



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

MetroCard Returning to Addabbo's District

JOSEPH P. ADDABBO JR. March 14, 2016

| ISSUE: **MTA (METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY), TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC TRANSIT**

Howard Beach, NY (March 15, 2016) Later this month, the MetroCard Van will make two appearances in Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.'s district in order to assist his constituents with their public transportation needs.

On Wednesday, March 30, the van will be stationed in two different locations throughout the day, allowing residents to purchase and refill MetroCards in spots that are convenient for them. The MetroCard Van will be stationed in front of the Howard Beach Senior Center, located at 155-55 Cross Bay Boulevard, from 10 a.m. to noon and will then relocate to Senator Addabbo's Rockaway Office, at 88-08 Rockaway Beach Boulevard, from 1 to 3 p.m. The staff on board will be selling unlimited and pay-per-ride MetroCards and will also be equipped to add money to regular or reduced fare cards.

Many neighborhoods across the city do not contain subway stops, where MetroCard machines are located, and have few places where residents can even purchase a card, let alone refill an existing one. The mobile van provides these commuters with the opportunity to easily purchase and refill cards in places they normally would not be able to.

“It is an unfortunate reality that there are still a great number of neighborhoods, in Queens especially, that are underserved by public transportation and lack subway stops, which are frequently the only places where MetroCard kiosks are located,” said Addabbo. “For people who live in these neighborhoods, or for those who only use the bus as part of their daily commutes, it becomes increasingly difficult to find a place to buy and refill cards. In addition, residents who are elderly or disabled may not be able to travel far to get a MetroCard, but they should not have to suffer because of that. The MetroCard Van brings these services directly to the residents of my district and offers another outlet for people to conveniently take care of their MetroCard needs.”

For more information, contact Addabbo’s Howard Beach office at 718-738-1111.