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MTA New York City Transit Increases Subway on Nine Subway Lines This Sunday

Customers on the 13467BMW and Shuttle will see schedule adjustments aimed at increasing service and reducing crowding

This Sunday morning, riders on nine subway lines will benefit from additional service, including earlier express service on the 7, a resumption of 24-hour 3 service and increased service on the 4, MTA New York City Transit announced. These service improvements mean less crowding and more frequent trains and come in response to higher ridership and increased travel demand.

The 7 will make fourteen additional round trips between Flushing-Main Street and Times Square-42nd Street every Saturday and Sunday to meet increased ridership demand. In addition, beginning Monday, July 28, weekday express service will start at 5:33 a.m. instead of 6:31 a.m. creating five additional express trips during the morning rush hour. Customers have told us that the locals are quite crowded as the trains move down the line and this will help to address that issue.

Beginning Sunday, 3 service will operate between Times Square-42nd Street and Harlem-148th Street overnight on weekdays and weekends for the first time in several years, during which customers headed to 145th and 148th Street were required to transfer to buses. This service change will ease congestion on northbound 2 trains, reduce waiting time for 2 and 3 customers, and accommodate the ridership growth at Harlem-148th Street and projected growth in Harlem in general. Additionally, 3 scheduled waiting times will decrease on weekdays in the late morning from 9:30 to 10 from every six to eight minutes to every five to seven minutes to alleviate overcrowding on the 2.

Weekday evening 1 service from 8 p.m. to midnight will increase from every six to ten minutes to every five to eight minutes.

The early weekday rush hour service (from 6 a.m. to 6:30 a.m.) on the 4 will see a significant increase from every 15 minutes to every 10 to 12 minutes northbound and from every 10 minutes to every 7 to 8 minutes southbound. Weekday 4 early afternoon rush hour service (3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.) will increase from every 5 minutes to every 4 minutes. Weekday 4 evening service (7 p.m. to midnight) will increase from every 10 to 12 minutes to every 7 to 10 minutes. Weekday 6 evening service (9 p.m. to midnight) will increase from every 6 to 12 minutes to every 5 to 8 minutes.

42nd Street S shuttle service will increase in two time periods: Between 9:55 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., service will increase from every 5 minutes to every 4 minutes and between 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., it will increase from every 4 to 5 minutes to every 3 to 4 minutes.

These service adjustments will mean six additional trips to the 1 and 6 and ten additional trips to the 4 and S on weekdays.

Recent subway ridership growth has resulted in several routes operating with loads that at certain time exceed the MTA's loading guidelines at certain times. To bring subway loads within the guidelines, MTA NYC Transit is making service adjustments to the B M and W lines.

Rush hour W service will be increased from every 10 minutes to every eight minutes between 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. In addition, weekday evening service on the B W and M will be expanded. On weekdays, B service will operate from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. instead of stopping at 9:30 p.m. as it does currently. Evening Manhattan-bound M service will run to Broad Street from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and to Myrtle Avenue between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. W trains will operate from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. – an extension from its current 9:30 p.m. end time.

The expanded hours will ease crowding conditions on the Q N and J routes, reduce the need for transfers and provide a more simplified and consistent service to our Queens and Brooklyn customers.

These service increases are being implemented at a cost of \$8.9 million annually. The cost is being funded by several internal savings initiatives that are included in the NYC Transit's July 2008 Financial Plan.