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MTA Restores L Line Service to Manhattan

Days of work required to restore Brooklyn Manhattan link

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has restored limited L train service between Brooklyn and Manhattan, extending the line from Rockaway Parkway to 8 th Avenue. The reopening of the 14 th Street tube reconnects residents of Williamsburg, Bushwick, East New York and Canarsie to Manhattan.

L trains resumed through the 14 th Street tube at 3 p.m. with 10 minute headways returning service to stations from 8 th Avenue to Broadway Junction. The tube was flooded to a depth of 15 feet for its entire length of 3,400 feet. MTA crews worked around the clock pumping water and then repairing severe damage to the tubes stationary pumping, signaling and communications systems which all required extensive repairs.

"We continue to progress toward the complete restoration of service and will continue to do so incrementally, but only when it's safe and doesn't overcharge the system," said MTA Chairman and CEO Joseph J. Lhota. "However, much work remains to restore service in the Rockaways and along the Sea Beach Line in Brooklyn, which were devastated by Hurricane Sandy."

The A line in the Rockaways suffered extensive damage as did the Sea Beach Line on the N from 8 th Avenue to Coney Island. There is no timetable for the return of service to each of these segments of the system, but track workers and crews will continue to work 24/7 to restore service as quickly as possible.

Pumping is also continuing inside the Montague Street tube. Once the tube is dry, workers will be able to assess the damage and make all necessary repairs to restore R service into Manhattan.