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MTA New York City Transit Launches Service Investments for Buses and Subways

Some Improvements to be seen as early as October 2012

MTA New York City Transit announced today that it is adding and extending service on dozens of bus routes throughout the city and making the G line extension to Church Avenue in Brooklyn permanent. As ridership continues to grow, overall ridership revenues have increased and enabled the MTA to make new service investments to better meet our customers' needs. MTA New York City Transit will make service investments in all five boroughs in order to respond to increased ridership demands and to fill in gaps in service coverage in certain geographic areas or at certain times of day.

"These service investments are not about adding buses to existing routes, but rather extending service during weekend and off-peak periods when riders had limited options," said NYCT President Thomas F. Prendergast. "As a result of new revenue from increased ridership as well as our continuing cost-saving measures, we are now able respond to this growth in ridership by filling gaps in service coverage in certain areas as well as provide new service to developing neighborhoods throughout the city."

Along with this document is a line-by-line breakdown of all the improvements. Many of the enhancements involve service to new markets and will go through the process of public hearings. We will be working closely with the communities in DUMBO, Vinegar Hill, Williamsburg, Greenpoint and Spring Creek in Brooklyn, with Hunts Point residents in the Bronx and far West siders from Clinton to the West Village in Manhattan to devise new routes for bus service in those areas.

We will be extending established routes to include new areas of residential and commercial growth. The Bx13 route, for example, will be extended from East 161st Street to the Gateway Center Mall at all times not only for the benefit of shoppers, but for mall employees as well.

Other route extensions include the B57 to Red Hook, the B4 to Knapp Street, the M9 to Battery Park City, the Q30 to Queensborough Community College (weekdays only), alternate Q36 buses to the Little Neck LIRR station (weekdays only), the S93 onto the College of Staten Island campus and the X17 to Tottenville.

In addition, the X17 will operate on Sundays as it currently does on Saturdays and a bus stop will be added in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. Weekend service on the X27 will be restored from Bay Ridge to midtown Manhattan. Changes to the X17 and X27 may begin as early as October 2012. The B2 weekend service will also be restored in October in time for holiday shopping at the Kings Plaza Mall. Weekend service is set to be restored on the Bx34 in the Bronx, B4, B24, and B69 in Brooklyn and the M1 to 8th Street, M21 in Manhattan and the Q76 in Queens by early 2013.

Service will also be restored to:

- B39 between the lower East Side of Manhattan and Williamsburg, Brooklyn on a 30- minute frequency from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- B48 service between Atlantic Avenue and Prospect Park
- B64 service south of 25th Avenue
- M9 to 29th Street
- Q24 extension west of Broadway Junction
- Midday Q42 in Jamaica and Addisleigh Park
- Weekend S76 serving New Dorp and Oakwood

In addition we will provide full-length overnight service on the Q27 serving Queens Village and Cambria Heights and the X1 express bus route serving the eastern shore of Staten Island and Manhattan.