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FASTRACK Returns to the N Q R Lines

No N Q R Service at Stations in Manhattan

On Monday, November 17, MTA New York City Transit's *FASTRACK* program returns to Manhattan stations along the **N Q R** lines. For four consecutive weeknights from Monday, November 17, to early Friday morning, November 21, **N Q R** trains will not stop at stations in Manhattan. **N** trains run in Queens and Brooklyn only, **Q** trains are rerouted via the 6 Av **D** line in Manhattan to/from the 57 St **F** station, and **R** service ends early in Manhattan and Queens each night.

Travel alternatives:

1. Use nearby stations on the **8 Av** **A E**, **7 Av** **1 2**, **6 Av** **D F**, and **Lexington Av** **4 6** lines instead.
2. Take the **7** for service between **Queens** and **Manhattan**.
3. Make key transfers between trains at **Queensboro Plaza** **7 N**, **5 Av/42 St-Bryant Pk** **7 D F M Q**, **Jay St-MetroTech** **A F** **N**, and **Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr** **2 4 D N Q**.
4. **N** trains make local **R** stops between **Court St** and **59 St**, Brooklyn.

N Q R trains will operate as follows:

N trains operate in two sections (Queens and Brooklyn) as follows:

1. Between Ditmars Blvd and Queensboro Plaza.
2. Between Coney Island-Stillwell Av and the Court St **R** station.

Q trains rerouted via the **D** line in Manhattan as follows:

1. Manhattan-bound: After DeKalb Av, **Q** trains run via the **D** to 47-50 Sts, then to the 57 St **F** station, the last stop.
2. Coney Island-bound: Trains originate at the 57 St **F** station then run via the **D** to Brooklyn. Regular Coney Island-bound **Q** service resumes at DeKalb Av.

R train service ends early in Manhattan and Queens as follows:

1. The last **R** train to Bay Ridge-95 St leaves Forest Hills-71 Av at about 9:15 p.m.
2. The last **R** train to Forest Hills-71 Av leaves Bay Ridge-95 St at about 9:20 p.m.
3. In Brooklyn, **R** shuttle service between 36 St and Bay Ridge-95 St starts early.

"Our *FASTRACK* efforts have been highly successful in repairing and maintaining a subway system that provides a safer work environment for employees and improves train service reliability for our customers," said Joseph Leader, Senior Vice President for the Department of Subways.

During our previous *FASTRACK* along this corridor in June 2014, New York City Transit repair and maintenance crews completed many tasks along this 7.3-mile long segment of the **N Q R** line. Track workers removed 125,900 pounds of scrap debris, scraped 49,485 feet of track,

and installed 21 track rails, 782 track tie plates, and 50 tie blocks. Infrastructure crews repaired 67 leaks and 360 feet of damaged concrete, cleaned 2,100 feet of drain line, serviced three pump plants, and replaced 644 light bulbs. At stations, workers scraped 7,340 square feet of paintable station surface and painted 25,780 square feet of station surface, including 89 columns and 29 stairway safety markers. They also repaired 140 feet of rubbing board attached to the platform edge and replaced 118 ADA tiles. Station lighting improvements consisted of cleaning 1,214 lighting fixtures and replacing and 1,359 light bulbs. Signal maintainers completed several maintenance work orders for signal components and equipment. Elevator and escalator workers completed several work orders requiring preventive maintenance, repairs, cleaning and lubrication, and an ASME inspection. This represents only a portion of what Transit workers accomplish under the *FASTRACK* program.

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_NQR.htm

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., allowing an army of maintenance workers to perform dozens of tasks.

Our next *FASTRACK* overnight closure will be on the **1 2 3** lines beginning Monday night, December 1, and ending early Friday morning, December 5, specifically on the **1** line between 34 St-Penn Station and South Ferry, and on the **2 3** lines between 34 St-Penn Station and Atlantic Ave-Barclays Ctr.

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