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### **COUNCIL MEMBER MARK WEPRIN CALLS FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE Q75**

Council Member Mark S. Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens) is urging the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to use part of its unexpected surplus of forty million dollars in its mid-year budget to restore the Q75 bus route for riders in Eastern Queens. Before it was eliminated in 2010, the Q75 bus provided service between Oakland Gardens and the subway stations in Jamaica, Queens.

“It is the MTA’s obligation to prioritize restoration for commuters in areas where residents rely heavily on buses,” said Council Member Weprin. “Eastern Queens has no subway service, so bus service is critical.”

Since 2010, the MTA has eliminated 32 bus routes, including the Q75 local bus service. In parts of Oakland Gardens, the elimination of the Q75 made transit much more difficult for commuters, some of whom are no longer within walking distance of a bus route or have to take two buses just to reach a subway station.