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### FASTRACK Returns to the Grand Concourse

#### *No D Service Between 205th Street and 161st Street*

On Monday, July 15, MTA New York City Transit brings *FASTRACK* back to the Bronx on the Concourse **D** Line. **D** train service will be suspended in both directions between 205<sup>th</sup> Street and 161<sup>st</sup> Street-Yankee Stadium from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., for four consecutive weeknights from Monday, July 15 to early Friday morning, July 18. **B** service ends early each night. Coney Island -bound **D** trains skip 155<sup>th</sup> Street. Customers should take the **4** instead. (There are no Yankee home games scheduled during those four nights.)

There will be no **D** service in either direction at 205<sup>th</sup> Street, Bedford Park Blvd, Kingsbridge Road, Fordham Road, 182<sup>nd</sup>-183<sup>rd</sup> Sts, Tremont Avenue, 174<sup>th</sup>-175<sup>th</sup> Sts, 170<sup>th</sup> Street and 167<sup>th</sup> Street.

Travel alternatives:

- Take **4** service to and from nearby stations.
- Transfer between **D** and 4 trains at 161<sup>st</sup> Street-Yankee Stadium.
- Free shuttle buses provide connecting service between the 205<sup>th</sup> Street **D** and the Mosholu Parkway **4** stations only.
- For service *from* 155<sup>th</sup> Street, take a 161<sup>st</sup> Street-Yankee Stadium-bound **D** train one stop to 161<sup>st</sup> Street-Yankee Stadium and transfer to a Coney Island-bound **D**.
- For service *to* 155<sup>th</sup> Street, take the Coney Island-bound **D** to 145<sup>th</sup> Street and transfer to a 161<sup>st</sup> Street-Yankee Stadium -bound **D**.

#### Highlights of the work completed during Concourse **D** Line *FASTRACK* in April 2013:

- **Track** - Generated 11,228 bags of debris, 14,900 pounds of scrap debris, removed 59,800 pounds of scrap debris, scraped and cleaned 7,995 feet of track, replaced 30 tie blocks, installed 1,002 plates, 31 running rails, 200 friction pads.
- **Third Rail Operations** - cleared 396 defects, scraped and cleaned 3,890 feet of track under and around the third rail, inspected 31,130 feet of third rail.
- **Signals** - Serviced 85 signals, and five switches; tested 96 signals, and inspected two interlockings.
- **Infrastructure** - Sealed 178 leaks, cleaned 1,125 feet of no clearance signs and 2,840 feet of track drains, repaired/replaced 131 feet of handrail, scraped 880 feet of track trough, repaired 45 square feet of chipped concrete.
- **Electronic Maintenance** - Optimized pictures on 21 monitors and 40 cameras.
- **Station Environment** - Replaced 74 platform signs, 165 tunnel light bulbs and 17 blue (emergency) light bulbs, scraped 27,225 square feet, painted and primed 20,425 square feet, and repaired 525 linear feet of running board.

*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.

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 by clicking [here](#).

Our next *FASTRACK* overnight closure will be August 12-16 on the Queens Blvd Line between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue-53<sup>rd</sup> Street **E****M** and Roosevelt Avenue and between 21<sup>st</sup> Street-Queensbridge **F** and Roosevelt Avenue.

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