



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Gianaris Statement on Possible Citibike Deal

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Senator Michael Gianaris released the following statement regarding a possible deal to revive and expand Citibike.

"As news of a possible deal to revive and expand Citibike inches closer to becoming a reality, I renew my commitment to fighting for the inclusion of our neighborhoods in this innovative program. As a result of our hard work since bike share's debut, the DOT promised to include Astoria, Long Island City and Sunnyside in the next phases of expansion. I will work to ensure that those promises are kept no matter the details of any coming deal. Western Queens remains home to some of the most bike friendly neighborhoods in the city, and some of the most underserved by mass transit, making our community perfect for Citibike," said Senator Gianaris.

Since Citibike's debut, Senator Gianaris has worked with DOT to ensure that Astoria and other western Queens neighborhoods will be included in the program. Senator Gianaris formally requested that western Queens be included in any plans for future Citibike expansion in a letter to the Mayor and DOT in July of 2013. In August 2013, Senator Gianaris announced that DOT committed to including Astoria and Sunnyside in future phases of bike share expansion, in addition to its previous commitment to expand to Long Island City. Senator Gianaris will continue working with DOT, community members, and local leaders to

successfully bring Citibike to western Queens and make these exciting plans a reality as soon as possible.

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