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### New Signal System Installation Begins on Flushing Line

#### *Weekend 7 Service Suspended Between Queens and Manhattan*

MTA New York City Transit announces that this coming weekend will be the first of five planned service suspensions on the 7 line between Queensboro Plaza and Times Square this fall. There will be no 7 subway service between Times Square and Queensboro Plaza from 11:30 p.m. Fridays through 5 a.m. Mondays during the weekends of October 7-10, October 28-31, November 4-6\*, November 11-14 and November 18-21, affecting an estimated 280,000 customers each weekend. The E, F, N, Q, S and free shuttle buses will provide alternate service.

This fall, as we continue our maintenance efforts in the Steinway tunnel, we begin installation of a new signal system known as CBTC – Communications Based Train Control. This automated train control system ensures the safe operation of trains using wireless data communication that will allow for more frequent service and the use of countdown clocks in the future. Fiber optic and computer equipment will be installed on the tracks along the entire line. This work requires service changes in October and November and will continue for several years. We realize this will be an inconvenience, but the work is necessary to modernize and improve the reliability of the 7 line.

In addition, on this upcoming weekend (October 7-10), we will also be doing track panel installation south of 33rd Street-Rawson Street. In order to accommodate this work, Queensboro Plaza-bound 7 trains operate express from 74th Street to Queensboro Plaza, stopping at 61st Street-Woodside. Customers must 'backride' for skipped stations or change for the E, F or R at 74th Street if traveling to Manhattan.

Customers should use the E, F, N or Q to travel between Manhattan and Queens. There is a free shuttle bus operating between Vernon Blvd.-Jackson Avenue and Queensboro Plaza. Q service will be extended to and from Astoria-Ditmars Blvd. during the daytime hours. In Manhattan, the 42nd Street S shuttle will operate overnight throughout the weekend.

Customers may visit our website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) to sign up for free email and text message alerts. Also, customers can check out "The Weekender" on the front page of [mta.info](http://mta.info) where subway riders can more easily visualize exactly how weekend work will affect subway service. The Weekender becomes the home page of [mta.info](http://mta.info) beginning every Friday afternoon until early Monday morning. In addition, customers may dial 511, the New York State travel information line, for MTA customer service and travel information. NYC Transit agents are available to provide assistance with your travel plans daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

\*Service resumes Sunday, November 6 at 5 a.m. for the NYC Marathon.