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'FASTRACK' Returning to the B, D, F and M Lines

Late Night Shutdown: May 14 - May 18

MTA New York City Transit is bringing *FASTRACK* back to the Sixth Avenue Line. Beginning Monday, May 14, the B D F M Lines will be shut down from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., suspending Sixth Avenue service between 57th Street and West 4th Street in Manhattan in both directions for four consecutive weeknights.

The program has been instrumental in allowing NYCT to perform necessary maintenance and repair work in a much shorter time than would otherwise be possible. Also, the absence of train traffic helps to ensure worker safety.

During this *FASTRACK*, service will operate as follows:

D trains are rerouted and operate in two sections:

- D trains will operate between 205th Street and 59th Street-Columbus Circle, then via the C line between 59th Street-Columbus Circle and West 4th Street, then via the F line between West 4th Street and 2nd Avenue, the last stop.
- D trains will operate between Coney Island-Stillwell Avenue and 36th Street in Brooklyn, then via the R line between 36th Street and Whitehall Street in Lower Manhattan, the last stop.

F trains operate via the E line between Roosevelt Avenue and West 4th Street in both directions. For service to Lexington Avenue/63rd Street, Roosevelt Island and 21st Street-Queensbridge, customers should take the Q. Q service will be extended to 21st Street-Queensbridge via the F line after 57th Street-7th Avenue.

Manhattan-bound B and M service in Brooklyn and Queens ends at 9:30 p.m. Service in Manhattan is available until 10 p.m.

Customers should use nearby stations and services: A C E 2 3 4 5 N Q R. Free Shuttle buses provide connecting service between the Grand Street D station and both the Canal Street N Q R 6 and Broadway-Lafayette D F stations.

By providing a more productive work window, transit employees will be safer by avoiding the interruptions of repeatedly having to "clear up" for trains going by. In order to accomplish maintenance tasks, four corridors are shut down overnight four times a year between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Those corridors all begin at Manhattan's Central Business District (CBD):

- Lexington Avenue 4 5 6 from Grand Central-42nd Street to Atlantic Avenue
- Seventh Avenue 1 2 3 from 34th Street to Atlantic Avenue
- Sixth Avenue B D F M from 59th Street-Columbus Circle to West 4th Street
- Eighth Avenue A C E from 59th Street-Columbus Circle to Jay Street-MetroTech

Only subway line segments with substantial subway alternatives are selected for the overnight shutdowns. So, in addition to nearby lines, there may be other lines running that don't usually operate during the late night hours in order to help accommodate customers. In order to avoid further inconvenience, other service diversions in the area affected by the closure are not scheduled.

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. When a line segment is closed at night, customers can expect to add 20 minutes to their usual travel time. Alternative transportation options will be detailed in announcements and posters on trains, in stations and on selected buses; brochures will be available in both English and Spanish. Information will also be available on the web at www.mta.info and through social media, email and text alerts.