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FASTRACK Comes to the Upper East Side

4, 5, 6 Trains Run Express Between 125th Street and Grand Central

On Monday, March 25, MTA New York City Transit brings *FASTRACK* to the Upper East Side of Manhattan on the 4, 5, and 6 Lines. All Lexington Avenue trains run express **in both directions** between 125th Street and Grand Central-42nd Street making stops at 59th Street and 86th Street from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., for four consecutive weeknights from Monday, March 25 to early Friday morning, March 29.

Travel alternatives:

- Customers should use the **M101 Limited** buses for local service between 125th Street and Grand Central-42nd Street.
- Downtown buses run on Lexington Avenue.
- Uptown buses run on 3rd Avenue.
- Customers may transfer between **M101 Limited** buses and 4 or 6 trains at 125th Street, 86th Street, 59th Street and Grand Central-42nd Street.

5 service in Manhattan ends early each night. For 5 service, customers:

- In Manhattan, may take the 4 or 6
- In the Bronx, take the 2
- Transfer between the 2 and 5 at East 180th Street.
- Transfer between the 2 and 4 at 149th Street-Grand Concourse.

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 168th Street and 207th Street in Upper Manhattan, the D Concourse Line between 161st and 205th Street; and the Lexington Avenue 4, 5, and 6 local and express lines between Grand Central-42nd Street and 125th Street.

FASTRACK projects are also scheduled for the Sixth/Eighth Avenue Lines (A, B, C, 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 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/nycct/service/fastrack_456.htm.

Our next *FASTRACK* overnight closure will be on the J Line between Essex and Broad Street, weeknights beginning Monday, April 1 and ending Friday morning, April 5.