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### Service Enhancements on 3 Line

#### Changes Made to Meet Ridership Growth in Harlem

MTA NYC Transit announced an increase in 3 line service during evenings and weekends beginning Sunday, July 27th. The service change is being made to meet changing ridership patterns and to better meet the needs of the Harlem community.

Since 1995, late-night customers using the 3 and headed to or from 148th Street have had to use a bus to connect with subway service at 135th Street. Currently, there is no 3 service from midnight to 6:30 a.m. Late night 3 customers must take the 2 to 135th Street-Lenox Avenue and continue on M7, M102 or shuttle bus to 148th Street in Harlem.

However, beginning Sunday, July 27th, 3 service will operate between Times Square-42nd Street and Harlem-148th Street overnight on weekdays and weekends. This service change will ease congestion on Bronx-bound 2 trains, reduce waiting time for 2 and 3 customers, and accommodate the ridership growth at Harlem-148th Street and projected growth in Harlem in general.

"Our mandate is to provide safe, efficient, environmentally friendly and reliable transit service to our customers, city wide," said MTA NYC Transit President Howard H. Roberts, Jr. "This change in service will go a long way toward making the commute of thousands of our customers in Harlem and Upper Manhattan that much better."

"On behalf of the community, I would like to thank the MTA for restoring 24-hour service to Northern Manhattan," said Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell, Jr. "The return of around-the-clock 3 train service means people will no longer be forced to wait outside in the heat and humidity or the cold and snow for a shuttle to bring them home. It also means that those who commute late at night or early in the morning will have access to the same level of service as those who work day-time hours."

In addition, 3 service will increase on weekdays in the late morning from 9:30 to 10 from every six to eight minutes to every five to seven minutes to alleviate overcrowding on the 2 during this time period.

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.