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### 7 Line Weekend Work Completed Ahead of Schedule

Fulfilling a commitment to the Long Island City community to end back-riding and shuttle bus service in as short a period as possible, MTA New York City Transit completed a series of weekend rehabilitation projects, including major track replacement work on the Davis Street Curve of the 7 Line. These jobs were completed three weekends ahead of the projected schedule.

The early completion of this vital track replacement project restores weekend 7 train service between Queensboro Plaza and Manhattan, ending a major inconvenience for tens of thousands of weekend riders. "We were able to accomplish a lot of extremely important work in a shorter time period than we had planned and we are grateful for the patience of 7 Line riders for whom this service is a lifeline on the weekend," said NYC Transit President Thomas F. Prendergast. "After meeting with the community, we took another hard look at what we could do to restore service as quickly as possible."

During that time, the tracks were replaced on the curve leaving Vernon-Jackson, and a new track switch was installed at Hunter's Point station, replacing a switch that had been in service for several decades. New continuously welded rail was installed, tunnel wall grouting, track and drain cleaning were performed in the Steinway Tube and the housing for a new elevator was installed at Court House Square. Several other smaller projects were also bundled in, including electrical, communications and cable work.

For a total of five weekends from the weekend of January 29-February 1, through the weekend of March 6-8, there was no 7 train service between 42nd Street/Grand Central in Manhattan and Long Island City, Queens. (7 service operated normally the weekend of February 27-March 1.) Customers who normally entered the system at Vernon Blvd.-Jackson Avenue, Hunter's Point Avenue or 45th Road-Court House Square were forced to board shuttle buses to Queensboro Plaza where they could pick up Q service to Times Square.

There is no planned major work upcoming for 7 Line until next fall, when a track project will be begin at 111th Street.

Customers looking for information on service changes may call our Travel Information Center at 718-330-1234 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, or check diversion information at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) (click on Planned Changes).