



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Martin J. Golden

Senator Golden Wants to Hear From Express Bus Riders

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Senator Golden Plans Visits to Local Bus Stops to Mobilize Community Against Planned Express Bus Service Cuts

Brooklyn- State Senator Marty Golden (R-C-I, Brooklyn) today is announcing that he will begin distributing a survey at local express bus stops to riders of the X 27/X37 and the X 28/X38 bus routes in an effort to mobilize commuters against planned service cuts.

The survey is designed to give local express bus commuters in Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, and Bensonhurst, an opportunity to share their comments related to the planned service cuts which are scheduled to go into effect in June. In their proposed service changes, the Metropolitan Transit Authority has approved the consolidation of the X27/X37 routes and the X28/X38 routes which operated during weekday rush hour. The entire elimination of weekend express service on the X27 and the X28 has also been approved as part of their cost cutting measures.

Senator Marty Golden stated, "If the proposals approved by the MTA go into effect you can say goodbye to express bus service as we know it. The communities of Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Bensonhurst depend upon the express bus service to get to and from Manhattan. We need to mobilize, we need to fight back against this plan, and we have to do

everything in our power to stop this from happening. These are not empty threats, these cuts are very real.”

Golden continued, “My staff and I will be distributing a survey at express bus stops over the next couple of weeks, so to find out directly what impact these cuts will have on the daily commute of the residents of my district. At the same time, we will be asking riders to sign our petition against these cuts, and to take copies, and have fellow commuters, neighbors, friends and family sign the petition and respond to the survey. I will share the information with the MTA and make the case for the community at the March 3rd public hearing and in meetings and discussions along the way.”

Senator Golden encourages anyone interested in completing the survey, or helping to distribute it, to contact his office at (718) 238-6044 or visit his website at golden.nysenate.gov. The survey can be returned via regular mail to Senator Golden’s office at 7408-5th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11209 or via fax at (718) 238-6170.

The full text of the survey is below.

State Senator Martin J. Golden

2010 Express Bus Survey and Questionnaire

WEEKDAY EXPRESS BUS SERVICE :

Which stop do you board the Express Bus going to Manhattan?

From which stop do you board the Express Bus going from Manhattan?

Which express bus do you ride, X-27/X-37 or X-28/X-38?

Do you use the Express Bus Service on a regular basis? _____ How Often? _____

How would the consolidation of the lines impact your commute? _____

Would you no longer use the X-27/X-28 or X-28/X-38 if these routes were combined?

COMMUTE TIME:

How long do you wait for an Express Bus in the morning? _____

How long do you wait for an Express Bus in the evening? _____

What is the length of your commute? _____

WEEKEND SERVICE:

Do you know that there is Weekend Express Bus Service? _____

If yes, do you use this service? _____

Do you know that the MTA is planning to discontinue this service? _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAILADDRESS: _____

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, PLEASE WRITE ON THE
REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAGE

Please return to: Senator Martin J. Golden

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