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Major Subway Changes Set for Monday

V and W Discontinued; M Rerouted to Midtown and Queens Blvd; Q Extended to Astoria

As part of the 2010 service reductions, major subway changes will go into effect this weekend. Being weekday only service, the V and W will make their last runs on Friday evening, June 25. The new orange M will make its first run on Monday, June 28.

W Discontinued; Use N, Q, R

The W subway service will be discontinued and replaced by the N, Q, and R in Manhattan and Queens. N service continues to operate from Astoria-Ditmars Blvd. in Queens, making all local stops to Canal Street. During the late night hours, the N will run local via Whitehall Street in lower Manhattan. Weekday Q service will be extended to Astoria-Ditmars Blvd. and will stop at 49th Street in Manhattan. During late nights and weekends, Q trains will terminate at 57th Street-7th Avenue and will skip 49th Street. R service to Whitehall Street will be available except during late night hours when it is replaced by the N. There are no changes to N, Q, or R routes in Brooklyn.

The W was introduced as an Astoria – Coney Island express in 2001, when service was restructured due to reconstruction of the Manhattan Bridge. The W was changed to an Astoria – Whitehall Street local in 2004 upon restoration of full Manhattan Bridge service. On Friday, June 25, the very last W train will leave Ditmars at 10:17 p.m. and continue to Brooklyn where it is scheduled to arrive at 86th Street at 11:39 p.m.

V Discontinued; Use New Orange M

V subway service will be discontinued; the new orange M will replace weekday V service along Sixth Avenue except at 2nd Avenue in Manhattan. The new M will travel from Middle Village-Metropolitan Avenue to Forest Hills-71st Avenue in Queens via 6th Avenue. Customers bound for the 2nd Avenue station must take the F train. The M will no longer operate in lower Manhattan or to Bay Parkway, Brooklyn. Brooklyn customers heading for lower Manhattan should take the J or Z. On weekends, the M will continue to operate as a shuttle between Middle Village-Metropolitan Avenue and Myrtle Avenue at Broadway in Brooklyn.

The V was introduced as a Forest Hills – Second Avenue local service in 2001, with the opening of the 63rd Street Tunnel Connector and the restructuring of service on the Queens Boulevard corridor. The last northbound V is scheduled to arrive at its northern terminal, Forest Hills-71st Avenue, at 12:11 a.m.

The M designation was first used to describe trains running between Metropolitan Avenue and the Nassau Street Line in Manhattan in 1967. On Monday, June 28, 2010, the first southbound (orange) M is scheduled to leave Forest Hills-71st Avenue at 5:38 a.m. And the first northbound (orange) M is scheduled to leave Metropolitan Avenue at 5:14 a.m.

M Discontinued in Lower Manhattan and South Brooklyn M customers traveling between Bay Parkway and lower Manhattan should take the R or D trains.

New Subway Maps Available

The MTA has designed a new subway map which incorporates the new service changes. It is the first major redesign of a subway map in over a decade. Customers will find the new map simplified, rescaled and with new colors for greater contrast. Manhattan is wider for more clarity and Staten Island is displayed as an inset. Approximately 1.5 million maps are currently available for customers.

Customers may call NYC Transit's Travel Information Center at 718 330 1234 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily or log on at www.mta.info for more information.