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June 27, 2017

Mr. Tim Mulligan  
Acting President  
MTA Bridges and Tunnels  
2 Broadway  
New York, NY 10004

**Fax and Mail**

**Immediate Attention Required**

Dear Acting President Mulligan:

I am writing to follow up on my May 18<sup>th</sup> correspondence to you, 109<sup>th</sup> Precinct Deputy Inspector Judith Harrison, and Department of Transportation (DOT) Commissioner Polly Trottenberg, regarding severe traffic congestion in Northeast Queens due to construction on/near the Whitestone Bridge. The most severe traffic is specifically near the intersection of 147<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Road, on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, near the Whitestone Expressway, and on the Cross Island Parkway.

I appreciate your June 19<sup>th</sup> response explaining your efforts to mitigate the traffic conditions in the area. However, you should know that the conditions have only become worse since construction began, particularly on the weekends. Most motorists are at a dead stop most of the time, while others choose to completely ignore traffic lights and "Stop" signs.

Clearly more must be done as soon as possible to address the nightmarish traffic conditions that Queens residents are dealing with on a daily basis.

Under the circumstances, I would appreciate your letting me know what further actions you will take to alleviate the conditions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tony Avella'.

Tony Avella  
State Senator  
11<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

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