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FASTRACK Returns to the Broadway Line

All N, Q, R Stations in Manhattan to Close for Overnight Work

On Monday, June 17, MTA New York City Transit brings *FASTRACK* back to Manhattan on the **NQR** Broadway Line. There will be no service at **NQ** **R** stations in Manhattan from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., for four consecutive weeknights from Monday, June 17 to early Friday morning, June 21. **N** trains will operate in Queens and Brooklyn only. **Q** trains run normally in Brooklyn but will be rerouted via the **D** (6th Avenue) line in Manhattan to/from the 57th Street **F** station. **R** service ends early in Manhattan and Queens each night.

Customers should use these travel alternatives:

- Use nearby stations on the 8th Avenue **AE** 7th Avenue **12** 6th Avenue **DFQ** and Lexington Avenue **46** Lines instead.
- Take the **7** for service between Queens and Manhattan.
- Make key transfers between services at Queensboro Plaza **7N** 5th Avenue/42nd Street-Bryant Park **7DFQ** Jay Street-MetroTech **AFN** and Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center **24DNQ**.

This past April, hundreds of Transit maintenance workers descended on the Broadway Line to inspect, repair and replace vital components, in addition to cleaning and painting. Workers were able to remove thousands of pounds of scrap and debris from the tracks, replace hundreds of tunnel light bulbs, service closed circuit television (CCTV) equipment and perform maintenance on elevators and escalators.

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 at http://www.mta.info/nyct/service/fastrack_NQR.htm.

Our next *FASTRACK* overnight closure will be on the **D** line north of 161st Street for four consecutive weeknights beginning Monday, July 15.

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