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No. 7 Service Disrupted Throughout the Weekend

Service suspended between Manhattan and Queens for Friday's Evening Rush

Emergency signal repair work in the Steinway Tube is forcing severe disruptions this weekend to Flushing Line No. 7 service. Where possible, customers are urged to use N Line service into Manhattan or transfer at Broadway-74th Street for Queens Boulevard Line service.

The service diversion is necessary in order to make repairs to the signal system in the Steinway Tunnel, which the 7 Line uses to run between Queens and Manhattan. The system sustained damage due to an existing water condition exacerbated by yesterday's heavy rains. In order to correct the problem, we will be installing new insulating materials between the rails and the track ties upon which they are supported.

"We understand the inconvenience that our customers are experiencing as a result of this emergency repair project and are doing everything possible to restore full service as quickly as possible," said NYC Transit President Thomas F. Prendergast. "However, our top priority is running our service safely, and a fully functional and dependable signaling system is a key component in that effort."

In order to carry out the necessary emergency repair work:

There will be no subway service between Queensboro Plaza and Times Square-42nd Street between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. tonight. During this period, shuttle buses will provide service between the Queensboro Plaza and Vernon-Jackson Stations. The 7 line will operate as a local between Queensboro Plaza and Main Street-Flushing.

Beginning at 10 p.m., single-track 7 line shuttle service will operate between Queensboro Plaza and Times Square-42nd Street and continue for the rest of the weekend. This will result in long waiting times between trains at stations between Queensboro Plaza and Times Square-42nd Street. Customers boarding trains between Queensboro Plaza and Main Street-Flushing should transfer between the 7 and N line at Queensboro Plaza or between the 7 line and the E, F, or R lines at 74th Street-Broadway to complete their trips. Normal 7 line service will be provided between Queensboro Plaza and Main Street-Flushing.

Weekend work on the Sea Beach and Astoria Lines has been cancelled due to the emergency work in order to free up N service. Manhattan-bound N trains will operate on a normal weekend schedule from Coney Island-Stillwell Avenue to 36th Street. N service will make all local stops on the Astoria Line between Astoria-Ditmars Boulevard and Queensboro Plaza in both directions.

Additional personnel will be on hand this evening and throughout the weekend to direct customers affected by the service changes. Announcements will be made on board trains and in stations. Emails and text messages will be sent out to those who subscribe to these services.

We anticipate having full Flushing Line service in operation in time for Monday morning's rush period. Please check the MTA website, www.mta.info for updated information.