



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Addabbo: Make your voice heard on the proposed new bus routes in the Queens Bus Network Redesign Plan at these public workshops

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New York City Transit is currently holding a set of public workshops to hear from residents on the New Draft Plan for the Queens Bus Network Redesign plan, and State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. wants the residents of his district to participate in these workshops.

The Queens Bus Network Redesign is a project that is part of a larger effort to modernize New York City's bus network and improve bus service borough by borough. NYCT and the MTA are taking a fresh look at the bus network, with the goal of meeting customers' priorities including more reliable service, faster travel, better connections, and ease of use.

In December 2019, the MTA released the original Queens Bus Network Redesign Draft Plan. Over the next three months, they held dozens of outreach events throughout Queens and received over 11,000 comments. However, in March 2020, those efforts were stopped due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the project remained on pause for approximately 18 months.

In August 2021, it was announced that the Bus Network Redesigns would begin again.

“I remember going to a hearing about the Bus Network Redesigns at Queens Borough Hall in 2020 right before COVID shut everything down,” Addabbo said. “I believe public input is crucial to provide the people of New York City with a better, more reliable, eco-friendly approach to public transportation. I encourage everyone within my district to make their voices heard during the public workshops for their communities, because the only way the MTA will know what residents are looking for, what they need and what they want is if the people speak up. I want to thank the MTA and NYCT for hosting these workshops and listening to the needs of my constituency.”

All workshops will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The areas within Senator Addabbo’s district and the dates of the virtual public workshops are:

Wednesday, May 4 for Community District 5: Ridgewood, Maspeth, Middle Village, Glendale, Fresh Pond, and Liberty Park.

Thursday, May 5 for Community District 6: Forest Hills and Rego Park.

Monday, May 16 for Community District 9: Richmond Hill, Woodhaven, Ozone Park, and Kew Gardens.

Wednesday, May 18 for Community District 10: Howard Beach, Ozone Park, South Ozone Park, Richmond Hill, Tudor Village, and Lindenwood.

Thursday, June 2 for Community District 14: Breezy Point, Belle Harbor, Neponsit, Arverne, Bayswater, Edgemere, Rockaway, Rockaway Park, and Far Rockaway.

To visit join the virtual workshops visit:

<https://mta.zoom.us/j/86541509211?pwd=Qk5MZUpZa2k2SmRBMldtRUVmZnVzUT09>

Meeting ID: 865 4150 9211. For individuals without a computer or smartphone, they can call into the virtual workshop at +19294362866,,86541509211#,,,,*6256615911# US (New York).

For those that need the information in another language, they can register for that service here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPM3MyWJGUZn4cEzI7IWQsZvorwB5RSswjGXptI>

To view the proposed new routes for bus lines across Queens, visit:

<https://new.mta.info/project/queens-bus-network-redesign/routes>.

Dates for other communities across Queens are listed on the MTA website. To find more information about those other dates and to learn more about the Queens Bus Network Redesign plan, visit: <https://new.mta.info/project/queens-bus-network-redesign>.