

Statement by Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. on Increasing Cost of Select Bus Service Proposal

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"With Commissioner Trottenberg's admission that the cost of the SBS proposal for Woodhaven-Cross Bay Boulevard has risen to \$400 million – double the original estimate – it is now more clear than ever that we must examine if the cost outweighs the benefit of the SBS proposal. My constituents deserve better transportation, but is lengthy construction and an absurdly high price tag, paid for with money collected from taxpayers who remain divided with their stance on SBS, worth it? In my opinion, DOT's plan for Woodhaven-Cross Bay Boulevard could wind up being nothing more than a careless and irresponsible use of city dollars and that should not be tolerated by residents who live and travel along this corridor every day. For \$400 million, I believe the city can do better."