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Queens-bound 88 St and 104 St A Line Stations To Close for Three Months for Renewal




Five Station Project Begins on the Liberty Av A Line

MTA New York City Transit announces the beginning of a major \$39 million capital project at five stations along the  line on Liberty Avenue in Ozone Park. The project calls for station renewals at 80 St-Hudson Street, 88 St-Boyd Avenue, Rockaway Boulevard, 104 St-Oxford Avenue and 111 St-Greenwood Avenue. For these stations, originally opened in the early 1900's, these improvements include the installation of new lighting, better platforms, enhanced safety features, and upgraded communications, and will create significantly better conditions for customers.

Improvements at these five stations will also feature repair or replacement of mezzanine to platform stairs, mezzanine floors, doors and windows, and interior and exterior walls. Each station will be painted and canopies, windscreen panels and railings will also be replaced. Customers will also benefit from new lighting in the mezzanines, and new artwork. The construction contracts were awarded in December 2013 as a joint venture to Forte Construction Corp and Emis Construction Group.

In order to carry out work on this project in a safe and efficient fashion, we will temporarily close the Queens-bound platforms of the 88th St-Boyd Avenue and 104 St-Oxford Avenue Stations from May 12, 2014 to August 18, 2014. Normal A service will be provided travelling towards Manhattan.

Queens-bound customers travelling to 88th St-Boyd Avenue must ride to the Rockaway Blvd Station and transfer to a Manhattan-bound A train. Customers wishing to ride towards Ozone Park Lefferts Blvd or the Rockaways from 88 St-Boyd Avenue must ride a Manhattan-bound A train to 80 St-Hudson Street and transfer to a Queens-bound A train. Normal service will be provided travelling towards Manhattan.

Queens-bound riders travelling to 104 St-Oxford Avenue must ride to the 111 St-Greenwood Avenue Station and transfer to a Manhattan-bound  train. Riders wishing to travel towards Ozone Park-Lefferts Blvd from 104 St-Oxford Avenue must ride a Manhattan-bound  train to Rockaway Blvd and transfer to an Ozone Park-Lefferts Boulevard-bound  train.

Following the completion of this phase of the project, work will move over to the Manhattan-bound platforms at these two stations, tentatively scheduled to begin in September 2014.

We appreciate the community's patience and understanding while we carry out this important work. Service notices will be posted in all stations along the Liberty Avenue line prior to the commencement of work and announcements will be made on trains. Brochures are also available at station booths.

Customers may log on to www.mta.info and click on Planned Service Changes for the most up-to-date information. Remember that TripPlanner+ provides travel information that takes all service diversions into account. In addition, customers can receive customized alerts via e-mail or text message by signing up here: <http://www.mymtaalerts.com>.