



## MTA Press Releases

[Select Language](#) | ▼

Press Release

July 26, 2007

[NYC Transit](#)

IMMEDIATE

### Riders Will Benefit From MTA New York City Transit's Planned Service Upgrades in 2008

Continuing our massive effort to upgrade and improve mass transit services to our over seven and one-half million daily bus and subway customers, MTA New York City Transit plans to offer a series of initiatives funded through the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's 2008 budget. When combined with the ongoing investment in rehabilitated stations, new vehicles and improved accessibility, these service improvements will provide tangible benefits for our customers.

The service initiatives reflect NYC Transit's ongoing commitment to meeting the needs of the city's bus and subway riders. Customer needs and changes in travel patterns are being addressed with new, speedier bus services, route extensions and service increases along Staten Island express bus routes.

Increased subway use will be addressed by service additions on several lines, including the L, which has seen huge ridership gains over the past several years.

#### SELECTED PLANNED SERVICE INCREASES FOR '08

##### Bus

- Bus Rapid Transit initiative scheduled to begin with implementation along two routes.
- B83 bus route extended to Gateway Shopping Center in Brooklyn
- B61 and B77 routes extended to Ikea in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn
- Increased Staten Island express bus service on weekends, weekdays, middays and nights, in addition to the new S89 service to Bayonne beginning this fall.

##### Subway

- Additional rush hour, weekday off-peak and weekend service on the L Line to provide shorter waiting times and more comfortable travel conditions.
- Additional evening service on the Nos. 1, 4, 5 and 6, and additional weekend service on the No. 7.
- New R160 cars to be delivered for service on the J, Z, L, M, N and Q Lines. (We expect board approval of the first of two contract options for 620 cars)
- ADA accessibility at five stations, including South Ferry (new No. 1 Line terminal), Kew Gardens-Union Turnpike on the E and F, and 47-50th Streets/Rockefeller Center on the B, D, F and V.
- Longer hours of weekday service on the B and W, and extended service on the G to Church Avenue, Brooklyn.

In addition to these operational upgrades, several capital improvements will begin, be completed or remain underway in 2008. Customers will benefit from the ongoing delivery of aforementioned R160 subway cars, which is bringing 21st century amenities to subway lines that are currently being served by 40-year-old equipment.

NYC Transit has been taking delivery of a 660-car order of new technology R160 cars, manufactured by Kawasaki and Alstom. The final 198 cars of the initial order are scheduled for delivery by May 30, 2008. These cars, like the new cars serving the numbered lines, are providing customers with unparalleled levels of reliability, comfort and customer information.

Next year, a total of five subway station rehabilitation projects and five ADA accessibility projects are scheduled to be completed. Additionally, nearly 60,000 feet of new track will be installed in the subway.

Several hundred new buses are scheduled to hit the streets next year, providing more comfort for our customers and a cleaner, more efficient operation. Also, the opening of a new bus depot at Grand Avenue, Brooklyn will help improve bus maintenance and quality control efforts, benefiting bus customers in Brooklyn and Queens.

