

## Supervisor Romaine, Councilwoman Bonner Applaud Expansion of Bus Service in Sound Beach Community

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**Farmingville, NY** - Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Jane Bonner today applauded the expansion of bus service in the Sound Beach community. The two Town officials had formally requested that Suffolk County expand bus service in the area in October of 2013 to make mass transit a viable means for residents there to use for commuting to and from their jobs during peak commuting hours. [Click here to view the request.](#) Romaine and Bonner contacted the County on this issue at the urging of residents in the community (see attached letter).

"Expanded bus service was desperately needed in Sound Beach, which is why Councilwoman Bonner and I spearheaded efforts to add weekday service to morning and late afternoon routes and provide better connectivity and transfers to other bus routes," said Supervisor Ed Romaine.

"Expanding these routes will help the residents of this community who rely on public transportation for shopping or commuting to work," said Councilwoman Bonner. "I'm happy to see our efforts with Sound Beach Civic Association President Bea Roberto on behalf of the community have come to fruition with today's announcement by the County."

Bus service on routes S62 and 5A in the past did not provide for the needs of residents that required reliable transportation during peak morning and evening commuting hours to bring them to their jobs. Compounding this situation was the lack of timely transfers with other routes, making a trip that could be accomplished within minutes by car into an hours-long journey. These two routes were also located far from a majority of homes in the Sound Beach area, requiring a taxi or car ride just to get to their 'local' bus stop.

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