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### Weekend Emergency Work Restores Full No. 7 Flushing Service

Laboring throughout the weekend, a team of MTA New York City Transit maintenance employees completed the emergency signal repair work which forced a temporary shutdown of No. 7 Flushing Line service between Queensboro Plaza and Times Square. Full Flushing Line service was restored last night at midnight, ahead of schedule.

The service diversion was put into place Friday afternoon to allow repairs to the signal system in the Steinway Tube, which carries the No. 7 Line between Long Island City and the East Side of Manhattan.

About 800 feet of the system on the Manhattan bound track was damaged through a combination of an existing water condition and last week's heavy rainfalls.

New insulating materials were installed between the rails and track ties upon which they are supported. This work required the installation of new wiring, removal and replacement of the rails, realignment of the third rail and grouting of the tunnel wall. The work was complicated by the tight confines of the Steinway Tube.

Aside from the employees actually involved in performing the work, the emergency project was supported by employees from Stations, Operations Planning and the Department of Buses. Additional personnel were deployed throughout the weekend to direct customers affected by the service changes.

"Thanks to the dedication and hard work of hundreds of our employees, we were able to resume service in time for Monday's rush period," said NYC Transit President Thomas F. Prendergast. "We thank our customers for their patience while we worked to correct this problem. Our top priority is customer safety, and a fully functional and dependable signaling system is a key component to running trains safely through our system."