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### MTA, NYSDOT Announce Project to Increase Parking Capacity at Busy Staten Island Park-and-Ride

MTA New York City Transit and the New York State Department of Transportation announced today that they are working together to increase parking capacity at the Eltingville Transit Center, a popular park-and-ride location where Staten Island residents park their cars and commute to Manhattan on MTA express buses.

Through a combination of restriping and repaving underutilized sections of the parking lot, 36 spaces will be added to the existing 350, for a total of 386. Work on the project began Wednesday evening and is expected to be completed at the end of the week, with the new spaces ready for use in time for the first weekday after Labor Day.

"This level of attention and customer service – listening to feedback and working to make improvements without delay – is the new standard for NYC Transit," said NYC Transit President Andy Byford. "We want to thank our customers for their constant constructive feedback, as well as NYSDOT without whose cooperation and agility we wouldn't have been able to move so quickly."

New York State Department of Transportation Acting Commissioner Paul A. Karas said, "Working with our partners at the MTA, we were able to identify key space and add much needed parking for Staten Island residents at this location. We will continue to work with the MTA to find new ways to enhance the overall customer experience on Staten Island."

Borough President James Oddo said: "We have been working closely with the MTA to help alleviate some of the issues we've been hearing from riders. Adding these spots at Eltingville Transit Center will allow more Staten Islanders to use the park-and-ride facility and make for an easier commute. Thank you to Governor Cuomo and NYSDOT for responding quickly to our request to add these spots, as well as to the MTA and ATU 726 for working so well together throughout this process. More adjustments and redesigns need to be made to make the system work better for Staten Island commuters, but the recent changes are putting us on the right track," said BP Oddo.

The improvement to parking capacity at Eltingville Transit Center is the latest in a series of near-daily improvements made to the newly redesigned-from-the-ground-up Staten Island Express Bus network, which launched on Aug. 19. Since then, buses have been added to the schedule to relieve overcrowding, schedules have been lengthened to provide longer spans of service, and service was added to areas of demand such as the south end of Staten Island and the east side of Manhattan. MTA NYC Transit officials continue to tweak and improve this brand-new bus network in response to customer feedback and observations on the ground.

Eltingville Transit Center is one of three park-and-ride locations for MTA Express Bus customers on Staten Island. The two others – at Father Capodanno Boulevard and the Staten Island Mall – are now providing non-stop service to Manhattan, for the first time ever as part of the recent network redesign. Customers are encouraged to try the new non-stop service, particularly from Father Capodanno Boulevard where there is ample parking space available.