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Rockaway Stations Rehabilitation Project Continues

Two More Stations to Close in One Direction

MTA NYC Transit announced today that starting at 12:01 a.m. Monday, September 14, the Manhattan-bound (northbound) A station platforms at Beach 105th and Beach 90th will close until December 21, 2009. The Rockaway-bound (southbound) platforms at Beach 67th, Beach 44th and Beach 25th Streets were closed for rehab last Tuesday and are scheduled to reopen mid-January 2010.

When that work is completed, the opposite platforms will close at those stations for rehab work. Following that, the same pattern will occur for the stations at Beach 60th, Beach 36th and Beach 98th Streets. The final station rehab will be at Far Rockaway-Mott Avenue. During this rehabilitation project, only alternate stations are closed so that customers are never more than one station away from a fully-open station. This project will require numerous weekend closures of either the Far Rockaway or Rockaway Park branch. At that time, free shuttle buses will be provided.

The Rockaway Branch of the A Line was opened in 1956 with the Far Rockaway station opening about two years later. The line dates back to 1892 when the route was operated by the Long Island Rail Road.

The \$117 million rehabilitation work for these nine stations includes new canopies over the stairs and platforms, redesign of the area around the station booth, renewal of mezzanine and platform floors, replacing platform edges and ADA tactile warning strips, the installation of vandal-resistant fluorescent lighting and a new, high-quality public address system. ADA elevators will be installed at the Far Rockaway-Mott Avenue station. In addition, NYC Transit is replacing track panels on weekends on both branches. Their diversions will coincide with the weekend diversions for the station rehabilitation project.

Riders can get information on this project and other Transit news on MTA NYC Transit's podcast service – TransitTrax – available in a downloadable mp3 format on the MTA website at <http://transittrax.mta.info/audio/transittrax.htm>. Customers may also call our Travel Information Center at 718-330-1234 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, or log onto www.triplanner.mta.info to use Trip Planner to plan their trips. Customers with web enabled phones or PDAs can use our Trip Planner On-the-Go! by going to www.triplanner.mta.info/mobile; in addition to planning their trips, Blackberry users can download the free icon for one touch access to the service.