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### Planned Service Changes on E and F^Nights and Weekends until late 2012

MTA New York City Transit announced that due to several on-going construction projects, train service between Queens and Manhattan will be impacted on nights and weekends through 2012. We will do our best to schedule these projects simultaneously so that we can minimize the number of service diversions affecting our customers.

Projects include:

Switch replacement and the modernization of the signal system at 5th Avenue-53rd Street and Lexington Avenue-53rd Street stations

Construction of a new fan plant at Jackson Avenue in Queens

Replacement of tracks in the 53rd Street tunnel and at the stations at 23rd Street-Ely Avenue and 47th-50th Sts.

Connection of the Second Avenue subway, which is now under construction, to the Lexington Avenue-63rd Street station.

For example, during the next two weekends February 19-22 and February 26-28, E trains will run on the F line between Roosevelt Avenue and West 4th Street. Free shuttle buses connect the Court Square/23rd Street-Ely Avenue, Queens Plaza and 21st Street-Queensbridge stations. The platforms at 23rd Street-Ely Avenue, Lexington Avenue-53rd Street and 5th Avenue are closed.

Customers should watch for "Planned Service Changes" posters and brochures in stations with travel alternatives. Customers may also visit our website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) and click on "Planned Service Changes" or sign up for free email and text message alerts. Our Travel Information line may be reached at 718-330-1234 daily, between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. for assistance with travel plans.