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

Late Night Shutdown: July 23- July 26

MTA New York City Transit is bringing *FASTRACK* back to the Sixth Avenue Line beginning Monday, July 23. The BDFM lines will be shut down from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., suspending Sixth Avenue service between 59 th Street-Columbus Circle and West 4 th Street in Manhattan in both directions for four consecutive weeknights.

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

D trains are rerouted and operate in two sections:

- D trains will operate between 205 th Street and 59 th Street-Columbus Circle, then via the C line between 59 th Street-Columbus Circle and West 4 th Street, then via the F line between West 4 th Street and 2 nd Avenue, the last stop.
- D trains will operate between Coney Island-Stillwell Avenue and West 4 th Street in Manhattan, connecting with the 205 th Street section of the D train at West 4 th Street and Broadway Lafayette stations.

F trains operate via the E line between Roosevelt Avenue and West 4 th Street in both directions. For service to Lexington Avenue/63 rd Street, Roosevelt Island and 21 st Street-Queensbridge, customers should take the Q. Q service will be extended to 21 st Street-Queensbridge via the F line after 57 th Street-7 th 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: ACE2345NQR. Free Shuttle buses provide connecting service between the Grand Street D station and both the Canal Street NQR6 and Broadway-Lafayette DF 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 our maintenance tasks we chose four corridors to 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 456 from Grand Central-42 nd Street to Atlantic Avenue
- Seventh Avenue 123 from 34 th Street to Atlantic Avenue
- Sixth Avenue BDFM from 59 th Street-Columbus Circle to West 4 th Street
- Eighth Avenue ACE from 59 th 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, we will avoid other service diversions in the area affected by the closure. **Our next *FASTRACK* overnight closure will be on the Lexington Avenue 456 lines from Grand Central-42 nd Street to Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center for four consecutive nights beginning Monday, September 3.**

System-wide, NYC Transit's weeknight ridership is approximately 250,000. The closures will 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.