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Installation of New Signal System Continues on Flushing Line

Winter Weekend 7 Service Suspended Between Queens and Manhattan

MTA New York City Transit announces that this coming weekend will be the [first of thirteen planned service suspensions on the 7 line between Queensboro Plaza and Times Square](#). There will be no 7 subway service between Times Square and Queensboro Plaza from 11:45 p.m. Fridays through 5 a.m. Mondays during the weekends of: December 28-31, 2012, January 4-7, January 11-14, January 18-21, January 25-28, February 1-4, February 9-11, February 15-19*, February 22-25, March 1-4, March 8-11, March 15-18 and March 22-25, 2013 weekends. The [E](#), [F](#), [N](#), [Q](#), [S](#) and free shuttle buses will provide alternate service.

In 2011, we instituted a plan of infrastructure maintenance in the Steinway Tunnel to improve 7 line service reliability. We also began installation of a new signal system known as CBTC – Communication Based Train Control. This automated train control system ensures the safe operation of trains using wireless data communication that will allow for increased capacity, more frequent service and the future installation of countdown clocks. To support this effort, fiber optic and computer equipment will be installed on the tracks along the entire line. This work requires service changes that will continue for several years. We realize this will be an inconvenience, but the work is necessary to modernize and improve the reliability of the 7 line.

Customers should use the [E](#), [F](#), [N](#) or [Q](#) to travel between Manhattan and Queens. There is a free shuttle bus operating between Vernon Blvd.- Jackson Avenue and Queensboro Plaza. [Q](#) service will be extended to and from Astoria-Ditmars Blvd. during the daytime hours. In Manhattan, the 42nd Street [S](#) shuttle will operate overnight throughout the weekend.

Customers may visit our website at www.mta.info to sign up for free email and text message alerts. Also, customers can check out “The Weekender” on the front page of www.mta.info where subway riders can more easily visualize exactly how weekend work will affect subway service. In addition, customers may dial 511, the New York State travel information line, for MTA customer service and travel information. NYC Transit agents are available to provide assistance with your travel plans daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

*Closure will begin at 11:45 p.m. Friday, February 15 and end at 5 a.m. Tuesday, February 19.