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B54 Returns to MetroTech Center and Eastern Bronx Bus Service Revised

B54 in Downtown Brooklyn:

MTA New York City Transit announces the rerouting of the B54 through the MetroTech Center to begin by the end of the year. Due to security measures adopted by the New York City Police Department following 9/11, the B54 has not been able to travel through the MetroTech Center in Downtown Brooklyn. The tenant that required these security measures is leaving MetroTech and the B54 can once again travel through the area as it did prior to 9/11.

The reroute via the internal roadway, MetroTech Walk, will remove the B54 buses from the traffic-congested Flatbush Avenue extension and Tillary Street. The move is expected to improve reliability and provide a more direct route for customers traveling to the Jay Street-MetroTech (A,C, F) station. The bus stops on Jay Street at Tillary Street and Myrtle Avenue will be discontinued. The new stop will be on MetroTech Walk at Lawrence Street.

Eastern Bronx Revisions:

As part of NYCT's 2010 Service Reduction Plan implemented on June 27, 2010, the **Bx14** route was discontinued and the **Bx8** was rerouted away from Layton and Crosby Avenues to operate via Stadium Avenue to serve Country Club and Spencer Estates.

As with all changes, Transit's Operations Planning unit closely monitors the ridership and the new routes. After such monitoring of these restructured routes, Transit concluded that the changes left some communities with limited access to commercial areas, certain schools and medical centers.

As a result, MTA NYC Transit announces the **Bx8** route will be restored to its original pre-June 2010 routing via Layton Avenue and Crosby Avenue to the Buhre Avenue (6) station. Crosby Avenue is an active commercial corridor and will benefit from the services of both the **Bx5** and **Bx8**.

The **Bx24** will now serve Country Club and Spencer Estates on the route of the discontinued **Bx14** between Country Club and the Pelham Bay (6) station. The **Bx24** will operate as a loop every 30 minutes between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

In Parkchester, alternate trips of the **Bx4** (called the **Bx4A**) will serve Metropolitan Avenue between Hugh Grant Circle and Westchester Square. The **Bx4** and **Bx4A** would operate on the same route between Hugh Grant Circle and the Hub. The **Bx4A** would allow a one seat ride to destinations along Westchester Avenue to the Hub. It would operate the same span as the former **Bx14**: peak hours on weekdays – every 14-20 minutes, off-peak – every 24 minutes, Saturdays – every 16-22 minutes and Sundays – every 22-30 minutes.

These reroutings should more closely meet the needs of the residents at no additional cost to the Authority. Changes will be implemented beginning January 2011.

For further information, customers should consult the Weekend Service Change notices posted in subway stations. Customers may also call NYC Transit's Travel Information Center at 718 330 1234 or log on at www.mta.info.