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'FASTRACK' Wraps Up Week on 6th Avenue Line

Next Up: Lexington Avenue Line (September 3-6)

MTA New York City Transit's intense maintenance and clean-up program, *FASTRACK*, this morning wrapped up a weeklong stint along the Sixth Avenue B,D,F,M lines. Once again, hundreds of Transit workers inspected, repaired, maintained, cleaning and painted subway infrastructure in stations and tunnels between 59th Street-Columbus Circle and West 4th Street.

Transit employees inspected signals, replaced rails and ties, scraped roadbeds, cleaned stations, and painted areas impossible to reach during normal train operation. Workers also cleaned lighting fixtures, changed bulbs and repaired platform edges while performing intense levels of station cleaning, including the removal of tons of refuse.

As a result of focusing the *FASTRACK* closures along segments where substantial alternate service is available, customers are now more accustomed to this new way of performing vital maintenance. Most customers simply switch to another line, often available at the same station complexes.

During the four-night series of shutdowns, more than 800 maintenance workers each night completing hundreds of tasks, an effort that would have taken months under normal operations. Work included:

- **Signals:** Serviced 21 switches, serviced 4 signals, replaced 1 switch cable, replaced 1 set of track wires, and re-piped track wires;
- **Track:** Corrected 1,657 third rail defects, installed 738 plates, installed 27 tie blocks, installed 25 rails, installed 768 friction pads, scraped 8,380 feet of muck, removed 7,421 bags of rubbish, and removed 181,400 pounds of scrap;
- **Stations:** 358 station lights replaced, 28 platform edge signs replaced, repaired 75 linear feet of rubbing boards, painted 48 columns, eight monitors and six cameras maintained, preventive, washed 111 lighting fixtures, and inspected and performed maintenance work on elevators and escalators.

The next *FASTRACK* overnight closure will be on the Lexington Avenue 4,5,6 lines from Grand Central-42nd Street to Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center for three consecutive nights beginning Monday, September 3.

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.