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MTA Service Advisory: More Subway Service Restored

Queens Midtown Tunnel is Open for Buses Only; Voter Shuttle Buses Carrying Voters to Polls in Staten Island, Coney Island & Rockaways
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The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) restored additional subway and bus services in time for this morning's rush hour.

Service on the A has been restored in upper Manhattan to 207th Street which has allowed service on the C train to be extended to the 168th Street station. The restoration of A service to 207th Street will alleviate overcrowding on the 123. The B train is now running between Bedford Park Boulevard in the Bronx and Brighton Beach in Brooklyn. The Q train is now operating from 57th Street – 7th Avenue in Manhattan to Brighton Beach. Customers are reminded that some lines are still running with extended headways.

Work continues on restoring service on the G and L lines through northwest Brooklyn, where alternate service on the J and M trains remains crowded. The G's Greenpoint tube under Newtown Creek has been pumped out but extensive work remains to repair the signal system. The L's 14th Street tube under the East River is now dry and damage is currently being assessed. NYCT is running extra buses on the B62 route to offer additional service through the area. The Z and Rockaway Park S remain suspended.

The following stations remain closed:

Manhattan

- Rector St 1, South Ferry 1 (South Ferry closed indefinitely)
- Fulton St J, Broad Street J
- City Hall R, Cortlandt St R, Rector St R, Whitehall St R
- All L stations from 8th Avenue to 1st Avenue.

Brooklyn

- All G stations from Greenpoint Avenue to Church Avenue. However, Hoyt-Schermerhorn is serviced by the AC and stations from Bergen Street to Church Avenue are serviced by the F
- All L stations between Bedford Avenue and Bushwick Ave-Aberdeen Street.
- All N stations along the Sea Beach line between 8th Avenue and Coney Island.
- 25th Avenue D, Bay 50th Street D, Coney Island D
- Neptune Avenue F, West 8th St-NY Aquarium F, Coney Island F
- Ocean Parkway Q, West 8th St-NY Aquarium Q, Coney Island Q

Queens

- Court Square G, 21st Street G
- All A stations between Howard Beach and Far Rockaway-Mott Ave and Rockaway Park-Beach 116th Street

Queens Midtown Tunnel Opens for Rush Hour Buses

MTA Bridges and Tunnels opened one lane of the Queens Midtown Tunnel for buses only this morning. One lane of the south tube opened for Manhattan-bound buses from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., and for Queens-bound buses from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The tunnel will be closed to traffic at all other times.

The Queens Midtown Tunnel was flooded with storm surge and sustained significant damage to its mechanical systems that must be repaired. No timetable has been established to reopen the tunnel to general traffic.

The Hugh L. Carey Tunnel, formerly known as the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, was also flooded by storm surge. Pumping operations continue at the tunnel and there is no timetable for reopening it.

Voter Shuttle Buses

The MTA is also operating special "MTA Voter Shuttles" today to carry voters from damaged polling places to alternate sites established by the Board of Elections on Staten Island, in Coney Island and in the Rockaways.

The free Election Day shuttle buses will run every 15 to 20 minutes, in addition to other scheduled bus service in those areas.

The buses will be marked by "MTA Voter Shuttle" destination signs and will run from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. to help voters, particularly those displaced by Hurricane Sandy, reach polling places. MTA buses will also be dispatched to carry Board of Elections polling station workers from their Queens headquarters in Kew Gardens to their newly assigned polling stations in the three areas. [Click here to view routes for the "MTA Voter Shuttle" buses.](#)