

State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. Statement on Mayor Bill De Blasio's Citywide Ferry System Announcement

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"I thank the mayor for recognizing the transportation needs of my constituents in the Rockaways and also for acknowledging the economic potential the Peninsula holds. I have said and will say again, a ferry service is the Rockaways most viable transportation option and can bring great economic advantages. Including the Rockaways as part of a citywide ferry system to me makes it a more secure service that will hopefully continue permanently.

However, while I warmly welcome the announcement of this new system, my Rockaway constituents still need immediate help regarding transportation, perhaps by temporarily reinstating the former Rockaway Ferry service or improve public buses. I look forward to immediately working with the mayor and his administration to ensure this system is effectively executed and to ultimately make the isolation of the Rockaways an issue of the past."