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### FASTRACK Coming to the B, D, F and M Lines

#### *Late Night Shutdown: February 27th - March 2nd*

MTA New York City Transit is bringing *FASTRACK* to the Sixth Avenue Line beginning February 27th following success on the Lexington Avenue Line in January and the Seventh Avenue Line last week. Beginning Monday, February 27, the BDFM Lines will be shut down from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., suspending Sixth Avenue service between 57th Street and West 4th Street in Manhattan in both directions for four consecutive weeknights.

"During the Seventh Avenue *FASTRACK* closure, work crews from several disciplines were able to accomplish 425 separate tasks efficiently and safely," said NYC Transit President Thomas F. Prendergast. "We are learning from each *FASTRACK* operation, and we saw an increase in productivity over and above what we saw last month during the Lexington Ave *FASTRACK*. In four nights, we were able to accomplish what would normally have taken at least two months to complete," added Prendergast.

During this *FASTRACK*, service will operate as follows:

D trains are rerouted and operate in two sections:

- D trains will operate between 205th Street and 59th Street-Columbus Circle, then via the C line between 59th Street-Columbus Circle and West 4th Street, then via the F line between West 4th Street and 2nd Avenue, the last stop.
- D trains will operate between Coney Island-Stillwell Avenue and 36th Street in Brooklyn, then via the R line between 36th Street and Whitehall Street in Lower Manhattan, the last stop.

F trains operate via the E line between Roosevelt Avenue and West 4th Street in both directions. For service to Lexington Avenue/63rd Street, Roosevelt Island and 21st Street-Queensbridge, customers should take the Q. Q service will be extended to 21st Street-Queensbridge via the F line after 57th Street-7th Avenue.

Manhattan-bound B and M service in Brooklyn and Queens ends at 9:30 p.m. Service in Manhattan is available until 10 p.m.

Customers should use nearby stations and services: ACE2345NQR. Free Shuttle buses provide connecting service between the Grand Street D station and both the Canal Street NQR6 and Broadway-Lafayette DF stations.

By providing a more productive work window, Transit employees will be safer by avoiding the interruptions of repeatedly having to "clear up" for trains going by. In order to accomplish our maintenance tasks we chose four corridors to shut down overnight four times a year between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Those corridors all begin at Manhattan's Central Business District (CBD):

- Lexington Avenue 456 from Grand Central-42nd Street to Atlantic Avenue
- Seventh Avenue 123 from 34th Street to Atlantic Avenue
- Sixth Avenue BDFM from 59th Street-Columbus Circle to West 4th Street
- Eighth Avenue ACE from 59th Street-Columbus Circle to Jay Street-MetroTech

Only subway line segments with substantial subway alternatives are selected for the overnight shutdowns. So, in addition to nearby lines, there may be other lines running that don't usually operate during the late night hours in order to help accommodate customers. In order to avoid further inconvenience, we will avoid other service diversions in the area affected by the closure. **Our 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 beginning Monday, March 12.**

System-wide, NYC Transit's weeknight ridership is approximately 250,000. The closures will affect from 10% to 15% of those riders depending on the line segment. When a line segment is closed at night, customers can expect to add 20 minutes to their usual travel time. Alternative transportation options

will be detailed in announcements and posters on trains, in stations and on selected buses; brochures will be available in both English and Spanish. Information will also be available on the web at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) and through social media, email and text alerts.