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### The Puerto Rican Day Parade and 116th Street (Abrazo Fraternal) Festival

The 116th Street (Abrazo Fraternal) Festival will be held on Saturday, June 9th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on 116th Street between Lexington and Second Avenues and along Third Avenue between 106th Street and 122nd Street.

The 116th Street Festival is a very popular attraction with up to 50,000 people in attendance at any one time. Overall attendance for the day may be more than 100,000. Due to an expected heavy concentration of customers, the 116th Street station (6) will be exit only in the northbound direction from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 9th. Customers wishing to enter at 116th Street will be redirected to nearby stations on Lexington Avenue at 110th and 125th Streets. As an alternative, customers may take the southbound 6 train at 116th Street to 96th Street and change for a northbound train. NYC Transit bus routes M101, M102, M103, and M116 will also be affected by street closures.

This year's Puerto Rican Day Parade will be held on Sunday, June 10th from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Fifth Avenue from 44th Street to 86th Street. For the best route to reach the parade, customers should use Fifth Avenue stations on the ENR and 7 lines. NYC Transit will increase subway service on the 2456 and S (42nd Street shuttle) trains to accommodate parade-goers. In addition, Transit personnel will be on hand to direct customers at area subway stations.

The 1234 and 5 trains will operate along their normal routes on the Seventh Avenue and Lexington Avenue lines. However, because of the expected crowds, customers who rely on these lines should allow for additional travel time. All NYC Transit and MTA Bus routes along Fifth Avenue will be affected by street closures. For further information, customers should consult the Weekend Service Change notices posted in subway stations.

Customers may also call NYC Transit's Travel Information Center at (718) 330-1234 or log on at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info). Additionally, information on service advisories, weekend service diversions, and other news is available on MTA NYC Transit's podcast service -- TransitTrax. TransitTrax is available in a downloadable mp3 format on the MTA website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info)