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MTA Announces Public Hearings to be Held on New and Enhanced Bus Services

M12 and X21 are Proposed New Routes

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has scheduled a public hearing in midtown Manhattan where attendees are invited to comment on the implementation of two new bus routes and service improvements to three existing routes. The hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 14, at MTA Headquarters, 347 Madison Ave., in the 5th floor board room.

The proposed new services are the M12, a new local bus route operating between Columbus Circle and the West Village in Manhattan. The M12 would run between the southern terminal at 8th Avenue and Jane Street and the northern terminal would be at West 58th Street and 7th Avenue. The M12 would operate seven days a week, running every 30 minutes between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm. This service is planned to begin operating in September 2014.

The second new route, designated the X21, will be a new express bus operating between Eltingville in Staten Island and Midtown Manhattan. The route's southern terminal would be at Richmond Avenue and Hylan Boulevard in Staten Island and operate to 42nd Street and First Avenue. The X21 would operate with five trips from Staten Island to Manhattan during the morning peak period and five trips from Manhattan to Staten Island during the evening peak period. This service is planned to begin operating on September 2, 2014.

Additionally, service on three routes, including restoration of weekend service on the M8 and Q31 and the start of Sunday service on the Q77 began April 6 on an experimental basis.

The additions to M8 service provide a direct link between the East Village and West Village with buses operating between 7 a.m. and 1 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. In Queens, the Q31 now operates on Saturdays between 8:20 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 9:10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Bus customers who use the Q77 now benefit from full weekend service with the start-up of Sunday service in addition to existing Saturday service. Sunday service will run between 6:55 a.m. to 10:09 p.m.