



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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# **SENATOR GOLDEN ANNOUNCES MTA BOARD MAKES X-28 WEEKEND SERVICE PERMANENT**

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Brooklyn - State Senator Martin J. Golden (R-C-I, Brooklyn) today is applauding the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) for their decision at yesterday's Board meeting that permanently reinstates weekend service on the X-28 express bus.

Golden is calling the decision "good for the community, good for the environment, and good for the economy."

The full MTA Board today confirmed a recommendation of the Authority's NYC Transit and MTA Bus Committee to permanently reinstate the service, which had been restored on a 6-month trial basis in September 2016. The X-28 weekend service was discontinued as part of the MTA's 2010 service reduction plan.

Senator Golden has been advocating since the cuts, most recently submitting testimony at a public hearing in April, supporting the restoration of this weekend service. Golden's position on the service is based on countless requests from area residents who asserted that the weekend service provided them with the opportunity to shop, visit entertainment venues and go to work on the weekends without using personal vehicles "The X-28 is a lifeline for our communities to Manhattan on the weekend," Golden said.

The service operates between West 37<sup>th</sup> Street/Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, and Madison Avenue/East 57<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan. Saturday service operates to Manhattan from 6:00 a.m. to 8:15 p.m., and Brooklyn-bound service, 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. On Sundays, the X-28 operates to Manhattan from 7:00 a.m. to 7:15 p.m., with Brooklyn-bound buses running between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. On Saturdays, buses run every 30-40 minutes, and on Sundays, every 30-60 minutes.

"I thank the MTA Board for making a decision in the best interest of our community," Golden said. "The X-28 is an essential part of our mass transit system, and weekend service is warranted by the ridership that we've seen during the trial period."

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