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Weekend A Service Disruption

For Five Weekends March 6 to April 6

Work continues on the Jay Street Station rehabilitation project. A Line service between Jay Street-Borough Hall and Utica Avenue in Brooklyn will be suspended for the next four weekends: March 14-16, March 21-23, March 28-30 and April 4-6. Free shuttle buses will serve the closed stations along the route. There will be express and local shuttle buses; the locals will make all stops and express shuttle buses will run non-stop between Jay Street and Utica Avenue.

Eighth Avenue Line customers should also be aware that there is no C train service from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, March 14 until 5 a.m. Monday, March 16. A trains will run local, making all C station stops between 168th Street and Euclid Avenue, with the shuttle buses replacing A trains between Jay Street and Euclid Avenue.

Transit personnel will be on hand in the station and on the street level at the Jay Street-Borough Hall station in order to direct customers from the trains to the waiting shuttle buses.

A MetroCard Van will be parked on Jay Street to facilitate the purchase of fare media.

Two platform-to-mezzanine staircases near the Willoughby Street entrance of the Jay Street station were closed last weekend and will remain closed for the next four months. A new booth and turnstile configuration opened along with three new staircases from the mezzanine to the platform level: two to the north-bound platform and one to the south-bound platform.

The weekend work involves the tearing out of old platform edges on the middle tracks in preparation for the installation of new tactile strips, station lighting and new conduit. This \$108 million, 48-month project will include the rehabilitation of both the Jay Street and Lawrence Street stations and the completion of the Jay Street-Lawrence Street tunnel connector. Substantial completion is expected in March 2011.

Customers headed for JFK Airport should avoid using the A line during these weekends as it is difficult to switch to and from shuttle buses with luggage. It is recommended that they take the Queens-bound E to Sutphin Boulevard where they can take the Airtrain to JFK Airport.

Customers using the IRT (234) lines this weekend in Brooklyn should note that there will be work on the 2 and 3 lines. The 2 will run to and from Crown Heights-Utica Avenue and there will be a shuttle train operating between Franklin Avenue and Brooklyn College-Flatbush Avenue. Brooklyn-bound 2, 3, 4 trains are running express from Atlantic Avenue to Utica Avenue. So, customers will have to backride for missed stations. The Manhattan-bound 3, and 4 trains will operate normally.

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