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### FASTRACK Comes to the Lower East Side

#### *J Trains Suspended Between Essex Street and Broad Street*

On Monday, April 1, MTA New York City Transit brings *FASTRACK* to the Lower East Side of Manhattan on the J Line. J trains will operate between Jamaica Center and Delancey Street-Essex Street, the last stop. There will be no J service at Broad Street, Fulton Street, Chambers Street, Canal Street and Bowery stations from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., for four consecutive weeknights from Monday, April 1 to early Friday morning, April 5. Customers should take the 4, 6 or A trains at nearby stations instead.

Travel alternatives:

- F and 4, 6 trains provide connecting service between J trains at Delancey Street-Essex Street and Lower Manhattan
- Transfer between F and J trains at Delancey Street-Essex Street
- Transfer between F and 4 or 6 trains at Bleecker Street-Broadway/Lafayette Street.

Customers should also consider the A or E to and from Lower Manhattan.

- A trains at Fulton Street connect with J trains at Broadway Junction
- E trains at World Trade Center connect with J trains at Sutphin Blvd-Archer Avenue.

*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 Broadway N, Q, R south of Queensboro Plaza to Court Street; the A line between 168 th Street and 207 th Street in Upper Manhattan, the D Concourse Line between 161 st and 205 th Street; and the Lexington Avenue 4, 5, and 6 local and express lines between Grand Central-42 nd Street and 125 th Street.

*FASTRACK* projects are also scheduled for the Sixth/Eighth Avenue Lines (A, B, C, D) between 59 th Street-Columbus Circle and 168 th Street-Broadway and 161 st Street; the Fourth Avenue line (D, N, R) between 36 th Street and 95 th Street in Brooklyn and the 2 along Nostrand Avenue between Franklin and Flatbush Avenues.

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\\_J.htm](http://www.mta.info/nyct/service/fastrack_J.htm).