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Mayor Healy to Lobby for Return of Manhattan-Bound Palisade Avenue Bus

***Mayor Healy and State Elected Officials to Meet with NJ Transit
Regarding Mayor's Proposal of an Extension of the No. 123 Bus Route***

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy** announced yesterday his commitment to lobby for an extension of an existing NJ Transit bus route along Palisade Avenue to provide Manhattan-bound service for residents of the Heights.

The 99S Bus, operated by Red & Tan of Coach Bus Lines, was moved to Central Avenue last month due what the company said was “a lack of ridership.”

During a meeting held by the Riverview Neighborhood Association, **Mayor Healy** pledged his commitment to lobby NJ Transit and state officials for Manhattan-bound bus service for the residents of the Palisade Avenue Community. The Mayor will meet with NJ Transit officials next week in the Secaucus office of Assemblyman Vincent Prieto.

The Mayor's proposal is to have the No. 123 bus, which travels along Palisade Avenue in Union City, continue south onto Palisade Avenue in Jersey City, travel to Christ Hospital, loop around and return north to Paterson Plank Road and the Lincoln Tunnel.

“It would only be another eight to 10 blocks south to Christ Hospital,” the **Mayor** said, adding that he is a strong proponent of public transportation and will do whatever he can to bring about this resolution.

Additionally, **Mayor Healy** has asked the North District's Captain Phil Zacche to increase patrols on side streets from Central Avenue to Palisade Avenue in response to residents' concerns about walking home from the bus.

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“Even though crime continues to drop in Jersey City, some people have concerns about walking from Central Avenue to Palisade Avenue, so the North District has added a directed patrol in the evening hours along Bowers Street, Franklin Street and Beacon Street between Central and Palisade Avenues,” **Mayor Healy** said. “This means there will be a uniform police officer on the beat providing an added layer of safety for commuters.”

PSE&G has also agreed to ensure that lighting along those corridors is at full capacity.

The Mayor is also working with Ward F Councilwoman Viola Richardson and Coach bus lines regarding their termination of the Garfield Avenue bus.

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