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Service Advisory for The Puerto Rican Day Parade and The 116th Street Festival

The weekend-long celebration of Puerto Rican heritage begins on Saturday, June 11 with The 116th Street (Abrazo Fraternal) Festival which will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on 116th Street between Lexington and First Avenues *and* on Third Avenue between 106th and 122nd Streets. The 116th Street Festival is a very popular attraction with up to 50,000 people in attendance at any one time. Overall attendance for the day could reach upwards of 100,000.

The 116th 6 station will be "exit only" during festival hours. Customers wishing to enter at 116th Street will be redirected to nearby stations on Lexington Avenue at 110th and 125th Streets. NYC Transit bus routes M101, M102, M103, and M116 will be affected by street closures. Bus and subway customers in the area should allow extra time for their trips.

This year's National Puerto Rican Day Parade will be held on Sunday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The annual parade usually attracts upwards of 2 million spectators along the route, which runs up Fifth Avenue from 44th Street to 79th Street. The 77th Street 6 station will be "exit only" from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Customers seeking up or downtown service from this station will be directed to 68th Street or 86th Street stations. Parade-goers may use Fifth Avenue stations on the EFNR and 7 lines. Additionally, NYC Transit will increase subway service on the 2456 and S (42nd Street shuttle) trains to accommodate spectators.

The following New York City Transit bus routes will be the most affected: M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M72, M66, M86, Q32. Other routes that will be affected in some way are: M31, M57, M79 and MTA Bus routes: BxM1, BxM2, BxM3, BxM4A, BxM6, BxM7, BxM7A, BxM9, BX10, BxM11, QM1, QM2, QM4, QM5 and QM6.

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