



New York City Transit

May 17, 2012

Honorable Martin Golden
New York State Senate
7408 Fifth Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11209

Re: Implementation of S79 Select Bus Service on Hylan Boulevard

Dear Senator Golden:

This is to inform you that the implementation plan for S79 Select Bus Service (SBS) on Hylan Boulevard will be presented to the NYC Transit and Bus Committees of the MTA Board on Monday, May 21, 2012.

The current S79 service carries approximately 8,800 passengers on an average weekday making it the second busiest route on Staten Island. The area it serves has nearly 100,000 residents within ¼ mile, and the route travels via Hylan Boulevard, the busiest bus corridor on Staten Island. Hylan Boulevard is the fifth of the first phase of corridors selected for conversion from conventional bus service to Select Bus Service. The Select Bus Service components selected for Hylan Boulevard, including bus lanes, pedestrian improvements and traffic signal priority, benefit not just S79 buses but all buses on the corridor. These improvements will result in 20 percent faster travel times for S79 SBS customers.

The S79 SBS will operate with one service pattern between the Staten Island Mall and the 86th Street  Station in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, making limited stops at high ridership locations and major transfer points. S79 SBS service will operate weekdays from 4:15 a.m. to 12:20 a.m., Saturdays from 4:45 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. and Sundays 5:20 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The S79 SBS will provide passengers the opportunity to transfer to:

- The  subway line at 86th Street, Brooklyn
- The Staten Island Railway at the Eltingville Station
- Express buses, local buses and parking at the Eltingville Transit Center

Local service will continue to be provided on Richmond Avenue by the S59 and on Hylan Boulevard by the S78.

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One key element of SBS is bus lanes. With the S79 SBS, NYCDOT will introduce continuous peak hour bus lanes between Clove Road and Lincoln Avenue. These lanes will be in effect northbound from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and southbound from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In addition, new bus lanes will be installed on southbound Richmond Avenue at Shirley Avenue approaching Hylan Boulevard and northbound near the Staten Island Mall. These bus lanes are installed in areas that will provide faster travel for buses, have no effect on parking, and would not significantly inhibit traffic flow.

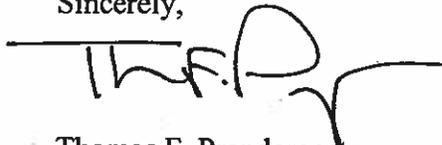
These bus lanes will be painted red for visibility, and there will be overhead, highway-type signs indicating that the lane is for buses only. The bus lanes will be 11-12 feet wide.

S79 SBS service will be implemented in September 2012. Maps detailing the current and proposed route are attached for your review.

Presentations to the NYC Transit and Bus Committees of the MTA Board are scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2012. The Transit Committee meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the fifth floor boardroom of MTA Headquarters at 347 Madison Avenue in Manhattan. The Bus Committee meeting is scheduled to immediately follow at 11:30 a.m. Interested parties are invited to comment on this proposal during the public sessions at the opening of the meetings. Speaker registration will commence 15 minutes prior to each meeting.

If you have any questions, need additional information or would like to confirm the date of the NYC Transit Committee meeting, please have a member of your staff contact
Assistant Director of Government and Community Relations at

Sincerely,



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President

Attachments

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	Hylan Blvd SBS Alignment

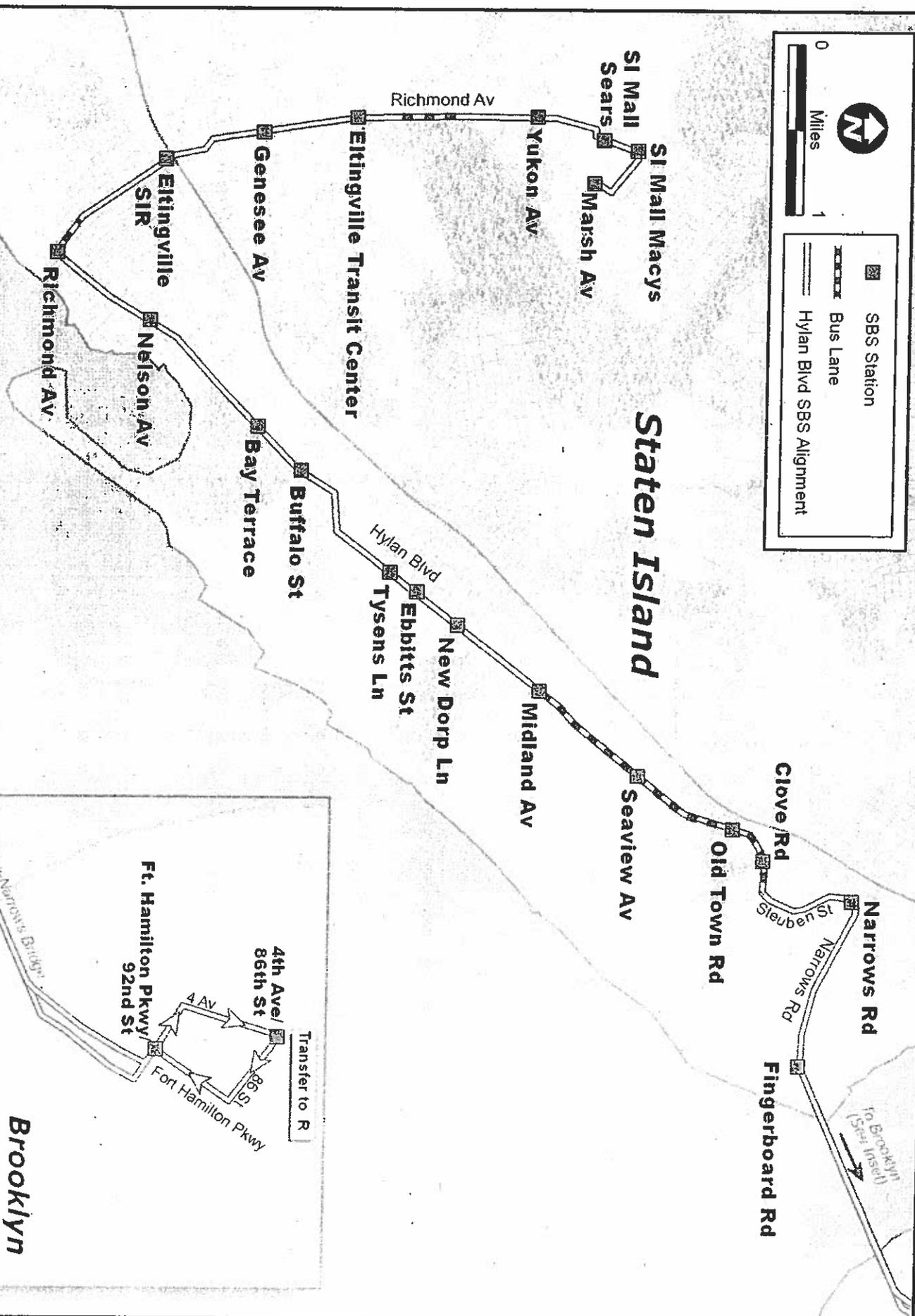


FIGURE 1. S79 SBS HYLAN BLVD ROUTE

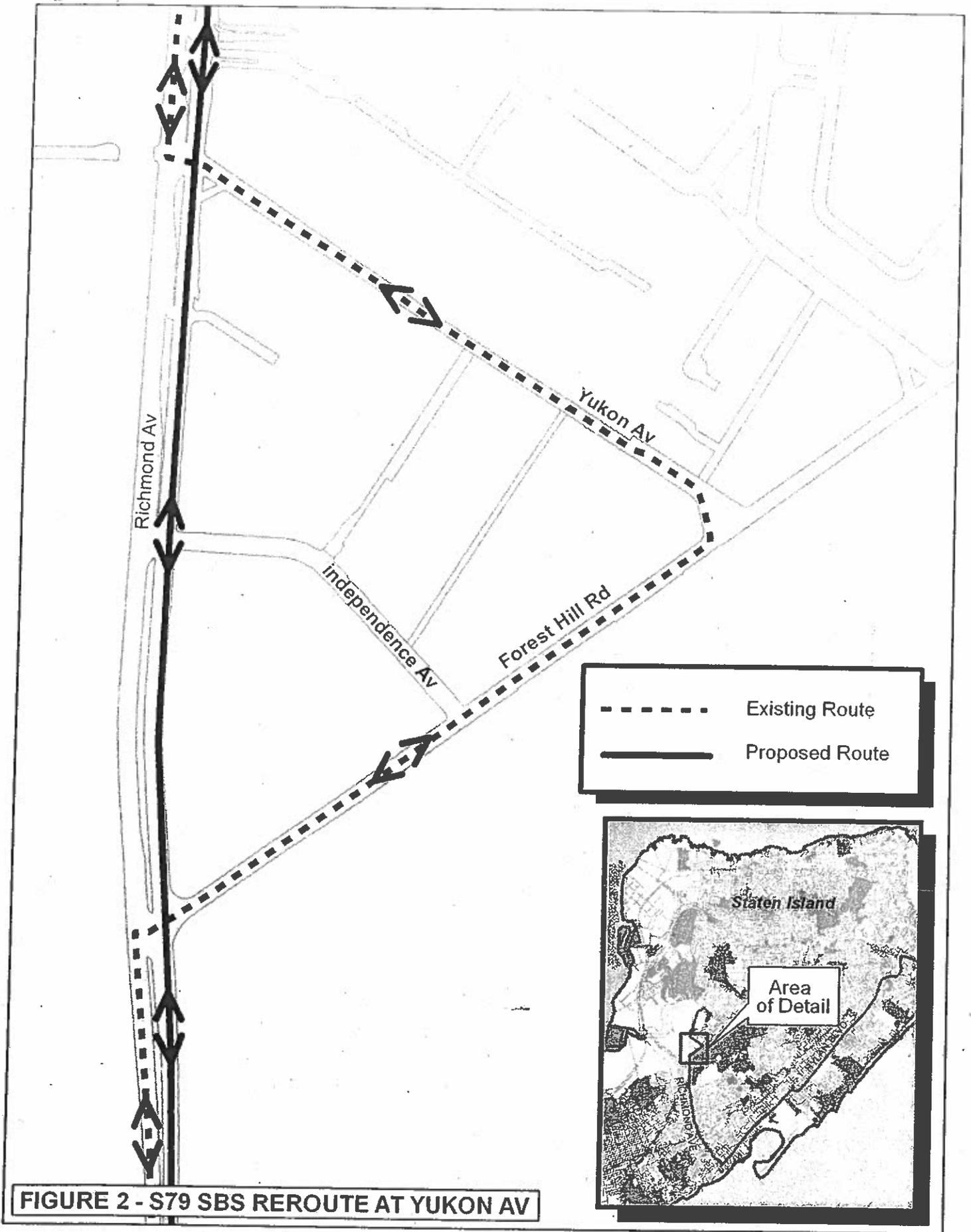


FIGURE 2 - S79 SBS REROUTE AT YUKON AV

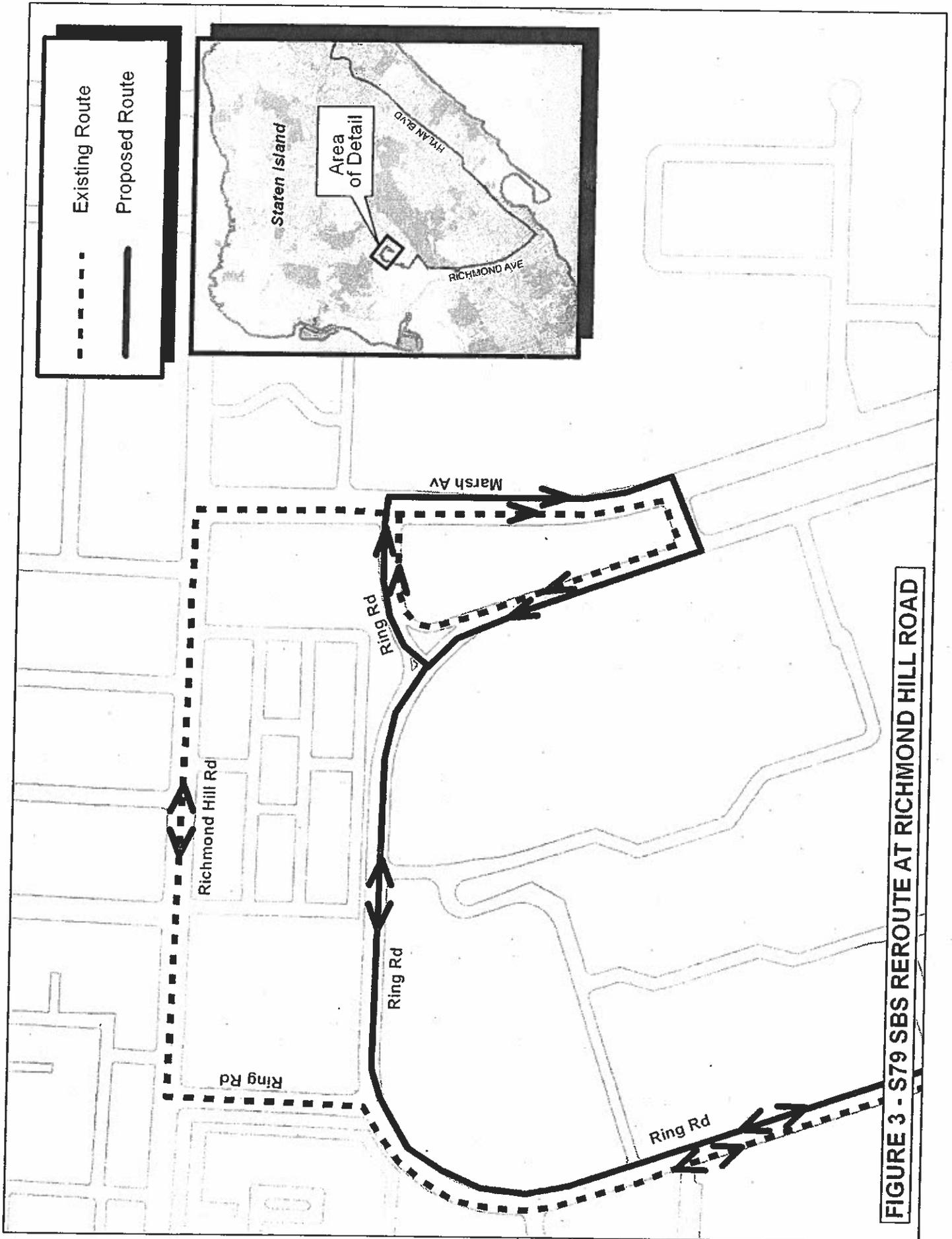
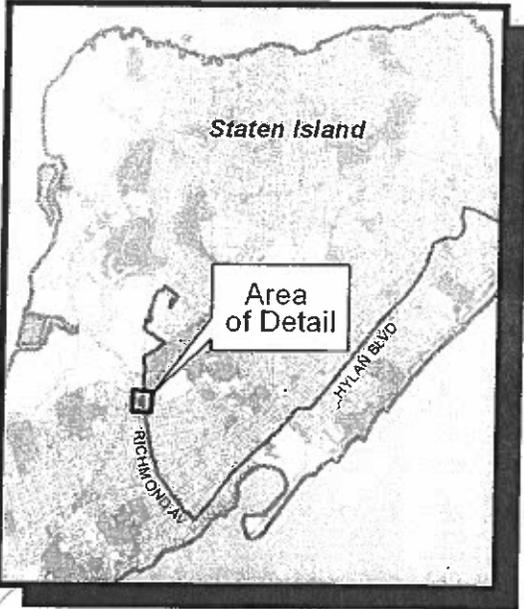


FIGURE 3 - S79 SBS REROUTE AT RICHMOND HILL ROAD

	Existing Route
	Proposed Route



No Change in Northbound Service to Brooklyn

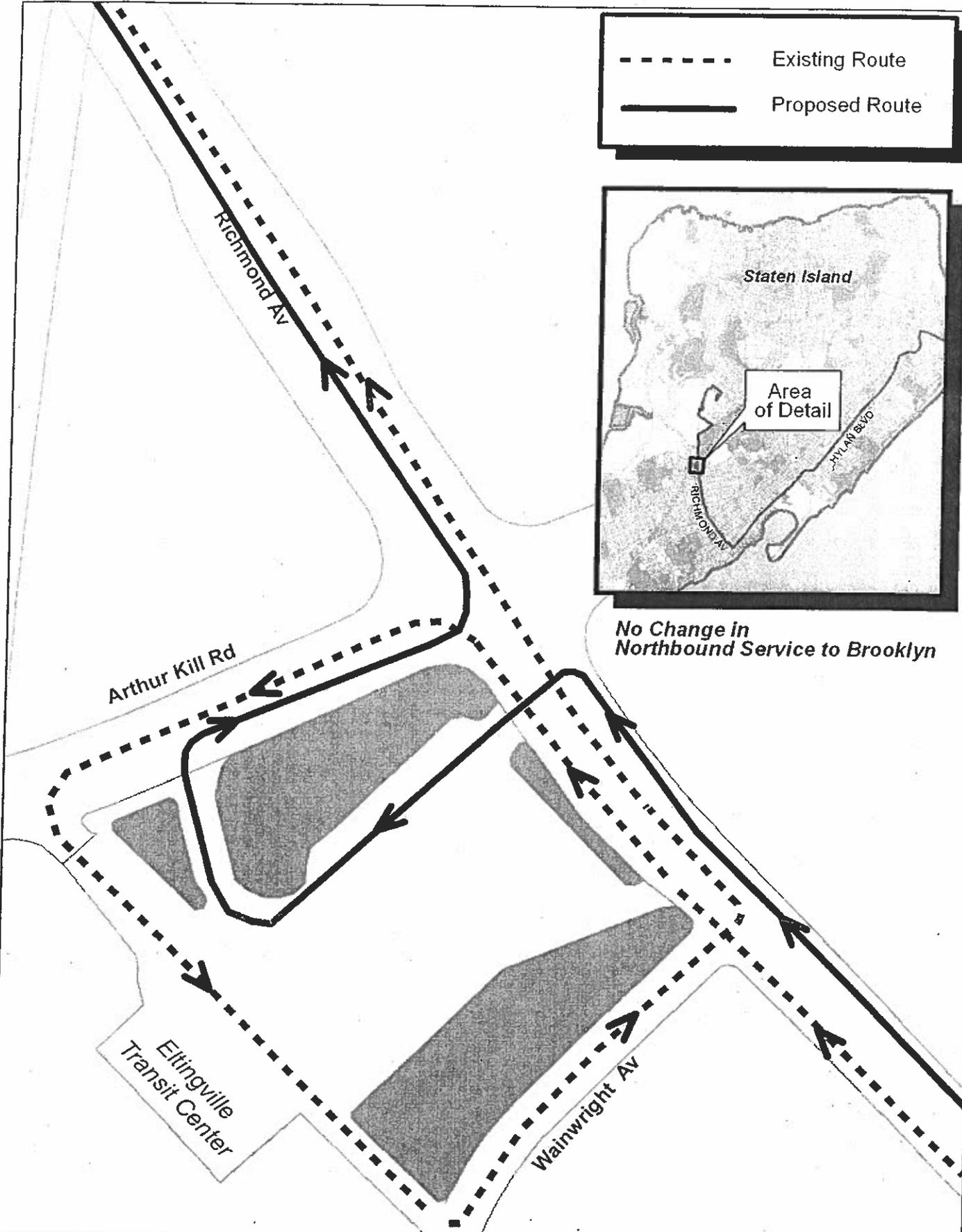


FIGURE 4 - ELTINGVILLE TRANSIT CENTER STATEN ISLAND MALL BOUND S79