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Weekend A Service Disruption

For Five Weekends March 6 to April 6

To allow work to proceed on a critical part of the Jay Street Station rehabilitation project, A Line service between Jay Street-Borough Hall and Utica Avenue in Brooklyn will be suspended for five consecutive weekends beginning March 6-9 and continuing through the weekend of April 3-6. Free shuttle buses will be available to customers serving all closed stations along the route.

Beginning on Friday, March 6, two platform-to-mezzanine staircases near the Willoughby Street entrance of the Jay Street station will close for four months. A new booth and turnstile configuration will open along with three new staircases from the mezzanine to the platform level: two to the northbound side and one to the southbound side.

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.

Eighth Avenue Line customers should also be aware that there is no C train service from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, March 7 until 5 a.m. Monday, March 9. 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. 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.

Customers heading to Manhattan from Canarsie this weekend should note that shuttle buses will replace L service between Rockaway Parkway and Broadway Junction. At Broadway Junction, customers should use the J or L lines and avoid the A.

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. Customers may call our Travel Information Center at 718-330-1234 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, or log onto www.tripplanner.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.tripplanner.mta.info/mobile; in addition to planning their trips, Blackberry users can download the free icon for one touch access to the service.