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FASTRACK Returns to the ACBD in Upper Manhattan

B and C Service Ends Early Each Night

On Monday, July 28, MTA New York City Transit's **FASTRACK** program returns to Upper Manhattan along the **A C B D** lines. **A** trains will be suspended in both directions between 59 St-Columbus Circle and Inwood-207 St and **D** trains will be suspended between 59 St-Columbus Circle and 161 St-Yankee Stadium from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. for four consecutive weeknights from Monday, July 28 to early Friday morning, August 1. **B** and **C** service will end early each night.

A and **D** trains will operate as follows:

- **A** service will operate between Ozone Park-Lefferts Blvd or Far Rockaway and 59 St-Columbus Circle.
- **D** service will operate in two sections, between Norwood-205 St and 161 St-Yankee Stadium and between 59 St-Columbus Circle and Coney Island-Stillwell Avenue.

Travel alternatives:

As an alternative, customers should take the **1 2 4** trains, the **Bx12** or **Bx19** buses and free shuttle bus service.

- **A** Customers should take the **1** for service between Midtown and Washington Heights/Inwood.
- **D** Customers should take the **2** and **4** for service between Midtown and the Bronx.
- For Central Park West, customers may use nearby **1** and **2** stations along Broadway.
- In Harlem, customers may use nearby **1 2** stations or take free shuttle buses to/from the 110 St or 157 St stations. Bx19 buses run along 145 St.
- In Washington Heights/Inwood, customers may use nearby 1 stations along St Nicholas Av, the Bx12, or free shuttle buses instead.
- The 42 St **S** Shuttle will operate through the night.
- **2** trains run local between Times Sq-42 St and 96 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 and 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 this corridor in May 2014, an army of workers was deployed along the 8.7 mile-long segment of the subway linking Midtown, Harlem, Washington Heights, Inwood, and the Bronx. New York City Transit repair and maintenance crews completed many tasks between the 59 St-Columbus Circle and 207 St/161 St-Yankee Stadium stations including track, power, signal and third rail maintenance, as well as infrastructure and station repairs.

Track workers cleaned 48,735 feet of track; and installed 39 new rails, 1,471 track tie plates, 625 friction pads, and 134 tie blocks, and scraped and cleaned 15,406 feet of track under and around the third rail and corrected 558 defects. Infrastructure crews repaired 60 leaks, repaired 190 square feet of damaged concrete, replaced 332 tunnel light bulbs, cleaned 850 feet of drains, and removed 400 gallons of silt. Signal maintainers serviced 27 switches, 21 signals, tested 11 signals and 31 switches. Electronic maintenance was performed on CCTV cameras and monitors, and cable connections. At stations, workers removed 69 square feet of track graffiti, installed 126 feet of new drain line, replaced 100 ADA tiles, and 15 square feet of damaged station tile. They also replaced 1,273 light bulbs, washed 1,246 fixtures, scraped and cleaned 20,100 square feet of paintable station surface, primed 8,400 square feet and painted 17,100 square feet, including 134 station columns. Repairs were made to 920 feet of rubbing board and 115 hand rails.

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_acbd.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, scheduled to begin Monday night, August 11 and ending early Friday morning, August 15, will take place on the  lines in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The most up-to-date information on MTA service status is always available at <http://www.mta.info>. For immediate notice of service changes, sign up for email or text alerts at www.mymtaalerts.com. For weekend subway service changes, visit www.mta.info/weekender.