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### FASTRACK Returns to Queens on the E F M R

#### *M and R Service Ends Early*

On Monday, June 3, MTA New York City Transit brings *FASTRACK* back to Queens on the **E F M R** Line. There will be no service on the **E** between Roosevelt Avenue and World Trade Center and no service on the **F** between Roosevelt Avenue and 21<sup>st</sup> Street-Queensbridge from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., for four consecutive weeknights from Monday, June 3 to early Friday morning, June 7. Customers may take the **7**, **N** or free shuttle buses as alternatives. Also, customers coming from Manhattan who normally ride the **E** or **M** to Court Square can instead take the **7**.

The previous *FASTRACK* on the Queens Boulevard line took place earlier this year in March. At that time, workers scraped and cleaned 14,600 linear feet of track, replaced 272 tie blocks, inspected 31,730 feet of third rail, serviced 13 signals, repaired or replaced 315 linear feet of handrail, cleared 1,550 linear feet of track drain, performed maintenance at three pump rooms and sealed 55 leaks.

During this *FASTRACK*, trains will operate as follows:

- **E** in Queens only between Jamaica Center and 74<sup>th</sup> Street/Roosevelt Avenue
- **F** in two sections:
  1. Between 179<sup>th</sup> Street and Roosevelt Avenue and
  2. Between Coney Island-Stillwell Avenue and 21<sup>st</sup> Street-Queensbridge.
- **M** service ends early each night and the **M** shuttle operates between Metropolitan and Myrtle Avenues all night.
- **R** service ends early each night and the **R** shuttle operates in Brooklyn between 95<sup>th</sup> Street and 36<sup>th</sup> Street all night.

As alternatives customers may:

- Take the **7** between Manhattan and 74<sup>th</sup> Street-Roosevelt Avenue or Queensboro Plaza
- Take the **N** between Manhattan and Queensboro Plaza
- In Manhattan, transfer at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue/42<sup>nd</sup> Street-Bryant Park **7 F**, Times Square-42<sup>nd</sup> Street/42<sup>nd</sup> Street-Port Authority **7 A**, and 34<sup>th</sup> Street-Herald Square **F N**
- In Manhattan along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, take the **A** local instead of the **E**
- Take free shuttle buses running **LOCAL** between Queensboro Plaza and 74<sup>th</sup> Street-Roosevelt Avenue making station stops at Queens Plaza, 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Steinway Street, 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Northern Blvd and 65<sup>th</sup> Street
- In Queens, transfer between shuttle buses and trains at 74<sup>th</sup> Street-Roosevelt Avenue **7 E F** or Queensboro Plaza **7 N**

*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/nyc/service/fastrack\\_EFMR.htm](http://www.mta.info/nyc/service/fastrack_EFMR.htm).

Our next *FASTRACK* overnight closure will be from June 10 to 14 on the **A** line between 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 207<sup>th</sup> Street-Inwood.

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