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MTA Restores G Line in Brooklyn and Queens

Longer Trains Will Run Less Frequently While Damaged Signals Are Replaced

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has restored limited service on the G train between Brooklyn and Queens, reconnecting a vital link between the boroughs that was severed by Hurricane Sandy.

G trains resumed service at 8:55 a.m. along their full route from Church Avenue in Brooklyn to Court Square in Queens. The restoration is possible after MTA crews worked around the clock to pump water from the Greenpoint tube under Newtown Creek, which flooded during the storm. The tube suffered severe damage to its signaling and communications systems and requires extensive repairs.

While work continues to repair those systems, G trains will operate at no more than 10 mph through the tube, requiring trains to operate every 12 minutes instead of every 8 minutes. To provide additional capacity, G trains will operate with eight cars instead of the usual four. Customers should expect delays and possible crowding.

"We are working day and night to restore service as quickly as possible to give customers more travel options after the storm each day," said MTA Chairman and CEO Joseph J. Lhota. "We will continue to add service incrementally, only when it is absolutely safe to do so and doesn't overcharge the system. Given the strain on the system, we still encourage our customers to allow extra time for their commutes."

The resumption of limited G trains will restore service to customers in North Brooklyn who rely on the G, and will provide a new alternative for those who rely on the L train, which remains suspended. Customers traveling to Manhattan on the J and M trains will now be able to take the G to Court Square, then transfer to the EM or 7 to Manhattan.

The L train's 14th Street tube under the East River, which was one of eight subway tunnels to flood during the storm, is now dry and being assessed for damage. MTA New York City Transit recommends customers use the B60 bus as an alternative to closed L stations in Brooklyn, connecting with the J train at Marcy Avenue for Manhattan service.