



THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

June 14, 2013

Honorable Robert K. Steel
NYC Mayor's Office
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

RE: SEHP Land Use Study Draft Recommendations

Dear Deputy Mayor Steel:

We write in response to the recently-released "draft recommendations" of the Sheridan Expressway-Hunts Point Land Use Study (SEHP Study).

The SEHP Study puts forward a solid plan that could reduce the negative health, economic and social effects of decades of poor transportation planning in the Bronx. We are particularly encouraged by the recommendations calling for direct access from the Bruckner Expressway to the Hunts Point Peninsula, creation of developable land in the Sheridan footprint, increased pedestrian access to Starlight Park and the Bronx River, and closure of the Sheridan off-ramp at Westchester Avenue and on-ramp at Bruckner Boulevard.

We believe, however, that the SEHP Study can be strengthened and urge you to consider including language on the following issues.

- **Closure of the northbound Sheridan off-ramp at Westchester Avenue**
Closure of this off-ramp is necessary to fully realize community goals for park access, pedestrian safety and neighborhood connectivity, and can likely be accomplished without significant impact on the traffic network.
- **Four-way direct access to the Hunts Point peninsula from the Bruckner Expressway**
Four-way direct access can provide the most effective and efficient alternative to local streets for the variety of commercial vehicles that enter and exit Hunts Point.
- **Comprehensive planning and meaningful consultation with the community**
Implementation of any recommendation, particularly for new development, must be planned in consultation with the community.

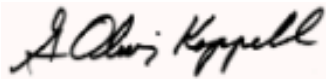
As the SEHP Study nears completion, we hope that the City will work with the State on next steps for reviewing the final recommendations, incorporating the above-listed changes, and ultimately implementation of the network changes.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,



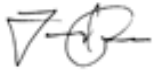
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