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FASTRACK Returns To The R Line In Brooklyn

Fourth Avenue Line Closing From 95th to 59th Streets

On Monday, September 29, MTA New York City Transit's *FASTRACK* program returns to the **R** Fourth Avenue line in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. For four consecutive weeknights from Monday, September 29, to early Friday morning, October 3, **R** trains will be suspended between Bay Ridge-95 St and 36 St. **D** **N** trains and shuttle buses provide alternate service.

Travel alternatives:

- **R** service operates between Forest Hills-71 Av, in Queens, and 36 St in Brooklyn, in both directions until approximately 11:45 p.m.
- **R** trains skip Union St, 4 Av-9 St, Prospect Av, and 25 St, in both directions.
- Late night **R** shuttle service is suspended. Free shuttle buses operate between Bay Ridge-95 St and 59 St, stopping at 86 St, 77 St, and Bay Ridge Av.
- **D** trains run local between Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr and 36 St.
- **N** trains run local between Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr and 59 St, in Brooklyn.
- Transfer between free shuttle buses and **N** trains at 59 St.

Joseph Leader, Senior Vice President for the Department of Subways, said, "Our *FASTRACK* efforts have been highly successful in repairing and maintaining a subway system that provides a safer work environment for the hundreds of employees working in tunnels and stations to repair and replace components that are vital to providing safe and reliable train service, and an improved station environment for our customers."

During our previous *FASTRACK* along the Fourth Avenue corridor in June 2014, subway service was suspended for four consecutive nights along the three-mile corridor linking Bay Ridge and Sunset Park, as NYC Transit employees performed a range of cleaning and maintenance tasks involving station and tunnel infrastructure, signal equipment, and track and third rail components. Signal workers tested and serviced four switches and nine signals, performed maintenance of five rails and switches and completed testing, servicing, and repair work orders for other signal components and equipment. Track workers generated 38,190 pounds of scrap debris, scraped 44,325 feet of track, installed 37 track rails, 686 track plates, and 48 tie blocks, and cleaned 9,255 feet of track under and around the third rail. Infrastructure workers repaired 95 leaks and 165 square feet of damaged concrete, cleaned 700 feet of drain line, replaced 420 feet of handrail, and replaced 1,320 light bulbs. At stations along the line, workers painted 6,400 square feet of station surfaces, repaired 360 feet of rubbing board at the platform's edge, repaired 10 vent drains, repaired 125 square feet of station concrete, replaced 596 light bulbs, washed 596 fixtures, and installed 30 feet of new drain line. This represents only a portion of the work completed during this *FASTRACK* diversion.

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 MTA [website](#).

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 **4** **5** **6** Lexington Avenue Line between Grand Central-42 St and Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr, beginning Monday night October 27, and ending early Friday morning, October 31.