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MTA New York City Transit Adds Service for the Holidays

*Nostalgia Trains and Buses Bring Additional Holiday Cheer*

If you're planning on taking advantage of all of the great things the City has to offer this holiday season, including the shopping, sightseeing and visits with friends and relatives, MTA New York City Transit will be offering more frequent weekend service along several subway lines. And as an added treat, come out and take a ride on a rolling piece of NYC Transit history.

NYC Transit provides subway service to meet demand and careful monitoring of past holiday travel trends shows that the number of subway trips rise during the peak holiday season. The numbered lines significant ridership increases which are driven largely by trips made by holiday shoppers.

"This is an extremely busy time of year for weekend travel and we are increasing our scheduled weekend service in areas of historically high ridership," said NYC Transit President Thomas F. Prendergast. By adding extra trains we are able to increase capacity and also shorten the wait time for riders."

The service increases will be in place the weekends of December 4th and 5th, 11th and 12th, and 18th and 19th. During these periods, customers using the No. 1 and No. 6 will see scheduled wait times will drop from eight to six minutes. Combined, No. 2 and No. 3 trains will arrive every five minutes instead of the regularly scheduled six. No. 4 and No. 5 trains are also scheduled for an increase in service from every five minutes to every four.

Three of the lettered lines will also benefit from increases in scheduled service during these December weekends. E trains are scheduled to run every 7 1/2 minutes instead of every 10 minutes on Saturday evening and Sunday. E service is already scheduled to arrive at 7 1/2 minute intervals during the day on Saturdays. F train riders will also see trains scheduled to arrive every 7 1/2 minutes instead of every 10 minutes on Saturday and Sunday. Q service is scheduled to run every 7 1/2 minutes instead of every 10 minutes.