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Service Advisory For the Puerto Rican Day Parade and 116th Street (Abrazo Fraternal) Festival

New York City will celebrate Puerto Rican heritage and pride this coming weekend, and there's no better way to get to the festivities than mass transit. All it takes is your MetroCard!

The weekend-long celebration begins on Saturday, June 7th with The 116th Street (Abrazo Fraternal) Festival which will be held 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 could reach upwards of 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 7th. 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.

The main event, of course, is the 2008 National Puerto Rican Day Parade, which will be held on Sunday, June 8th from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The 51st Annual parade will attract upwards of 2 million spectators along the route, which runs up Fifth Avenue from 44th Street to 86th Street. Parade-goers should use Fifth Avenue stations on the ENR and 7 lines. Additionally, NYC Transit will increase subway service on the 2456 and S (42nd Street shuttle) trains to accommodate parade-goers.

More importantly, many NYC Transit weekend subway construction projects and diversions are scheduled to end at 5:00 a.m. Sunday to accommodate parade goers who wish to use the subway. Transit personnel will be on hand to direct customers at area subway stations.

For travel directions to either event, customers may call NYC Transit's Travel Information Center at 718 330 1234 or log on to NYC Transit's on line itinerary service Trip Planner for customized directions at <http://tripplanner.mta.info>.