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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
***Community Board Two***  
BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND

Community Board Two, Staten Island, submits the following Statement of District Needs as outlined by the City Charter which will include a brief description of the District, the Board's assessment of both current and probable future needs and recommendations to achieve these assessments.

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 Midland Beach, South Beach, New Dorp, Grant City, Dongan Hills, Arrochar, Grasmere, Old Town, Lighthouse Hill, Manor Heights, Willowbrook, Richmondtown, Heartland Village, New Springville, Bulls Head, Bloomfield, Chelsea and Travis. Each is very proud of their unique qualities and individual characteristics, which residents strive to maintain.

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

***Department of Transportation***

Traffic congestion is the Community Board's number one problem. The population on Staten Island continues to grow but our roadways continue to remain the same. 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 need to be reconstructed to allow traffic to flow. Community Board Two would like to request the following improvements.

Reconstruct Rockland Avenue from Meisner Avenue to Richmond Road (HW1160).

Widen and move the intersection of Rockland Avenue at Manor Road/Meisner Avenue (HW1146).

Improve the intersections along Forest Hill Road (HW986B).

Reconstruct Forest Hill Road (HW986C) from Richmond Hill Road to Willowbrook Road. Forest Hill Road is a major thoroughfare connecting to Richmond Avenue, the Staten Island Mall, the College of Staten Island, and the Staten Island Expressway. Residents want bus stops installed, but because the road is too narrow for commuters to stand in the street waiting for a bus, the Transit Authority cannot install them.

Eliminate hazardous curves and steep roadway along Richmond Hill Road (Snake Hill Road).

Install continuous service roads in both directions along the entire length of the West Shore Expressway.

Explore the feasibility of adding another travel lane in each direction of the West Shore Expressway.

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

Continue to install storm and sanitary sewers, and Bluebelt systems in flood-prone areas where the streets were build way below grade level.

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.

### ***Fire Department***

Year after year we have requested a firehouse on our west shore in the Staten Island Mall area. Every year the Fire Department turns down our request for a fire station to cover this area. The Board has had this as a top priority since 1985. As you know, the mall area is the most heavily and densely populated area in our district and continues to grow. The response time also continues to grow. We need the Fire Department to finally agree to fund this project.

### ***Parks and Recreation***

Construct a pedestrian crossing at LaTourette Park across Richmond Hill Road. Construction dollars are needed for the safety of the golfers and pedestrians that cross Richmond Hill Road.

### ***Police Department***

The Board is very satisfied with the job the Police Department is doing on Staten Island and at the 122nd Precinct. The Community Board looks forward to the opening of the fourth Precinct.

### ***Department of Youth and Community Development***

Increase funding within the Community Board 2 area for recreation and prevention programs for the youth.

### ***Sanitation***

Transfer Title of the Landfill Roads from Department of Sanitation to Department of Transportation.

### ***Health and Hospitals***

There is a need to restore Sea View Hospital and Home's vacant buildings. As you know, Sea View is the only city hospital facility on Staten Island. We support Sea View's Development plan which includes various types of housing for seniors.

Respectfully submitted,



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