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MTA Statement on Lexington Ave. Line Crowding

As the sole subway corridor serving the east side of Manhattan, MTA New York City Transit's Lexington Avenue Line is the busiest in the system. On an average weekday, 1.3 million customers board trains. To handle the rush hour crowding, the 4, 5 and 6 trains operate on two-minute headways—among the shortest in the system. With only two minutes between trains, the line is operating at its capacity, meaning that during the height of the rush period, no more trains can be added. However, work is currently underway on the construction of the Second Avenue Subway. When opened, this state-of-the-art rapid transit line will add significant capacity to the east side of Manhattan.

In order to keep customers informed of delays and service changes, NYC Transit is in the process of expanding its customer communication efforts through the use of text messaging, email alerts and the installation of Public Address Customer Information Signs, which will be installed in more than 150 stations on the numbered lines.

MTA Metro-North Railroad is currently building a new commuter station adjacent to the new Yankee Stadium and it is scheduled to be ready next spring. This new stop will provide additional capacity beyond the Jerome and Concourse subway lines, which already serve the Stadium.