

News Advisory

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ATU Local 1056, Electeds & Community v. Bus Cuts Thursday, June 24, 4:00 p.m.

Amalgamated Transportation Union (ATU) Local No. 1056, including president I. Daneek Miller, Queens legislators, community leaders and concerned community members will protest the MTA cuts to Queens bus service effective this weekend tomorrow afternoon, Thursday, June 24, 4:00 p.m. outside the Parsons/ Archer Subway, northeast corner of Parsons Boulevard and Archer Avenue in downtown Jamaica. Bus service on the Q14, Q24, Q26, Q30, Q31, Q42, Q48, Q74, Q75, Q76, Q79, Q89, QM22 and QM23 bus lines will be eliminated or reduced. "We will be leafleting commuters to contact the MTA and the Mayor," stated Mr. Miller. "As you may know, the mayor proposed private vans instead of the public bus service." The handouts deliver a simple message: "The MTA refuses to use the almost \$100 million Federal stimulus funds (our tax dollars) it has to prevent cuts in service. Call 311 and tell the Mayor to demand MTA Chairman Jay Walder use Federal stimulus funds to keep our Queens buses running. Call MTA Chairman Jay Walder at 212-878-7000. Hold for a live operator and ask for Jay Walder. Tell him not to cut or reduce our neighborhood Queens bus service." Local 1056 represents drivers and mechanics who work for MTA New York City Transit's Queens bus division.

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WHO: Amalgamated Transportation Union (ATU) Local No. 1056 and its President Daneek Miller, Queens elected officials, Queens civic leaders and concerned residents

WHAT: Deliver Message to Restore MTA Bus Service Cuts and Eliminations.

WHEN: Thursday, June 24, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Parsons/ Archer Subway, northeast corner of Parsons Boulevard and Archer Avenue in downtown Jamaica. [Editor's note: Rain or Shine]



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* *commentary by ATU Local 1056 President.*

I. Daneek Miller