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FASTRACK Comes to N, Q, R Line

All N, Q, R Stations in Manhattan to Close for Overnight Work

On Monday, January 28, MTA New York City Transit brings *FASTRACK* to Manhattan on the N, Q and R line. There will be no service at N, Q, R stations in Manhattan from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., for four consecutive weeknights from Monday, January 28 to early Friday morning, February 1. N trains will operate in Queens and Brooklyn only. Q trains run in Brooklyn and are rerouted via the D 6th Avenue line in Manhattan to/from the 57th Street F station. R service ends early in Manhattan and Queens.

Customers should use these travel alternatives:

- Use nearby stations on the 8th Avenue (A, E), 7th Avenue (1, 2) 6th Avenue (D, F, Q) and Lexington Avenue (4, 6) Lines instead.
- Take the 7 for service between Queens and Manhattan.
- Make key transfers between services at Queensboro Plaza (7, N), 5th Avenue/42nd Street-Bryant Park (7, D, F, Q), Jay Street-MetroTech (A, F, N), and Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center (2, 4, D, N, Q).

FASTRACK was introduced in January 2012, devoting four straight weeknights to perform maintenance work in tunnels, stations and on tracks, completely suspending service within a given line segment for a seven-hour period between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. This gives free access to the system, allowing an army of maintenance workers to perform dozens of tasks without the concern of having to "clear up" to allow trains to pass.

The new *FASTRACK* corridors for 2013 include: the A Line between 168th Street and 207th Street, in upper Manhattan; the Concourse Line D between 161st and 205th Streets; the Queens Boulevard Line E, M, F, R between 5th Av/53rd Street and Roosevelt Avenue; the 2 line along Nostrand Avenue between Franklin and Flatbush Avenues and the Lexington Avenue 4, 5, 6 between Grand Central and 125th Streets.

FASTRACK projects are also scheduled for the Sixth/Eighth Avenue Lines (A, B, C and D) between 59th Street-Columbus Circle and 168th Street-Broadway and 161st Street; Nassau Street-Broad Street-Essex Street on the J; the Fourth Avenue line (D, N, R) between 36th Street and 95th Streets in Brooklyn.

These *FASTRACK* efforts have been designed around the careful determination that there is adequate alternate means of transportation, including enhanced services along some bus lines during work periods. 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 on this *FASTRACK* is available on the web at http://www.mta.info/nyct/service/fastrack_NQR.htm.

Our next *FASTRACK* overnight closure will be on the A Line north of 168th Street for four consecutive weeknights from Monday, February 25 to early morning Friday, March 1.