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## *News Advisory*

### **NEW YORKERS WEAR RED TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.**

#### **Don't *X* Out Public Transit**

Amalgamated Transit Union Local No. 1056, elected officials, including State Senator Toby Stavisky, Assembly Members Rory Lancman, Grace Meng and Michael Miller (rep.) and advocates come together to support federal funding for public transit and oppose cuts currently on the table in Washington. At a news conference **1:00 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, September 20, 2011**, at the 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue bus stop adjacent to the Pedestrian Mall near 136-80 39th Avenue (west of Bowne Street, 39th Avenue at Pedestrian Mall near 136-80 39th Avenue (west of Bowne Street, east of 138th Street) in Flushing east of 138th Street) in Flushing off the Main Street/ Roosevelt Station in downtown Flushing, members of the public are being asked to darn red clothing today and contact federal lawmakers with a simple message:

#### ***Don't Cross Out ("X") Out Public Transit***

"Decisions in Washington can make or break our economy, particularly here in New York," stated ATU Local 1056 president/business manager I. Daneek Miller. "The President's "American Jobs Act" includes \$50 billion to upgrade America's road, rails and airports. We need our Members of Congress and Senators to back this legislation that invests in the economy and grow jobs in America. This starts with an investment in public transportation infrastructure. And that makes any plans to cut rather than increase federal support for mass transit inopportune and BAD for business. We will also call on the Governor Cuomo to stop raids on MTA dedicated tax funds by passing the Transit Funding Lockbox Bill (S4257/A6766)." Local 1056 represents drivers and mechanics who work for MTA New York City Transit's Queens bus division.

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**WHAT:** Call on New Yorkers to wear red in support of federal funding for public transportation infrastructure/ Call on Governor to sign "lockbox" legislation.

**WHO:** ATU, Transit Advocates, Elected Officials, including State Senator Toby Stavisky, Assembly Members Rory Lancman, Grace Meng and Michael Miller (rep.) [in formation]

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Bus Stop at 39th Avenue at Pedestrian Mall near 136-80 39th Avenue (west of Bowne Street, east of 138th Street) in Flushing.

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