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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
***Community Board Two***  
BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND  
**DISTRICT NEEDS STATEMENT**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2012**

Our district is approximately 24 square miles in area encompassing the entire mid-island section of Staten Island. It is comprised of many small towns such as Arrochar, Bloomfield, Bulls Head, Chelsea, Dongan Hills, Emerson Hill, Grant City, Grasmere, Heartland Village, Lighthouse Hill, Manor Heights, Midland Beach, New Dorp, New Springville, Old Town, Richmondtown, South Beach, Travis, and Willowbrook. Each town has unique qualities and individual characteristics that residents strive to maintain and are very proud of.

The boundaries are from Staten Island Expressway from Verrazano Narrows Bridge south along the narrows to New York Harbor (which include Hoffman and Swinburne Islands) to Ebbitts Street west to Jason Street. Tysens Lane to Amboy Road, Richmond Road to St. Patricks Place to Clarke Avenue across Arthur Kill Road, to eastern boundary to LaTourette Park, and southern and eastern boundary to Richmondtown Restoration to southern boundary of LaTourette Park, to West Shore Expressway, half mile north on Expressway to Fresh Kills Creek including Prall's Island to Arthur Kill.

Community Board 2 is one of the city's last growth areas. The district area consists of single and two family homes, townhouses, duplexes, three city housing projects, several six-story apartment complexes, co-ops and garden apartments.

Our District's foremost needs are as follows:

***Department of Transportation:***

Traffic congestion is the Community Board's number one concern. Many of Staten Island's major arterials are two lane country roads, that is, one lane in each direction.

Some of the one lane roads such as Rockland Avenue and Forest Hill Road desperately need to be reconstructed to enable improved traffic to flow (HW986B & HW986C).

The capital project for the widening of Rockland Avenue (HWR1160) is a crucial cross island transportation need and has been lingering much too long over a stalled EIS process and issues, and needs to move forward.

The safety and security of drivers and pedestrians are of utmost concern, which is why we must focus on improving traffic controls.

DOT must seek ways to make some of our District's busy intersections safer (Victory Boulevard and Richmond Avenue, New Dorp Lane and Hylan Boulevard, Clove Road and Hylan Boulevard).

The median on Victory Boulevard between Willow Road East and Canterbury Avenue needs to be extended to alleviate traffic backup from vehicles entering the College of Staten Island.

The board would like to see more innovative and coordinated traffic signals put to use.

Another way to help alleviate traffic congestion during rush hour would be using high speed ferries along the waterfront.

Since Fiscal Year 1986, we have requested an extension of Father Capodanno Boulevard thru Miller Field from Midland Beach to at least Bay Terrace. This should alleviate traffic along Hylan Boulevard especially in the Midland Beach / New Dorp area.

In the past, we have recommended that a new interchange be built off the West Shore Expressway south of the Fresh Kills waterway as the connection to the landfill roadways. The roadways can connect at various locations along Richmond Avenue and make a connection at Arthur Kill Road at the closed 2/8 section of the landfill. The use of these roads, which were built to Federal Guidelines, would greatly help to alleviate traffic congestion along the West Shore Expressway, Richmond Avenue, Victory Boulevard, Travis Avenue and Arthur Kill Road.

DOT needs to do a survey of the bus stops in our district and begin to address those that lack adequate space for MTA customers to stand. There are several bus stops on Victory Boulevard between the West Shore Expressway and Richmond Avenue where our constituents are forced to stand in a travel lane.

Community Board 2 would like the DOT to begin opening the existing roads in the Fresh Kills Landfill. These roads, when opened will connect the mid-island to the South Shore in just minutes saving thousands of commuter miles, relieve congestion, and decrease air pollution. The board fully supports Borough President James P. Molinaro's plan.

### ***Department of Environmental Protection:***

Community Board Two is desperately in need of the installation of storm sewers in flood-prone areas and sanitary sewers in areas that have failing septic systems (HW1146).

The Board's top budget request from DEP has been designing storm sewers on Midland Avenue from Hylan Boulevard to Father Capodanno Boulevard. In order to alleviate some of the flooding conditions DEP has begun installation of dry wells and or seepage basins at problem intersections. We need additional seepage basins to be installed.

A top budget request to alleviate flooding conditions has been to create Bluebelts in all natural waterways. The Community Board is looking forward to the creation of Bluebelts in Midland Beach and South Beach. We need the DEP to aggressively continue acquiring properties for the Mid-Island Bluebelts.

The Board would like the Department of Environmental Protection to move forward with our sewer projects such as SE-740B. The sewer outlet project in Rockland Avenue, coupled with the Rockland Avenue DOT project (HW1160) have been lingering much too long. The EIS and designs for both the sewer and highway projects need to be brought to completion so that construction can commence.

The Community Board would like additional money in the budget for personnel to do culvert and catch basin cleaning to alleviate flooding conditions that occur where the basins and the culverts are clogged especially in the fall when leaves clog the top of catch basins. The Board would also like to see the continued funding for our SE-200 jobs.

***Department of Parks and Recreation:***

It is essential to increase Parks' personnel and funds for maintenance and supplies for the capital improvements to our district's parks. Also, more money is needed to be placed into the stump removal program. Once again we must say that the Parks Department has been extremely responsive to the community needs and has done a great job with so little resources.

The Board continues to support the Greenbelt Master Plan. In fact, one of our capital budget priorities is for the construction of an indoor swimming pool in the Greenbelt Recreation Center.

Construction of a pedestrian crossing at LaTourette Park across Richmond Hill Road continues to be an important priority to the Board. We are extremely concerned about the safety of the golfers and pedestrians that cross Richmond Hill Road by foot or car to get to the LaTourette Golf Course (city owned) and/or driving range.

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***Police Department:***

The Board is very satisfied with the job the Police Department is doing on Staten Island and at the 122nd Precinct, but of course we need more attention. Additional Traffic Enforcement Agents should be hired to help move traffic at busy intersections and at accidents, and prevent double and triple parking in front of schools, and address aggressive drivers on our roadways. Also the idling of engines and use of non-route streets by buses and commercial vehicles must also be addressed.

***Fire Department:***

Community Board Two is very pleased with the services provided by our firefighters. We would like the FDNY to be given the opportunity to enhance its operational capacity to respond to fires, pre-hospital care emergencies, building collapses and hazardous materials incidents, as well as natural disasters, terrorist acts and other emergencies.

***Department of Sanitation:***

Staten Island District 2 needs more litter baskets to be placed at bus stops. It is imperative that our streets be kept litter free.

Additional Funds to hire Sanitation Enforcement Police is needed for the "Illegal Dumping Task Force" to protect Staten Island's open spaces, wetlands, empty lots and parks.

We need the "Self-Help Disposal Site" to be reopened to accept bulk material such as appliances, furniture, garden cuttings, pruning cuttings, and any other household material.

***Department of Youth and Community Development:***

Additional funding for recreation and prevention programs for the youth on Staten Island is needed. It has been documented that for every dollar we spend in prevention we save dollars in other social services or criminal justice program.

***Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:***

The Community Board hopes that the Health Department continues to spray for mosquitoes even when the West Nile Virus is no longer a threat.

The Board would like the Health Department to cyclically bait continuous complaint areas for the Rodent Control Program. These are areas that always need baiting because of continuous rodent problems. It would be much simpler to have these areas baited on a regular schedule instead of waiting for complaints to come in.

***Health and Hospital Corporation:***

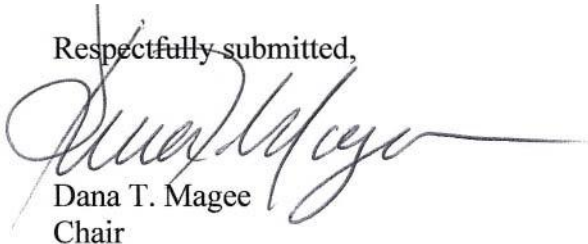
As you know, Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home, a city hospital on Staten Island is a long term care facility.

Staten Island is the only borough in the City of New York that does not have a city hospital. We need a city hospital.


There is a need to restore the vacant buildings on the grounds of Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home.

The board continues to support Sea View's development plan for various types of housing for seniors.

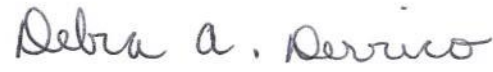
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