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FASTRACK Returns to the NR in Brooklyn

Fourth Avenue Line Closing From 95th to 36th Streets

On Monday, June 16, MTA New York City Transit's FASTRACK program returns to the **N R** Fourth Avenue line in Brooklyn. For four consecutive weeknights from Monday, June 16, to early Friday morning, June 20, **N** trains will be rerouted via the **D** in both directions between 36 St and Coney Island-Stillwell Av. Regular **R** service between Forest Hills-71 Av in Queens and 36 St in Brooklyn will end at the regularly scheduled time.

Travel alternatives: Free shuttle buses and Special **N** Shuttle trains provide alternate service

- Take free shuttle buses to/from 95 St, 86 St, 77 St, Bay Ridge Av, 59 St, 53 St, 45 St, and 36 St stations in Brooklyn.
- Take Special N Shuttle trains to/from N stations between Coney Island-Stillwell Av and 8 Av in Brooklyn.
- Transfer between free shuttle buses and DNR trains at 36 St.
- Transfer between Special N Shuttle trains and DN trains at 62 St-New Utrecht Av or Coney Island-Stillwell Av.

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 our customers."

During our previous FASTRACK along the Fourth Avenue corridor in May 2013, New York City Transit repair and maintenance crews completed many tasks which ranged from changing light bulbs to replacing rails along this three mile long section of the subway, between the 36 St station in Sunset Park and the 95 St station in Bay Ridge. Track workers generated 10,678 bags of debris, cleaned 40,360 linear feet of track, replaced 22 tie blocks, and installed 594 plates and 20 sections of rails. Workers also inspected 7,000 feet of third rail, serviced 10 switches, inspected and tested 14 public address systems, inspected, cleaned and tested 95 public address system speakers and 6 customer information screens. At stations, workers repaired 885 linear feet and painted 5,600 linear feet of rubbing board at the platform's edge, replaced 29 platform signs, 412 tunnel light bulbs, 26 blue emergency light bulbs, and primed and painted 15,025 square feet of station surface area. Infrastructure workers installed/repared 845 linear feet of no clearance signs, cleaned 820 feet of track drain, repaired/replaced 245 feet of handrail, sealed 156 leaks, and removed 800 square feet of track graffiti. 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 web at http://web.mta.info/nyct/service/fastrack_nr.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 **2 3 4** Eastern Parkway Line between Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr and Franklin Av in Brooklyn, beginning Monday night June 23, and ending early Friday morning June 27.