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Early Return to Service on Queens Boulevard Line

*Work at Three stations finishes Ahead of Schedule*

Instead of working through the weekend as planned, MTA New York City Transit is giving Manhattan-bound service back to the customers at three Queens stations just in time for the weekend. Manhattan-bound platforms at Sutphin Blvd (Hillside Avenue), Briarwood-Van Wyck Blvd. and 75th Avenue will reopen at 3 p.m. Friday, April 13 instead of 5 a.m. Monday, April 16 as originally scheduled.

Due to solid planning and productivity, track and tie replacement went more smoothly than expected. A project that could have stretched out over four weekends was done in seven days. Can we do this every time? Unfortunately, no," said New York City Transit President Thomas F. Prendergast. But by taking this new approach to how we maintain the system, and doing limited shutdowns as we did at these stations, we are able to complete tasks safely, cut down on the number of service disruptions and return service as quickly as possible. And that's a win-win for us and our customers," added Prendergast.

During the seven days of work, Transit workers removed 40 bags of debris, installed 1,016 plates and 40 tie blocks, in addition to 1,690 feet of Continuous Welded Rail (CWR). This work will contribute to a much smoother ride for our customers.