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### Service Advisory for 116th Street Festival and Puerto Rican Day Parade

The weekend-long celebration of Puerto Rican heritage begins on Saturday, June 8 with the **116<sup>th</sup> Street Abrazo Fraternal Festival** which will be held from noon to 5 p.m. along 116<sup>th</sup> Street between Lexington and 2nd Avenues and on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between 106<sup>th</sup> and 122<sup>nd</sup> Streets. The 116<sup>th</sup> Street Festival is a very popular attraction with up to 50,000 people in attendance at any one time. Overall attendance for the day could reach upwards of 100,000.

On Saturday, the 116<sup>th</sup> Street  station will be "exit only" from noon to 5 p.m. Customers wishing to enter at 116<sup>th</sup> Street will be redirected to nearby stations on Lexington Avenue at 110<sup>th</sup> and 125<sup>th</sup> Streets. The following New York City Transit and MTA Buses that serve the area will be affected by reroutes: **M15, SBS-M15, M101, M102, M103, M116, BxM6, BxM7, BxM8, BxM9 and BxM10.**

This year's **National Puerto Rican Day Parade** will be held on Sunday, June 9 between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The parade route runs up Fifth Avenue from 44<sup>th</sup> Street to 79<sup>th</sup> Street. In order to prevent overcrowding on stairways and platforms, the 77<sup>th</sup> Street  station will be "exit only" from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Customers seeking up or downtown service from this station will be directed to 68<sup>th</sup> Street or 86<sup>th</sup> Street stations. Parade-goers may use Fifth Avenue stations on the     and  lines. Additionally, NYC Transit will increase subway service on the     and  (42<sup>nd</sup> Street shuttle) trains to accommodate spectators.

The following NYC Transit MTA Buses will take customers to the parade area although affected by reroutes: **M2, M3, M4, M5, M31, M50, M57, M66, M72, M79, Q32, BxM2, BxM3, BxM4, BxM6, BxM7, BxM8, BxM9, BxM10, BxM11, QM2, QM4, QM5, QM6, X1, and X10.**

Please note that alcohol will not be allowed on MTA Long Island Rail Road trains, stations and platforms on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. The MTA Police will enforce this restriction.

For more information on the service to this weekend's festivities, follow this link:  
<http://www.mta.info/nyc/service/events/PuertoRicanDayParade2013.htm>.

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