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Senator Avella Gets MTA To Change Dangerous Q34 Layover

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Queens, NY - After years of lobbying the MTA, effective **Tuesday, September 6th**, Senator Avella announced that the Whitestone layover of the Q34 bus will finally be changed from 25th Avenue off of 150th Street in front of Memorial Field to a more suitable location on Willets Point Boulevard.

Senator Avella held several press conferences at this location over the past several years to highlight the dangerous conditions the previous layover was to the community. In one instance a child was struck by a vehicle when he left Memorial Field due to the severe congestion caused by idle buses.

"This change moves the bus off of a small side street and allows it to travel on a much larger main road" **Senator Avella said**. "I thank the MTA for their understanding that the old layover severely congested traffic and put many young children at risk when leaving the playground."

When the Q34 bus gets to the end of the route in Whitestone, it will now travel further along Willets Point Boulevard before turning around on 150th Street via 24th Road to begin the journey back to Jamaica. The current layover, on 25th Avenue, often resulted in three buses idling on a very narrow two way street.

Avella added, “Having the Q34 layover on Willets Point Boulevard will address the calls of residents to fix a problem that has plagued them for years. The adjustment allows the Q34 to bypass 25th Avenue, Memorial Field Playground and a very small, narrow two-way street.

Samantha Dell who first brought this issue to the Senator’s attention said, “I’m glad that after seven years of fighting, something has finally been done about this.”