

MESSAGE OF THE WEEK (8-6-2007)

Today, SIEDC is proud to announce that it has created a Community and a Technical Task Force to assist with the West Shore Light Rail Phase II Study. Government and community leaders from both on and off Staten Island have been invited to participate, as well as three members of the local media. The role of the Community Task Force will be to provide the consultant guidance as to the local community needs, transportation concerns and rider-ship interest. The role of the Technical Task Force will be to evaluate the consultant's work and to provide feedback and guidance on technical matters. We expect to hire the West Shore Light Rail Consultant sometime in November. SIEDC has invited these individuals or asked that they appoint members of their staff to serve on the Community or Technical Task Forces:

Community Task Force –

Borough President James P. Molinaro
Congressman Vito Fosella
Senator Charles Schumer
Senator Hillary Clinton
Councilman James Oddo
Councilman Michael McMahon
Councilman Vincent Ignizio
Linda Baran, President of the SICC
Sandy Krueger, SIBOR
Larry Brinker, Building Industry Association of NYC
Brian Laline, Staten Island Advance
Brien Kelley, Time Warner
Dan McDonough, Staten Island Business Trends
Joe Carroll, Community Board One
Debra Derrico, Community Board Two
Marie Bodnar, Community Board Three

Technical Task Force –

Borough President's Transportation Director
Amanda Burden, Department of City Planning
Peter Kalikow, MTA
Anthony Coscia, Port Authority
Janette Sadik-Khan, Department of Transportation
Robert Lieber, NYC EDC.