

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

Addabbo calls on NYC DOT to change Select Bus Service lane hours along Woodhaven and Cross Bay Boulevards

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In an attempt to properly share the existing Select Bus Service (SBS) lanes, State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. has requested the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) to reconsider the current 24-hour restrictions for bus use only and alter the SBS active times along Woodhaven and Cross Bay Boulevards.

On July 9, Addabbo penned a letter to NYC DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg asking that the agency reevaluate the 24-hour operation of the SBS lanes along these active corridors.

Instead of being active for 24 hours, Addabbo suggests having the Woodhaven/Cross Bay SBS lanes active only during the weekday morning and afternoon rush hours — effectively from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and then from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"I drive along Woodhaven and Cross Bay Boulevards every day and I believe that these modified hours for the active bus-only lane could benefit more local drivers," Addabbo said. "As I stated in the letter to Commissioner Trottenberg, I believe these proposed new set of hours would fit with the volume of vehicles and bus traffic along those roadways. I believe my suggested hours would protect the efficiency of the SBS service and allow vehicles to use the empty bus lanes during non-peak hours. The DOT has been open to ideas from the community and elected officials, and they have made changes to the SBS route and times when a need arose. I am hopeful that we can keep this positive exchange going and make the SBS lanes better for everyone."