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New Expanded Service On Mta New York City Transit S89 Limited-Stop Route

Responding to the increasing popularity of the new S89 limited-stop bus service, three daily trips will be added to the route beginning Monday, April 7th MTA NYC Transit announced today. The route, New York City Transit's first interstate bus service, links Staten Island with NJ Transit's Hudson Bergen Light Rail (HBLR) line in Bayonne, New Jersey and has seen steady ridership gains since its introduction, particularly during the busiest a.m. and p.m. peak travel times.

The S89 currently operates from 5:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays. Bus service is coordinated with NJ Transit's Hudson Bergen Light Rail service HBLR at the 34th Street Station in Bayonne. Customers have responded enthusiastically to the new service which now carries 800 to 900 customers per day, nearly double the number served when the S89 service began last September. The route operates via Richmond Avenue and Marsh Avenue serving major bus stops and transfer points including the Eltingville SIR Station and the Eltingville Transit Center.

"The region's transit patterns are changing and we have to be flexible enough to change with them," explained NYC Transit President Howard H. Roberts, Jr. "The introduction of a limited-stop service to New Jersey has been a creative way to meet the changing transportation needs of Staten Island commuters. We are gratified that our customers find this service appealing and that it has grown to be a viable route in such a short period of time."

The expanded service includes: a new first Bayonne-bound a.m. peak trip leaving Hylan Boulevard and Richmond Avenue at 5:25 a.m., increasing the span of service, an additional northbound a.m. peak trip leaving Hylan Boulevard and Richmond Avenue at 7:03 a.m., and an additional Staten Island-bound p.m. peak trip leaving the HBLR 34th Street Station at 5:02 p.m.

The addition of these trips will provide Staten Island customers with improved access to expanding job markets in Bayonne, Jersey City, and Hoboken and will promote continued ridership growth.

New York City Transit has also recently partnered with NJ Transit to provide joint fare tickets available online to simplify paying the fare on trips between Staten Island and New Jersey. The joint ticket contains both an Unlimited Ride MetroCard to pay the bus fare on the S89 or other NYC Transit local bus routes and a HBLR flash pass for display on the light rail line. The cost of the combined S89/HBLR pass is \$134.

The joint MetroCard/HBLR ticket can be purchased at www.njtransit.com. Users would select the Quick-Tik® option and follow the five-step process under "Light Rail and Joint Light Rail". Please note that passes need to be purchased by the 9th of the month in order to be delivered by the beginning of the next month.