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Service Plan For July 4th

Subways Operate on a Saturday Schedule

MTA New York City Transit subways will operate on a Saturday schedule on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4, with additional trains in Manhattan serving customers as they leave the Annual Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular.

Spectators for the fireworks may gather at seven locations along the Hudson River. The six fireworks barges will be located between 24th Street and 50th Street. There will be no fireworks display in the harbor or on the East River this year.

NYC Transit encourages people to use mass transit to travel to and from the fireworks show, and to avoid lines by purchasing MetroCards in advance. There will be more frequent subway service on the 1, C, L and the S (42nd Street Shuttle) from approximately 10 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The New York City Police Department and Transit personnel will be on hand at high traffic stations to direct customers after the displays end. Customers are reminded to use all subway cars and not hold doors open to prevent unnecessary congestion and delays.

Staten Island Ferry service will be suspended from approximately 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. due to harbor closure. The last boat from both terminals will leave at 7:30 p.m. The next boat will be at 10:30 p.m. from South Ferry-Whitehall and 11:30 p.m. from St. George. Staten Island Railway service is prepared to provide extra service both before and after the fireworks as needed.

Riders can get information on 4th of July service advisories, weekend service diversions, and other news on MTA NYC Transit's podcast service – TransitTrax – available in a downloadable mp3 format on the MTA website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info). Customers can find out the best way to travel to their destinations by using Transit's Trip Planner at <http://tripplanner.mta.info>.