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FASTRACK Returns to the Upper East Side

4 Trains Will Run Local Between 125th Street and Grand Central

MTA New York City Transit's *FASTRACK* program is returning to the Upper East Side of Manhattan on the [4](#) and [5](#) Lines. All service will run on the local tracks (upper level) in order to perform maintenance work in the lower level **express** tunnels. Nightly [4](#) local service begins early from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., for four consecutive weeknights from Monday, October 28 to early Friday morning, November 1, between 125th Street and Grand Central-42nd Street in both directions. [5](#) service in Manhattan will end early each night. However, [5](#) trains will run in the Bronx between Dyre Avenue and East 180th Street all night.

Travel alternatives for [5](#) service:

- [2](#) trains provide alternate service between East 180th Street and 149th Street-Grand Concourse. Customers may transfer between the [2](#) and [5](#) at East 180th Street.
- [4](#) trains provide alternate service between 149th Street-Grand Concourse and Bowling Green. Customers may transfer between the [2](#) and [4](#) at 149th Street-Grand Concourse.

The section of the Lexington Avenue line between 51st Street and 96th Street is on two levels. Local trains are on the upper level and express trains are on the lower level. During the previous Lexington Avenue express line *FASTRACK* in May, a contingent of maintenance workers descended to the express tracks where they were able to remove 10,412 bags of debris, 231,500 pounds of scrap material, install 11 new rails, and service 2 track switches and 53 signals. In addition, workers replaced 211 tunnel lights and 716 station lights, painted 131 columns and corrected 434 third rail defects.

FASTRACK has 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://web.mta.info/nyct/service/fastrack_45.htm#about.

Our next *FASTRACK* overnight closure will be on the [D](#) Line between 161st Street-Yankee Stadium and Norwood-205th Street beginning Monday night, November 4 and ending early Friday morning, November 8.