at a new bus stop on Seaview Avenue at Nugent Avenue where the S52 would then continue east on Seaview Avenue to resume its regular route at Father Capodanno Boulevard. See the attached map.

There are two bus stops on SIUH property that would no longer be served by the S52, which are used by approximately 210 passengers per weekday and fewer on weekends:

1. The bus stop on University Drive at the Medical Arts Pavilion is the current last stop from St. George Ferry Terminal, layover, and first stop to St. George Ferry Terminal. It is used by approximately 160 passengers per weekday, who would have a walk of up to approximately 1,300-foot to a bus stop on Seaview Avenue.
2. The bus stop on University Drive at Building 5 is used by approximately 65 passengers per weekday primarily boarding toward the ferry, who would have an approximately 500-foot walk to the bus stop on Seaview Avenue at Olympia Boulevard.

NYC DOT is planning to advance a Street Improvement Project on Seaview Avenue to add bicycle lanes. NYCT has been coordinating with the NYC DOT project to accommodate S52 operations, and bus stops.

This revision has been shared with SIUH representatives, and they are in agreement.

## **Recommendation**

Discontinue S52 service on Staten Island University Hospital (SIUH) property and to the two bus stops on the property at the request of the SIUH administration. The last stop from St. George Ferry Terminal would be at the existing bus stop on Seaview Avenue at Nugent Avenue. The S52 would turn around without passengers by making a U-turn at the end of Mason Avenue near Alter and Delaware Avenues. The layover and first stop toward St. George Ferry Terminal would be on Seaview Avenue at Nugent Avenue.

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## Alternatives

*Do Nothing:* Continuing to operate on SIUH property is not an option, as it is private property and the SIUH administration will no longer accommodate bus operations.

*Remain on Mason Avenue, but turnaround via Delaware Avenue, Hylan Boulevard and Seaview Avenue:* The buses would be challenged by narrow local residential streets on Delaware Avenue, and commercial activity and traffic on Hylan Blvd. There would be an increase in operating costs due to increased travel time and travel distance.

*Relocate the terminus to Father Capodanno Boulevard at Seaview Avenue. The S52 would turn around via Oceanside Avenue.* While this option would avoid local residential streets, this option would require an approximately 0.5-mile walk to/from SIUH and the adjacent community.

## Impact on Funding

This revision would be cost neutral as there would be no change in travel time or travel distance.

## Implementation Date

The implementation is planned for January 2025.

## Map

