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Service Advisory for J'ouvert Parade and West Indian-American Day Celebration

The West Indian-America Day Carnival will be held on Monday, September 7, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Staging for the parade will take place on Eastern Parkway at Buffalo Avenue. The parade route will be along Eastern Parkway from Utica Avenue to Grand Army Plaza and south on Flatbush Avenue ending at Empire Boulevard. The reviewing stand will be in front of the Brooklyn Museum.

The 4 train will operate on the local track making all local stops in Brooklyn. In order to avoid crowding at the Franklin Avenue-Botanic Garden (234S) station, customers should use the following stations instead: Prospect Park (QS), Grand Army Plaza (234), Nostrand Avenue (34), Kingston Avenue (34) and Utica Avenue (34). Please note that the Eastern Parkway (234) station will be closed between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Also, due to crowding at the Utica Avenue station (34), NYC Transit personnel along with NYPD officers will direct customers to exit at the Schenectady Avenue end of the station. This will allow for the use of the Utica Avenue end as "entrance only."

The J'ouvert Parade will be on Monday, September 7 from 2 a.m. to 10 a.m. This is the pre-parade before the West Indian-American Day Parade. The parade route is south on Flatbush Avenue from Grand Army Plaza to Empire Boulevard, east on Empire Boulevard to Nostrand Avenue, and south on Nostrand Avenue to Linden Boulevard. In order to alleviate crowding in the street around the Church Avenue 2 station, trains will skip Church Avenue from 10 p.m. Sunday, September 6 through 4 a.m. Monday, September 7.

The bus routes serving Crown Heights that will be affected by the festivities are the B14, B17, B41, B43, B44, B45, B46, B48, B49, B69 and B71. 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.