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Major Weekend Work on the 7 Line

No Service Between Queens and Manhattan for 9 Weekends

Beginning this coming weekend (January 29-Feb 1) and running for **nine** consecutive weekends, MTA NYC Transit announces that 7 trains will operate between Main Street-Flushing and Queensboro Plaza only. There will be no 7 train service between Grand Central in Manhattan and Long Island City. Fare-free shuttle buses will operate between Queensboro Plaza and Vernon Blvd.-Jackson Avenue stations making stops at 45th Road-Court House Square and Hunters Point Avenue. Q service is extended to Astoria-Ditmars Blvd. to accommodate 7 line customers and the Grand Central-Times Square Shuttle S will run all night.

During these **nine** weekends, we will be installing new tracks between Hunters Point and Court House Square, replacing an 80-year old switch at Hunters Point, replacing track on the curve leaving Vernon-Jackson, and renewing rail at 5th Avenue. In addition, contractors will be installing steel for a new transfer facility between 7 and G at Court Square. There are several other smaller jobs that will be done while this part of the line is out of service, including electrical and communications cable work and grouting projects.

NYC Transit apologizes for the inconvenience to our customers. These service upgrades are essential to operating a safe and efficient service. The 7 line presents a special challenge in that we have a short window of opportunity to perform this work, essentially between late September and April. In this way we avoid interfering with subway service generated by the crowds headed to Mets games, U.S. Tennis Open and other major events in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park.

Customers 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 (click on Planned Changes).

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