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Weekend Track Work to Disrupt J Service Shuttle Bus Replaces Train in Brooklyn And Queens

Subway service along the J line in parts of Brooklyn and Queens will be replaced by free shuttle bus service for three consecutive weekends starting on April 14th and 15th to allow for rehabilitation work. Service will be suspended between 4 a.m. Saturday until 10 p.m. Sunday for the replacement of track on the elevated structure. This work will allow for the continued safe operation of trains along the line as part of MTA NYC Transit's on-going efforts to keep the subway network in a state of good repair.

"We understand that this construction will be an inconvenience to our regular J train riders for these next few weekends," said Howard H. Roberts, Jr, President of MTA NYC Transit. "But this work is crucial to our ability to run safe and reliable service not only along the J, but on all of our subway lines."

During the work, in-house forces from the Department of Subway's Division of Maintenance of Way will be replacing 85 track panels. The 39-foot track panels contain the bones of the track infrastructure -- the running rails, track ties and track plates. Using heavy duty cranes, crews must first remove the old section, and then replace it with a new panel and secure it in place. Over the course of this particular project, they'll be performing this process 85 individual times. In addition to the track panel replacement, switches near the Alabama Avenue station, that allow trains to move from one track to the other, will be refurbished.

While the work is underway, J service will be suspended between the Jamaica Van Wyck station in Queens and Broadway Junction in Brooklyn. Shuttle bus service will stop at all closed J stations between Broadway Junction and 121st Street, and then run to/from Jamaica Van Wyck for connection to the E train. Shuttle buses will run every two to four minutes during the day and every 10 minutes overnight, and all shuttle buses and stops will be clearly marked.

If possible, customers who normally use the J train should ride into Manhattan on the E train and then make a connection in Manhattan for a stop near their usual J station.

Riders can learn more about this track work, and how to travel around it by consulting NYC Transit's newly redesigned Service Change notices posted in stations along the J line and on board trains. The new signs feature a blue and orange heading with black text on a tan background. The text on the signs has also been changed to incorporate more information for riders, such as how the work will affect their trip, and why service is being changed. Matching brochures in English and Spanish are also available in stations.

As part of NYC Transit's enhanced Customer Service initiative during major construction work, directional way-finding signage will be posted and additional staff will be on hand at both the Broadway Junction and Jamaica -Van Wyck stations to direct customers to shuttle buses and to provide information on the project.

For more information on this and other weekend construction work, riders can log on to www.mta.info and click on Service Advisories for information on the J line and for the entire Weekend Summary. While on line, they can also listen to a TransitTrax podcast on the work at <http://www.mta.info/nyct/transittrax.htm>.