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## State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. Statement on State of the City Announcements for the Rockaways

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"The Mayor's announcements regarding the Rockaways gives me hope the Peninsula can emerge from decades of isolation stronger than ever. It is high time our city make use of the area's untapped economic, commercial potential. Infrastructure upgrades are necessary to keep our community safe from any future storms and to also assure new residents that residing in the Rockaways is a one-of-a-kind experience. A ferry service is the icing on that cake -- if the Peninsula is accessible, it is desirable.

However, in the interim, it is important to establish a temporary, reliable form of transportation. The year 2017 is not exactly around the corner, and my constituents need improved transportation now. Furthermore, I have my questions and concerns about an aggressive infrastructure upgrade. Bringing thousands of new residents to the Peninsula can be an advantage but also a potential risk in the event of a future storm. I look forward to working with the Mayor and his administration to examine the details of each proposal and to ensure this plan is laid out smoothly and will benefit my constituents."