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Another Successful Round of FASTRACK on the 1 2 3

MTA New York City Transit wrapped up yet another successful *FASTRACK* line segment closure completing an ambitious schedule of work on the Seventh Avenue Line.

Once again, transit workers were able to accomplish a multitude of tasks stretching from 34th Street-Penn Station to Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn. They inspected signals, fixed rails and ties, scraped roadbeds, cleaned stations and painted areas impossible to reach during normal train operation. Workers also took the opportunity to replace lighting fixtures and repair platform edges while performing intense levels of station cleaning—things that improve efficiency while also providing a visible improvement to the station environment.

FASTRACK has quickly become a game-changer for us as we are able to complete work that otherwise would have taken months under normal operations," said NYC Transit President Thomas Prendergast. As we continue to fine tune operations under *FASTRACK*, we will look to expand the program to line segments in the outer boroughs next year."

During the four-night series of shutdowns, hundreds of maintenance workers each night completed work that included:

- 6,845 bags of rubbish removed;
- 99,900 pounds of scrap material and debris removed;
- Muck and mud scraped from 2,375 feet of concrete roadbed;
- Repaired air lines and expansion joints at 11 locations;
- Replaced 1,639 tunnel lights;
- Corrected 1,396 third rail defects. Cleaned, scraped, and bagged 93,770 feet of track under and around the third rail;
- Installed 27 running rails, 1,028 plates, 1,882 friction pads, and 92 tie blocks;
- Scraped 36,075 sq. feet, primed and painted 26,725 sq. feet at stations;
- Conducted preventative maintenance of elevators and escalators;
- Serviced and inspected 24 smoke detectors and alarms;
- Serviced 16 track switches and 59 signals;
- Replaced 134 sq. feet of ADA tile and 10 platform edge signs;
- Surveyed 80 manholes; and
- Cleaned, adjusted, and optimized 29 CCTV cameras and 15 monitors.

So much work goes into keeping our trains running and *FASTRACK* has gone a long way towards improving reliability," Senior Vice President of the Department of Subways, Carmen Bianco said. In fact, previous *FASTRACK* work enabled us to restore service much more quickly after a water main break at Chambers Street last week."

The area of operation stretched a distance of seven miles from Midtown Manhattan to Downtown Brooklyn and included nearly 20 miles of track.

Only subway line segments with substantial subway alternatives are selected for the overnight shutdowns. So, in addition to nearby lines, other lines that don't usually operate during the late night hours continued to operate in order to help accommodate customers. In order to avoid further inconvenience, other service diversions in the area affected by the closure were avoided. The next *FASTRACK* overnight closure will be on the Eighth Avenue ACE lines from 59th Street-Columbus Circle to Jay Street-MetroTech for four consecutive nights April 23 - 27.

System-wide, NYC Transit's weeknight ridership is approximately 250,000. The closures affect from 10% to 15% of those riders depending on the line segment.