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ATU Local 1056 Reminds Community on Restored Queens Bus Service

Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1056 Queens reminds the public that bus service restorations announced by the MTA <u>last summer</u> get fully implemented next week. ATU 1056 President and Business Agent I. Daneek Miller said the union local wants to make sure Queens residents know they can take advantage of restored service Sunday on the Q24, Q27 and Q36 (extension of route to restore the former Q79) bus routes and Monday on the Q30 and Q42. Miller noted restored service started on the Q76 this past October. ATU 1056 members – bus operators and mechanics – work for MTA New York City Transit's Queens bus division and serve the riding public.

"ATU Local 1056 wants the public to know about the return of service once the subject of the misguided and hurtful cuts that affected many communities outside Manhattan," stated ATU President Miller who noted ATU Local 1056 had organized news conferences, rallies and other events with electeds and community leaders, and testified at hearings to get the MTA to reverse harmful cuts. "We made clear that the dollars existed to restore service in Queens and the facts today make that clear. ATU 1056 will work together with the community, our electeds and our sister transit unions to make sure the MTA delivers what the riding public in Queens needs." President Miller, who also chairs the MTA Labor Coalition, also thanked the community and their electeds for their advocacy and support throughout this difficult period preceding the service restoration. ATU 1056 also thanked the three MTA board members who strongly pressed the case for restoring service – Allen Cappelli, Mitchell Paley and Andrew Albert.

"The MTA has mended the grievous error of its prior administration," stated Mr. Miller last summer on behalf the MTA Labor Coalition when the restorations were secured. "These service restorations in Queens address the needs of working families, workers, seniors, students who depend on their transit service. The members of the MTA Labor Coalition applauds this move and reminds the MTA more much remains to be done to provide the safe and dependable service throughout the system that the riding public needs and deserves."

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Queens			
Q24	Restore extension from Bway. Junction to Bushwick Ave. via Broadway Serves East New York, Bushwick	Service restoration Improves service connectivity	Jan 2013
Q27	Provide overnight service from Horace Harding Expwy to Cambria Hts via Springfield Blvd Serves Queens Village, Cambria Hts	Network coverage restoration	Jan 2013
Q30	Provide service to Queensborough Community College	Service to new markets	Jan 2013
Q36	Extension of every other trip from Jamaica Avenue to Little Neck via Little Neck Parkway; restores weekday service along route of previous Q79 Serves Floral Park, Bellerose, Glen Oaks, Little Neck	Network coverage restoration	Jan 2013
Q42	Restore midday service from Jamaica Ctr. to St Albans via Archer Ave. Serves Jamaica, Addisleigh Park	Service restoration	Jan 2013
Q76	Restore Saturday service/add Sunday service from Jamaica to College Point via Francis Lewis Blvd Serves Jamaica, Jamaica Estates, Fresh Meadows, Bayside, Whitestone, College Pt.	Weekend service restoration and addition	Oct 2012