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Service Adjustments on BMW Lines

Results of recent analysis show that subway ridership growth has resulted in several routes operating with loads that exceed the MTA's loading guidelines at certain times. To bring subway loads within the guidelines, MTA NYC Transit is making service adjustments to the B M and W lines.

Rush hour W service will be increased between 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. from every 10 minutes to every 8 minutes. In addition, weekday evening service on the B W and M service will be expanded. On weekdays, B service will operate from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. instead of stopping at 9:30 p.m. as it does currently. Evening M service will run between Metropolitan Avenue and Broad Street from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and between Metropolitan Avenue and Myrtle Avenue from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. W trains will operate from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. – an extension from its current 9:30 end time.

The expanded hours will ease crowding conditions on the Q N and J routes, reduce the need for transfers and provide a more simplified and consistent service to our Queens and Brooklyn customers.

This service increase is part of a package of subway service changes implemented at a cost of \$8.9 million annually. The cost is being funded by several internal savings initiatives that are included in the NYC Transit's July 2008 Financial Plan.