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### Temporary Loss of Brighton Line Express

#### *North of Kings Highway For Station Reconstruction*

MTA NYC Transit announced that during Phase II of the Brighton Line Station Rehabilitation project, it will be necessary to suspend express service on the Brighton Line north of the Kings Highway BQ station. Currently, the Q makes local stops south of the Prospect Park station, and the B makes express stops between Prospect Park and Brighton Beach. The project includes the rehabilitation of the Newkirk Avenue, Avenue H, Avenue J, Avenue M and Kings Highway stations.

During this project, two of the four tracks will be out of service at any given time, requiring BQ service to operate on one track in each direction. It is expected that BQ peak frequency will remain the same at the current 20 trains per hour. In addition, there will be periodic weekend shutdowns of all train service between Prospect Park and Brighton Beach stations. During these times, shuttle bus service will be provided. This phase of the project is set to be implemented in late September 2009 and will continue until the completion projected for the third quarter of 2011.

From September 2009 to the third quarter of 2010, southbound BQ service will operate on the local track from Parkside Avenue to Cortelyou Road and on the express track from Newkirk Avenue to Kings Highway. Avenue H and Avenue M stations will be bypassed in the southbound direction and temporary platforms will be constructed at the Avenue J and Kings Highway stations to provide access to southbound BQ service. During this time, northbound BQ service will make local stops from Kings Highway to Parkside Avenue.

From the third quarter of 2010 to the third quarter of 2011, the operation will be reversed and northbound BQ service will operate on the express track from Kings Highway to Newkirk Avenue and on the local track from Cortelyou Road to Parkside Avenue. Service will be bypassed in the northbound direction at Avenue H and Avenue M. Southbound BQ service will make local stops from Parkside Avenue to Kings Highway.

MTA NYC Transit regrets any inconvenience these changes will cause but emphasizes that these changes are necessary to accommodate the two-year rehabilitation of the five stations in this project.

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