



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Addabbo offers to work with NYC DOT to create protected bike lanes on Addabbo Bridge

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The Joseph P. Addabbo Memorial Bridge is the main roadway to travel to the communities in the southern end of Queens, our fantastic beaches, as well as the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. This route sees bike riders pedaling across the bridge on a daily basis, where they oftentimes have to deal with some dangerous situations in unprotected bike lanes as cars drive past. It is essential that we work together to bring common sense measures to the bridge to protect these cyclists. The easiest option, in my opinion, would be to move the already existing jersey barriers to the outside of the bike lane to instantly make it a protected lane. I want to thank the NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for completing this study and allowing NYC DOT to move forward with the work. Additionally, I look forward to working with the NYC DOT and offer any assistance from my office to expedite this vital project and protect our bikers, especially as the warmer weather will lead to more individuals biking over the bridge.