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October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

To The Members Of The Transportation Commission:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Commission will be held on **Wednesday October 19th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Common Council Chambers.

Enclosed please find:

- A. Agenda for the meeting of October 19, 2016.
- B. Minutes of the meeting held September 21, 2016.
- C. Correspondence pertaining to the agenda of the October 19, 2016 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Soyk, Acting Chairman  
by: Anthony Marena, Secretary

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# TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Agenda

October 19, 2016

### I. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on September 21, 2016.

### II. Old Business

### III. New Business

**1. Hillair Circle and Durham Road** - Request from Mr. Michael Zygmunt, to conduct a study of the intersection. He states that an accident with injuries recently occurred there and that the sight-lines are bad due to the curvature of the roadway.

*The staff recommended that the sight-lines be measured and that this item be held until next month.*

**2, Various Locations (Loading Zones)** - Request from Parking Department to consider revising the loading zones at several locations (see attached) to be active until 9PM (instead of 6PM).

*The staff recommended that all the locations on the list without taxi stands be revised to extend the loading zone till 9pm. The staff did not recommend any changes to the four locations which are also used as taxi stands.*

**3. 14 Martine Avenue** - Request from Mr. Greg Keenan, Uno Chicago Grill 14 Martine Avenue to revise the "No Parking Any Time" on Martine Avenue to 15 Minute parking for delivery vehicles.

*The staff recommended that the existing "No Parking Any Time" on the south side of Martine Avenue in front of 14 Martine Avenue be modified to a "15 Minute Parking" zone.*

**4. Mamaroneck Avenue and Main Street** - Request from Mr. Tim Fitzsimmons to review the intersection and possibly install bollards to protect pedestrians. He stated that recently an accident occurred in which a car hit the gate on Main Street near Grace Church.

*The staff reviewed the accident history at this location. The accidents data did show that some accidents have occurred involving cars striking the gate on Main Street in front of the church. However, most of the accidents occurred during the early morning hours and the drivers may have been under the influence. Based on this the staff did not recommend the installation of bollards.*

**5. South Kensico and Brockway Place** - Request from Mr. Carey Gouldner, 105 Greenridge Avenue to remove the dedicated turn lane on South Kensico at the Westpark garage. Mr. Gouldner states that the garage is not and has never been accessible from South Kensico. He also states that the garage is being used by car dealerships to store cars.

*The staff recommended that the dedicated left turn lane be removed during the next regularly scheduled paving of this roadway, The alleged storage of cars by car dealerships should be referred to The Building Department.*

**6. Main Street** - Request from the taxi committee, via the Mayor's office, to extend the taxi stand on Main Street in front of Walmart to include the area in front of the fire hydrant. They would like the additional space to pick up passengers.

*The staff reviewed the location and often observed taxis stopped in front of the hydrant, in the "No Stopping zone" closest to EJ Conroy Drive and sometimes double parked. The taxi stand can accommodate five taxis. The taxi stand was installed to facilitate passenger pick when hailing of taxis was prohibited. Based on the recent changes in the ordinance which allows the hailing of taxis the staff does not recommend any changes to the size of the zone.*

**7. Renaissance Square and Hamilton Avenue** - Request from the Parking Department to modify the six meters on the west side of Renaissance Square. Currently the meters are 1 hour meters till 6PM, 3 hours till 9PM. They are requesting that 4 meters be converted to "15 Minute meters till 9PM and that 2 of the meters become a taxi stand. The taxi stand on Hamilton Avenue would become two, 2 hour meters.

*The staff recommended the following;*

- 1. That the first two meters (closest to Main Street) on the west side of Renaissance Square be removed and a taxi stand for two taxis be created.*
- 2. That the remaining four meters on the west side of Renaissance Square be converted to "15 Minute meters till 9PM".*

3. *That the existing taxi stand on Hamilton Avenue be eliminated and that those two spaces become 2 hour meters.*

**8. Church Street and Rockledge Avenue** - Request from Mr. Brian Liu to install Stop signs on Church Street. Mr. Liu stated that an accident recently occurred at this location which is also a school bus stop. He feels stop signs would make the intersection safer.

*The staff reviewed the accident experience for this location. The data showed that six accidents correctable by a stop sign have been reported during a 12 month period. This is one of the federal warrants for the installation of a multi way stop. The staff recommended that enforcement be conducted at this location and to reevaluate this intersection at the December, 2016 meeting.*

#### **IV. Common Council Referrals**

**1. 301-303 Quarropas Street (a.k.a. "The Prelude")** - Request for a site plan amendment.

*The staff has concerns about the design of a single gate which requires alternating traffic. The staff suggests that this be redesigned to include two gates, one for ingress and one for egress.*

**2. 60 South Broadway ( Maple and Broadway Holdings, LLC)** - Request for an extension to the site plan approvals.

*The staff has no objections.*

**3. 52 North Broadway** - Communication from City Clerk on behalf of WP Development NB, LLC to amend a zoning ordinance to establish a new Zoning District entitled "Planned Residential Development" a mixed residential district that would include multi family rental housing units, graduate or professional school housing and an assisted living/memory care facility.

*The staff is not opposed to the zoning change, a traffic study should be submitted to The Commission if zoning is changed.*

**4. One Dekalb Avenue (One Dekalb, LLC)** - Request for a site plan and special permit approvals, and is requesting permission to purchase a 4522 square foot parcel of City owned land located in the unimproved Right of Way (R.O.W.) along Maple Avenue.

*The staff is not opposed to the applicant purchasing the 4522 square foot parcel. A review of the submitted plans revealed that many of the parking spaces adjacent to a wall (wall stalls) do not have any additional width. Generally spaces located adjacent to wall are wider to allow for entry/exiting of the vehicle.*

**V. Addendum**

# TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday September 21, 2016

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No. 11

Members Present: Tom Soyk, Deputy Commissioner of Parking  
John P. Larson, Commissioner of Parking  
Anthony Carr, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works (for R. Hope)  
Daniel Spencer, Deputy Corporation Counsel (for J. Callahan)  
James R. Bradley, Deputy Commissioner (for D. Chong)  
Eileen McClain, Senior Planner (for C. Gomez)  
Melissa Briggs  
Ken Burford

Staff Members Present: Anthony Marena, Transportation Engineer  
Nicholas Kralik Capt.-Commander, Traffic Div.  
Edward Ignazewski, Supervisor of Enforcement

Members Absent:

Staff Members Absent:

Others Present: Carey Gouldner  
Rich Constantino

### I. Approval of Minutes

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the August 17, 2016 meeting was approved.**

## II. Old Business

1. **Greenridge Avenue** - Request from Mr. Carey Gouldner, 105 Greenridge Avenue to create a "No Parking 10AM to 11AM Monday thru Friday" on the west side of Greenridge Avenue between Bryant Avenue and Stratford Avenue or possibly an additional block to Bolton Avenue. Mr. Gouldner states that this section of roadway is filled with all day parkers and that often a van has been observed waiting to pick up all day parkers to take them downtown.

*The staff has sent letters to the residents in the area and has received several responses, however the staff recommended that this item be held another month to allow time for additional responses.*

Deputy Commissioner Soyk stated: In the last week, more responses were received with only one opposed to this new regulation. It is not recommended to hold this item for additional time because it is not likely the numbers will change. It is recommended to proceed with granting the request. Mr. Gouldner added that the problem has been going on for years and residents have been hoping it would go away when he finally decided to write the letter. It interferes with garbage pickup. It was recommended by Deputy Commissioner Soyk that the regulation be put in to effect by placing signs on Greenridge Avenue between Bryant Avenue and Stratford Avenue.

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the recommendation of Deputy Commissioner Soyk.**

## III. New Business

1. **Overlook Road** - Request from Ms. Beth Wooters, 80 Overlook Road to remove the "2 Hour Parking" on Overlook Road. She states she often receives tickets and does not feel the restriction is needed since it is a residential area.

*The staff has already sent letters to the residents in the area and has received several responses, however the staff recommended that this item be held another month to allow time for additional responses.*

Deputy Commissioner Soyk commented that it did not seem like we would get many additional responses and he believed that we could identify a location to cut regulations based on the responses so far. The recommendation made was to remove the regulation north of the southern boundary of address number 90 for that section of Overlook Road. The regulation was a two hour regulation.

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved Deputy Commissioner Soyk's recommendation.**

**2. Hall Avenue @ Woodale Place** - Request from Mr. Richard Constantino, 998 Hall Avenue to install a Stop sign on Hall Avenue southbound. Mr. Constantino has witnessed many near misses and this location is also a school bus stop. He feels a stop sign would make the intersection safer.

*The staff field reviewed the location and accident history. The accident history did not show a pattern of accidents correctable by the installation of an all way stop. Stop signs are not installed to reduce the speeds of motorists. The federal warrants for an all way stop are not met at this intersection. Based on the warrants not being met, the staff did not recommend all way stop at this intersection.*

Mr. Constantino addressed the Commission he disagreed that a stop sign would not make a difference. He stressed the need to be proactive and not reactive. There is a bus stop in the area that is of concern. You cannot see coming down Hall and people entering the City from West Harrison are speeding. He has letters from the neighbors and has been working with the police department. He felt that there must be some kind of deterrent.

Deputy Commissioner Soyk suggested that there are other adjustments that can help the present problems at that intersection. DPW can address the growth and request that homeowner's in the

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area cut back to improve sight distance. A temporary electronic sign can be installed that initially takes baseline data and then records speed in the area and displays the current speed to drivers. The information is shared with police to follow up with enforcement as needed.

Deputy Commissioner Soyk added that there were not a lot of accidents in that area but we will address the concerns with our available resources.

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.**

**3. Mamaroneck Ave** - Request from Ms. Jennifer Hahn, to increase the parking meter time limit for the meters on Mamaroneck Avenue in the vicinity of the YMCA. She states that the YMCA does not have any parking for members and that the current one hour limit is not adequate for working out there.

*The staff discussed Ms. Hahn's request and based on the majority of the businesses in this area needing short term parking. Since there are municipal lots and garages nearby they did not recommend any changes to the time limit for these meters.*

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.**

#### **IV. COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**1. 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue (OSG Mamaroneck, LLC)** - Request for extension to the special permit and site plan approvals.

*The staff has no traffic related concerns.*

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.**

**2. 12 Water Street (Westchester Bank) - Request to relocate an existing exterior sign at 12 Water Street.**

*The staff has no traffic related concerns.*

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.**

**V. ADDENDUM**

**1. West Post Road (The Boulevard) - Request from the Planning Department to discuss the previously proposed "bulb out" on West Post Road in front of "The Boulevard" site.**

There has been further discussion with DPW regarding one location the intersection of Post Road at Highland Avenue. While "bulb outs" can be a problem for the plows, it has the positive impact of making the crosswalk distance shorter. It was recommended that there be only one crossing at Highland which would be on the east side of that Highland and Post intersection. The "bulb out" would be on the south side of that crosswalk. That will be the only bulb out for this site.

The Commission would have to modify the correspondence to the council regarding the change to the plan in that regard.

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the change.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:45AM.**



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## Fwd: Intersection of Hillarie Circle and Durham Rd.

1 message

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**Soyk, Thomas** <tsoyk@whiteplainsny.gov>

Fri, Sep 16, 2016 at 4:57 PM

To: Anthony Marena <amarena@whiteplainsny.gov>

For TC next month

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From: **Michael Zygmunt** <mzwired@optonline.net>

Date: Fri, Sep 16, 2016 at 3:14 PM

Subject: Intersection of Hillarie Circle and Durham Rd.

To: [tsoyk@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:tsoyk@whiteplainsny.gov)

Commissioner Soyk,

On Friday Sept. 16, 2016 at approx. 1: 05 PM there was a 2 car accident at the intersection of the above mentioned subject. One driver was unhurt and the other was taken for medical treatment for left arm injury. Weather was clear, roads were completely dry, temperature approx. 75 degrees.

I live 3 houses away on Durham Rd and was home at time of accident. I heard collision, grabbed cell phone and ran down the street to render and needed help. Police and ambulance were called and all matters were taken care of.

After talking with one driver, who was traveling south on Durham Rd. claimed that after stopping at "stop sign" he pulled out not seeing anyone coming East on Hillarie Circle and was hit by an SUV.

I have personally been almost hit at that same intersection, pulling out the same way. The intersection has very bad visibility by virtue of the fact that the roadway curves slightly and some existing bushes that should probably be cut back, block ones ability to see the oncoming traffic and speed of the oncoming cars up Hillaire is always an issue.

Would you please visit this intersection and perhaps make some recommendations as to what may resolve this problem.

Please feel free to contact me via e mail

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**Thomas J. Soyk, PE, PTOE**

Deputy Commissioner of Parking

City Transportation Engineer

City of White Plains

255 Main Street Annex

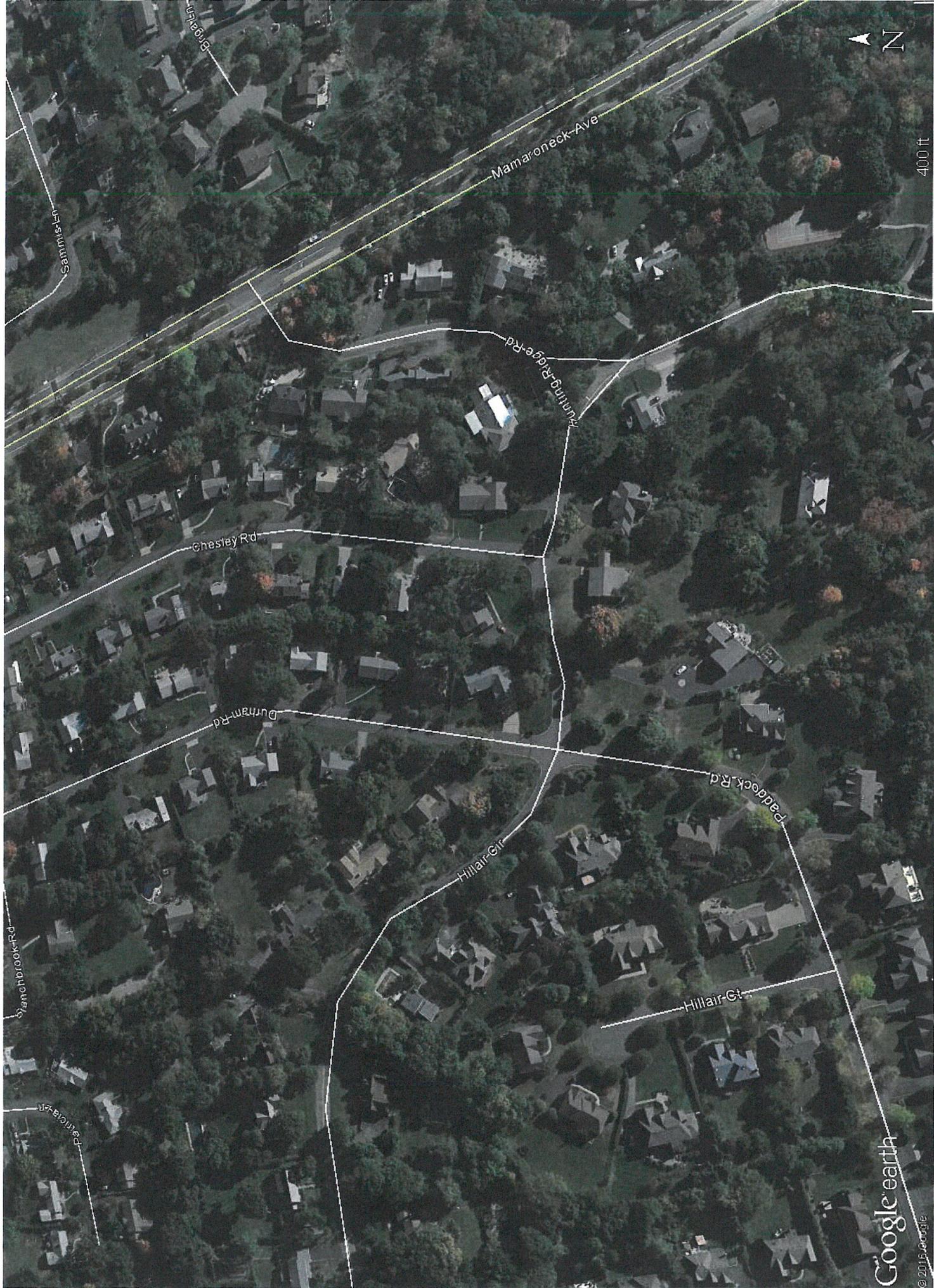
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The following is a list of loading zones to consider extending the enforcement time to 9 PM.

30 Mam'k Ave

95 Mam'k Ave

100 Mam'k Ave

124 Mam'k Ave

169 Mam'k Ave (Turns to taxi stand 6PM - 4AM)

180 Mam'k Ave (Turns to taxi stand 6PM - 4AM)

197 Mam'k Ave

210 Mam'k Ave

169 E. Post Rd

170 E. Post Rd

185 E. Post Rd

193 E. Post Rd

209 E. Post Rd (Turns to taxi stand 6PM - 4AM)

228 E. Post Rd (Turns to taxi stand 10PM - 4AM)

Mitchell Pl

199 Main St

19 Court St

51 Court St

**From:** Gregory Keenan <[gp.keenan@gmail.com](mailto:gp.keenan@gmail.com)>

**Date:** September 7, 2016 at 3:35:25 PM EDT

**To:** [tsoyk@whiteplains.ny.gov](mailto:tsoyk@whiteplains.ny.gov)

**Cc:** Franchise-White Plains <[fn113@unos.com](mailto:fn113@unos.com)>, Mary Ann Keenan <[keenan.ma@gmail.com](mailto:keenan.ma@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** UNO request to change NO Parking Sign

Dear Mr. Soyk,

Persuant to our conversation, we are requesting that the NO Parking area between the two light poles in front of Uno Chicago Grill be redesignated 15 minute parking for delivery vehicles. This area is a cut out lane that has been used by one or two UNO delivery drivers in clearly identified delivery vehicles between 11am and 10pm for the past 8 years. It is also often used by UPS and Fedex to drop off packages. The cut out makes stopping safe. Please advise if I can assist this process in any way. Thank you for your help.

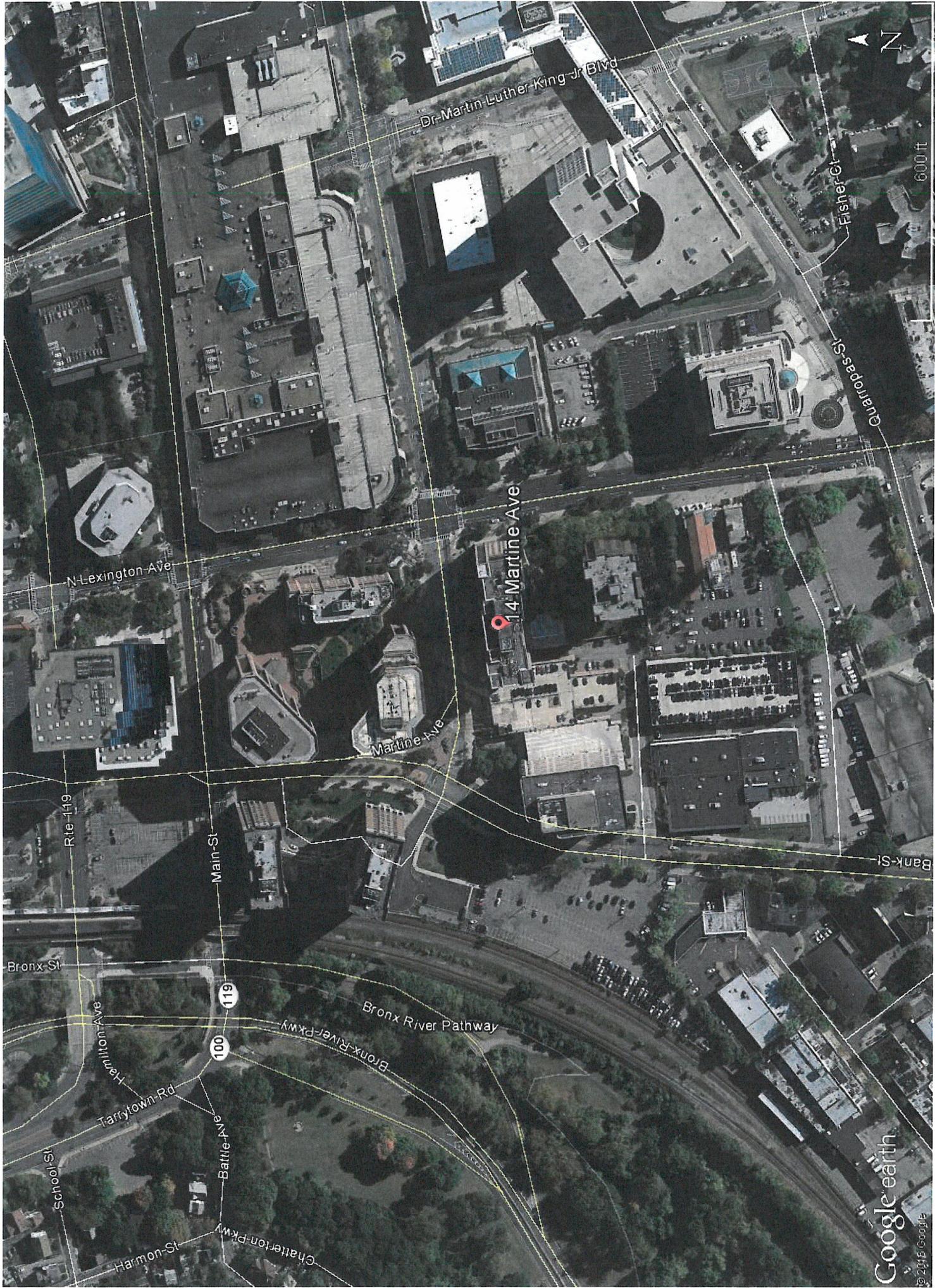
Greg Keenan

UNO

14 Martine Ave.

White Plains, NY

Greg Keenan



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd

Fisher St  
Quarpois St

600 ft



N-Lexington Ave

14 Martine Ave

Martine Ave

Bank St

Rte 119

Main St

Bronx St

Harrison Ave

119

100

Bronx River Pkwy

Bronx River Pathway

Tarrytown Rd

Battle Ave

School St

Harmon St

Chatterton Pkwy

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## Fwd: Safety Issue mamaroneck and main

1 message

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**Soyk, Thomas** <tsoyk@whiteplainsny.gov>  
To: Anthony Marena <amarena@whiteplainsny.gov>

Mon, Sep 26, 2016 at 8:38 AM

For TC ?

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From: **Martinez, Russell** <[rmartinez@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:rmartinez@whiteplainsny.gov)>  
Date: Mon, Sep 26, 2016 at 8:35 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Safety Issue mamaroneck and main  
To: Thomas Soyk <[tsoyk@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:tsoyk@whiteplainsny.gov)>

Tom,

Please see below email.

Russell

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From: **Tim Fitzsimmons** <[TFitzsimmons@icappelli.com](mailto:TFitzsimmons@icappelli.com)>  
Date: Sat, Sep 24, 2016 at 5:47 PM  
Subject: Safety Issue mamaroneck and main  
To: Russell Martinez <[rmartinez@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:rmartinez@whiteplainsny.gov)>, Walter Simon <[waltsimon907@gmail.com](mailto:waltsimon907@gmail.com)>

Russell,

Would like help with addressing what is a serious if not fatal accident waiting to happen.

Last Saturday night, a car coming down Mamaroneck did not make the right hand curve onto Main, and drove straight into the gate of the park next to the Church.

The gate of the church, immediately adjacent to the park shows evidence of multiple similar mishaps, most recently last night, the offending fender currently sitting on the sidewalk on Main.

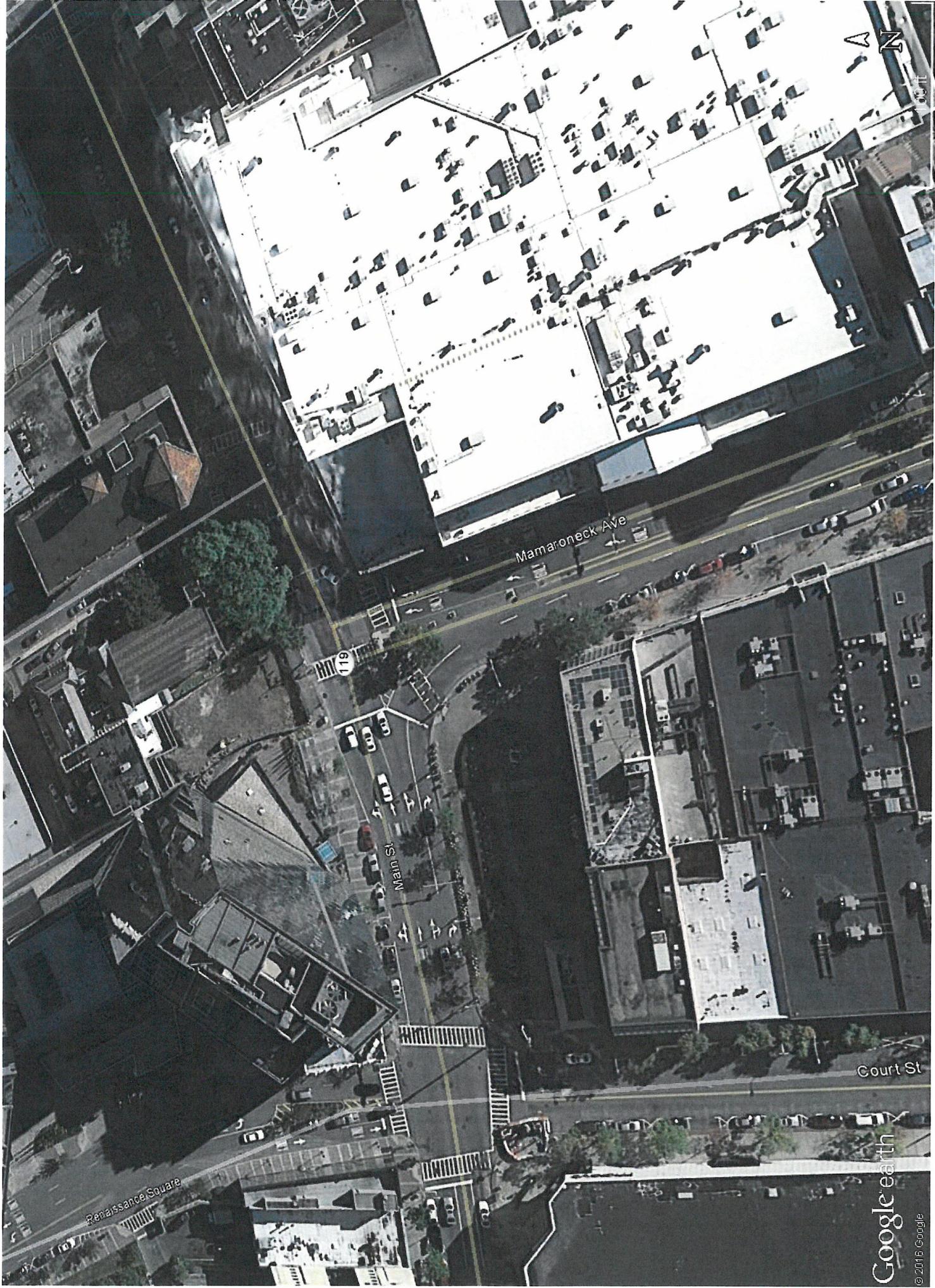
I can't help but think it is only a matter of time before there is a pedestrian sandwiched in a similar event.

What can be done?? bollards??

Please advise who I should be speaking to if not yourself.

Thanks

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone



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Mamaroneck Ave

Main St

Renaissance Square

Court St

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From: **Carey Gouldner** <[careyjulie@rocketmail.com](mailto:careyjulie@rocketmail.com)>

Date: Sun, Oct 2, 2016 at 7:28 PM

Subject: Traffic Commission Agenda Item

To: [tsoyk@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:tsoyk@whiteplainsny.gov)

October 2nd, 2016

Dear Commissioner Soyk:

I am requesting that the dedicated left-turn lane, going northbound on S.Kensico Avenue at the intersection of Brockway Place in White Plains, leading to the closed and gated parking ramp entrance to the upper floors of the parking structure over the Stop & Shop Supermarket, be discontinued forthwith.

This "Turning Lane to No Where" has not had even one (1) motor vehicle use said lane to enter inter to the ramp leading to the upper floors in over ten (10) years! The ownership of the Westpark Garage have never opened up the upper floors to shoppers wishing to park there while patronizing the Stop & Shop Supermarket. It has now become a storage center for overstocked new cars which are currently unsold by the dealerships owning said vehicles!

The gates have never, to my knowledge, been unlocked and left open. The Residents and Taxpayers of the City of White Plains have never had the opportunity to park on the upper floors of this parking garage while shopping at the Shop & Stop Supermarket.

Whereas Arizona stores the airline industry's 'moth balled' planes and aircraft out in the desert, we here in White Plains are now competing for the title of the 'America's New Car Storage City for the World'!

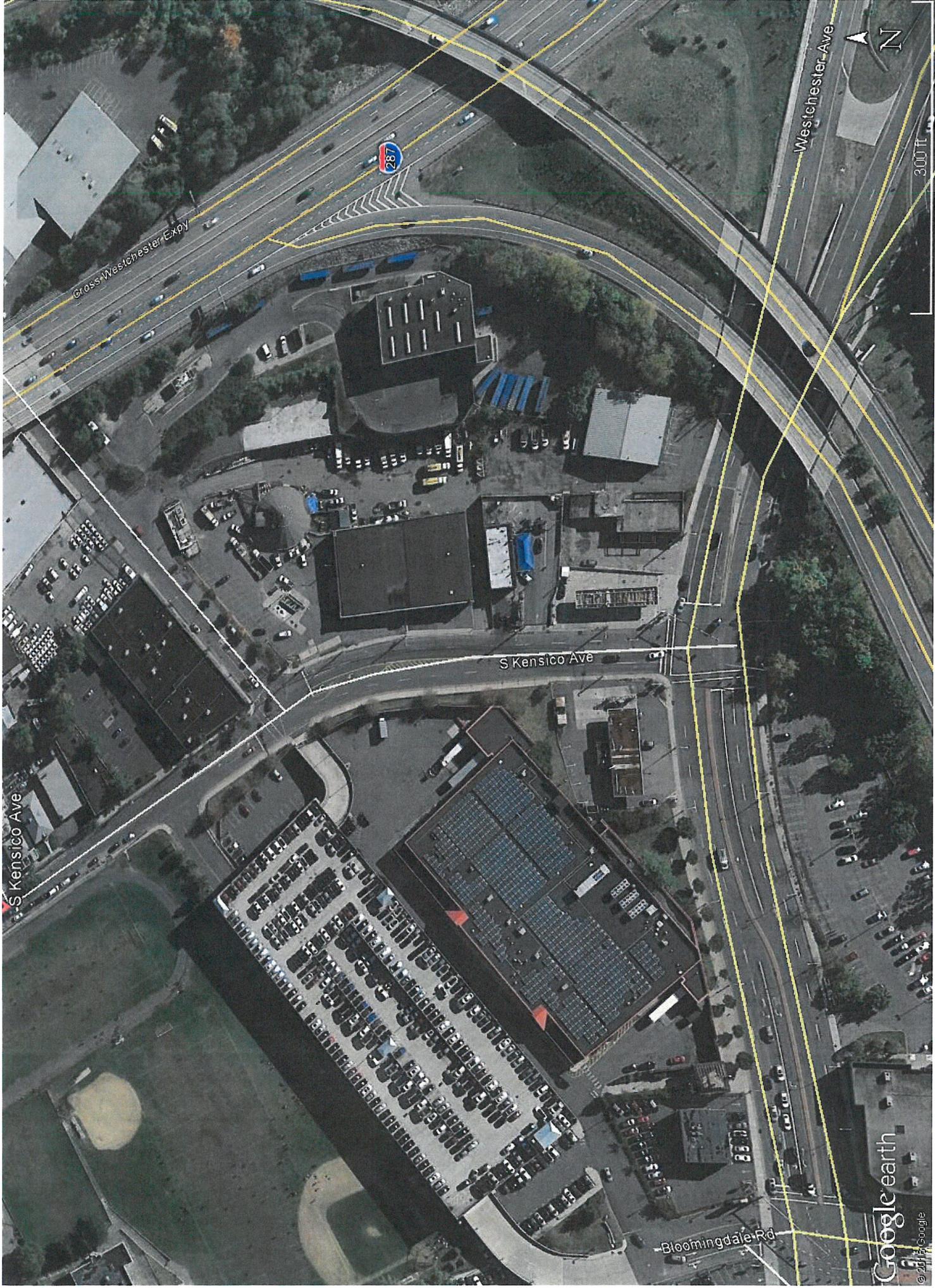
I went to a number of the Public Hearings when the Stop & Shop Zoning Changes & Site Plans were before the Common Council and no documents ever spoke to the garage being using by Car Dealerships for permanent long-term storage of new motor vehicles!

If the City of White Plains is powerless to ameliorate the automobile storage conundrum, then at least the roadway, which is rightfully the property of all of the Residents/Taxpayers of our City should be returned to full usage for south to north vehicular traffic.

If you have any further questions or need any additional information, I can be reached at [914-942-1111](tel:914-942-1111) (cell).

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Carey Gouldner  
105 Greenridge Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10605



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Westchester Ave

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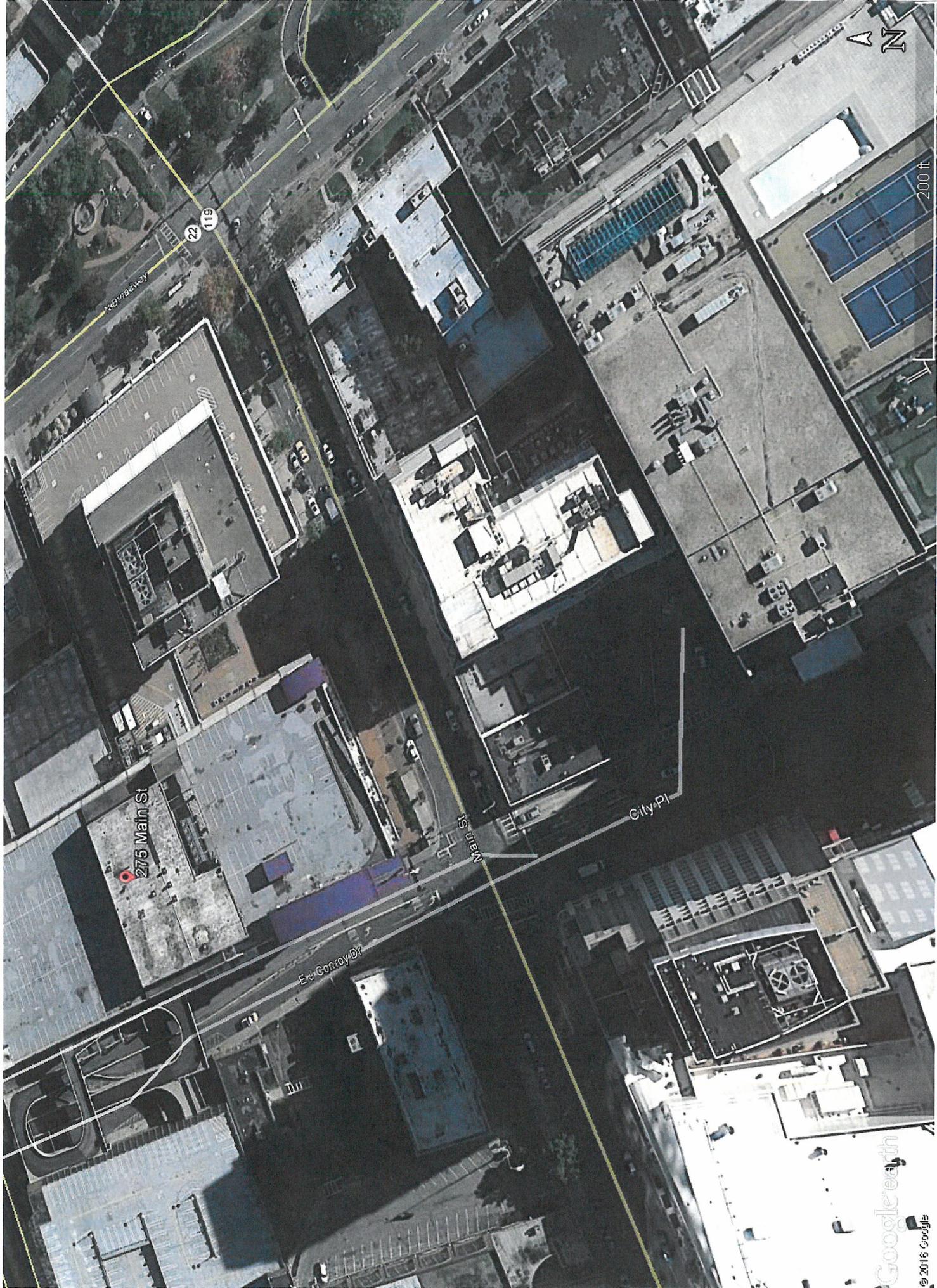
S Kensico Ave

S Kensico Ave

Bloomingdale Rd

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275 Main St

200 ft





E-J Conroy Dr

City Pl

Mamaroneck Ave

Church St

119

Renaissance Square

Court St

Cottage Pl

Baker Ave

Hamilton Ave

Jr King Jr Blvd

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From: **Liu, Brian** <[Brian.Liu@nypa.gov](mailto:Brian.Liu@nypa.gov)>

Date: Thu, Oct 6, 2016 at 6:32 PM

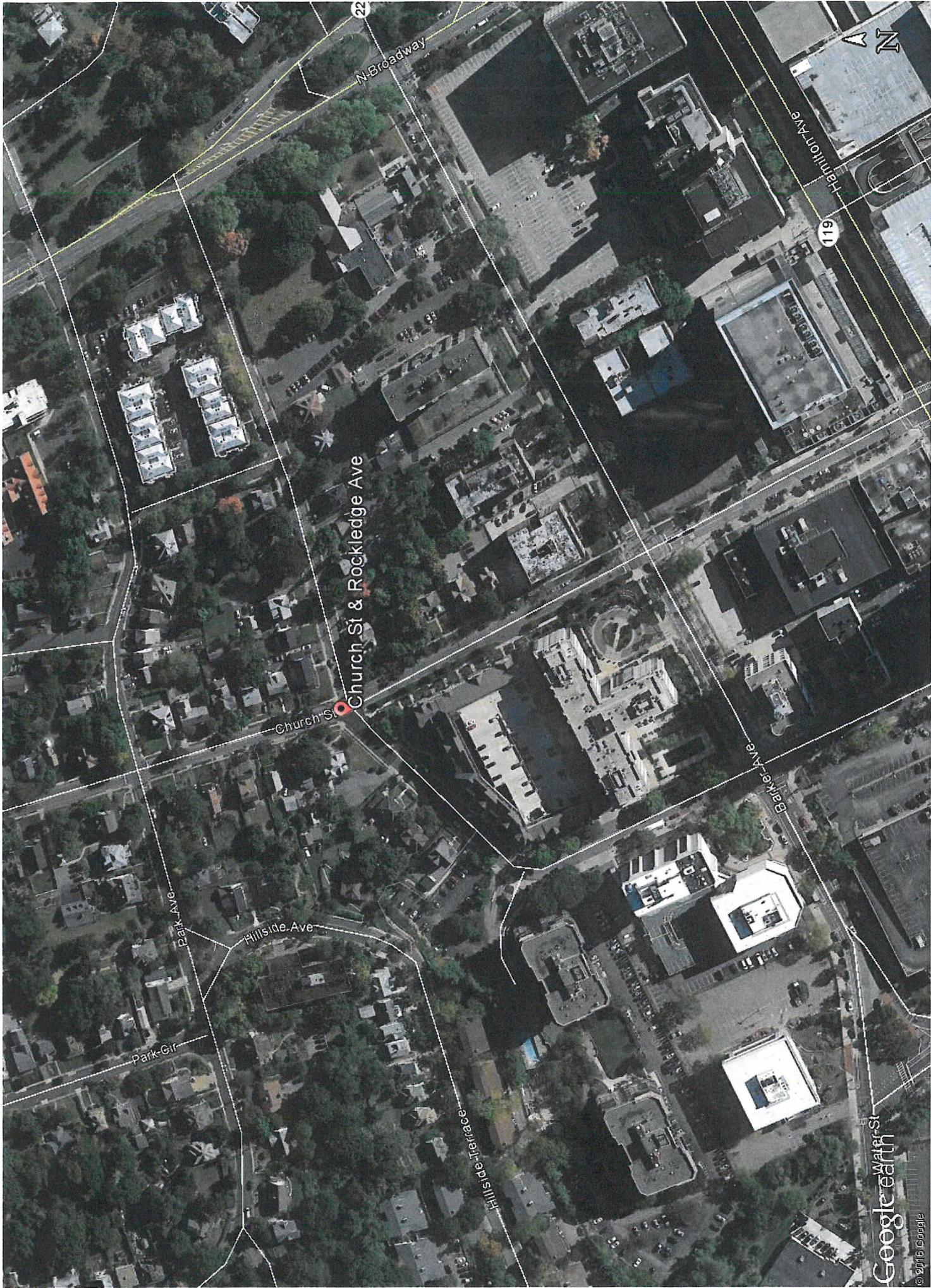
Subject: 4-way stop needed

To: "[parking@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:parking@whiteplainsny.gov)" <[parking@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:parking@whiteplainsny.gov)>

Dear City of White Plains,

My daughter's school bus stop is at the corner of Church and Rockledge. This intersection is a 2-way stop instead of a 4-way stop. The city needs to make this intersection a 4-way stop. It is too dangerous, especially for a popular corner where children and families are getting on/off buses.

See attached photos  
of an accident that just occurred this evening.



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N Broadway



HAMILTON AVE

611

Church St & Rockledge Ave

Church St

Baker Ave

Park Ave

Hillside Ave

Park Cir

Hillside Terrace

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