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Station Improvement Work on Northern 1 Line Begins This Weekend

#1 Suspended to Accommodate Three Projects

This weekend MTA NYC Transit will begin a \$47 million project to rehabilitate Inwood's historic Dyckman Street station and conduct stair and platform improvement work on five No. 1 Line elevated stations from 207th to 242nd Street in Upper Manhattan and the Bronx.

This, and two other major construction projects, will require 1 line service to be suspended from end to end this weekend, replaced by a combination of 2, 3 and A train service and shuttle buses.

This weekend, track panel installation at 215th Street and abatement work at 242nd Street will necessitate the closure of subway stations above 168th Street. Signal cable replacement north of 96th Street will force the closure of stations between 168th and 96th Streets. In addition, Port Authority will be doing work on the "box" that carries the #1 line through the WTC site which will affect the tracks between Chambers Street and South Ferry.

2 and 3 trains run local and replace the 1 between 96th and Chambers Sts. (Please note that downtown 2 and 3 trains skip 86 and 79 Sts.) When possible, customers are encouraged to use the A Line.

Shuttle buses run in four sections making station stops along the 1 line:

1. On Broadway between 242nd and 215th Sts, then connecting to the 207th Street A train station.
2. On St Nicholas Av between 191st and 168th Sts.
3. On Broadway between 168th and 96th Sts (express and local service).
4. In Lower Manhattan between Chambers St and South Ferry.

Normal 1 Line service is scheduled to resume at 5:30 a.m. Monday. This same service pattern will also be in effect the weekend of September 24 beginning at 11:30 p.m. on Friday the 24 and continuing until 5:30 a.m. on Monday the 27.

Please note that on Saturdays, September 18, 25, October 2, 9 and November 13 between 11:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., free shuttle buses will be available to Baker Field Columbia University from the 207th Street A Station, located on Broadway at Isham St.

Dyckman Street Undergoes Major Rehabilitation

Opened in 1906, the Dyckman Street Station is a design unique in the system and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The outdoor station situated just north of the Fort Washington Tunnel portal has two side platforms above a masonry head house. The fare control area is located in the station building below track level.

The general scope of work includes repairing the stairs from the sidewalk into the station, restoring the concrete station wall along Hillside Avenue, replacement of the stairs connecting the control area to the platforms, repairing and painting the ceiling, and repairing damaged tiles. At train level, we will demolish and reconstruct the north and southbound platforms, demolish and reconstruct the platform structure and canopy, install new platform windscreens and repair the guardrails. We will also take this opportunity to replace the track along the entire station length.

"We are rehabilitating this station with the goal of improving the structural aspects and customer amenities while retaining the unique architectural features that have made this station so visually special," said NYC Transit President Thomas F. Prendergast. Additionally, we are making improvements to stations north of Dyckman on the 1 Line."

During the initial phase of the Dyckman St. station work, from October 18th, 2010 to June 2011, the northbound platform will be out of service for a little more than eight months. Phase Two will begin in July 2011 and continue through August 2012, at which time the southbound platform will be out of service.

During each phase there will be 14 weekend closures for station component work at 207th, 215th, 225th, 238th, and 242nd Streets. Stations from 242nd Street to 181st Street will be closed. A free shuttle bus will be in operation from 242nd Street to the 207th Street A station. In addition, the M3 bus will allow free boardings between the 191st Street 1 station and 168th Street 1, A station.

The station component work at the five stations north of Dyckman Street will include the demolition and reconstruction of stairs from the sidewalk into the station at 207th and 225th Streets. All five stations will receive new platform edges and the installation of edge warning strips. Canopies and platform

structures will be demolished and reconstructed. At 238th and 225th Streets there will be a one-month bypass during northbound platform demolition and a one-month bypass for the southbound platform demolition.

NYC Transit apologizes for any inconvenience to our customers while this vital work is being performed.

As affected weekends approach, customers should look for in-station posters or call NYC Transit's Travel Information Center at 718 330 1234 between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. daily or log on at www.mta.info and go to the planned service changes section for service information and travel tips.