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Mayor Fulop and NJ Transit Officials Announce New 24-Hour Service on the #119 Bus Line from The Heights to New York City

Added Overnight Service and Improved Schedule Comes Following Several Meetings Held by Mayor Fulop with NJ Transit and Community Leaders; Addresses Growth & Needs of Heights

JERSEY CITY -- **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** and **NJ Transit officials** announced today expanded and improved service for the #119 bus that provides transportation from the Heights to New York City, specifically 24-hour service that until now had not existed.

Previously, the #119 bus stopped service between 9 and 10 p.m. making it difficult for residents of the Heights who worked overnight or late night shifts in New York City to return home. Effective Saturday, June 25, 2016, the #119 will begin providing 24-hour service on weekdays and Saturdays, with overnight frequencies operating every hour at some times, and approximately every 2 hours later in the overnight.

"We know that our residents rely on effective public transportation at all hours of the day, but for residents of the Heights that service has been non-existent or inadequate for some time," said **Mayor Fulop**. "For the past several months, we have been meeting with NJ Transit leadership and appreciate that they've listened to the concerns of our residents, many who are working families that depend upon solid 24/7 bus service to reach their employment.

"We thank NJ Transit for finding an approach that can accommodate these needs so our residents can have the public transportation they deserve," added **Mayor Fulop**.

Additionally, riders had cited frequently late service with the late morning and midday #119 buses. To address this, NJ Transit will add running time between various time-points to ensure bus arrivals better match the schedules. NJ Transit will also add recovery time between trips to improve service reliability and significantly upgrade on-time performance. Consequently, during the midday off-peak period, service will be scheduled to operate every 40 minutes (instead of every 30 minutes) to reflect the running time/recovery time expansions.

The issue of bus service in The Heights has been a long-standing one and something that the Fulop Administration has worked to address side-by-side with local groups such as the Riverview Neighborhood Association.

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"After years of working with NJ Transit, the addition of late and overnight service is a great step forward in bringing comprehensive public transportation to the Heights. This acknowledges that residents of the Heights need reliable 24-hour access to public transportation and less reliance on cars," said **Kern Weissman, President of the Riverview Neighborhood Association**. "We are also expecting to see an improvement in the 119 bus service levels with the new adjusted and expanded schedule. While there is certainly much work to be done, RNA and the Heights community are very appreciative of the support provided by Mayor Fulop, Assemblyman Mukherji, and Councilman Yun, among others, to facilitate this expansion in service."

The new bus schedule can be seen at: <http://www.njtransit.com/pdf/bus/upcoming/T0119.pdf>

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