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Service Advisory for 116th Street Festival and Puerto Rican Day Parade

The weekend-long celebration of Puerto Rican heritage begins on Saturday, June 7 with the **116th Street Abrazo Fraternal Festival** which will be held from noon to 7 p.m. along 116th Street between Lexington and 2ndAvenues and on 3rdAvenue between 106th and 122nd Streets. The 116th Street Festival is a very popular attraction with up to 50,000 people in attendance at any one time. Overall attendance for the day could reach upwards of 100,000.

On Saturday, the 116 St  station will be “exit only” from noon to 5 p.m. Customers wishing to enter at 116 St will be redirected to nearby  line stations on Lexington Avenue at 110 St and 125 St. The following New York City Transit and MTA Buses that serve the area will be affected by reroutes: M15, SBS-M15, M101, M102, M103, M116, BxM6, BxM7, BxM8, BxM9 and BxM10.

This year’s **National Puerto Rican Day Parade** will be held on Sunday, June 8 between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The parade route runs up Fifth Avenue from 44th Street to 79th Street. In order to prevent overcrowding on stairways and platforms, the 77 St  station will be “exit only” from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Customers seeking up or downtown service from this station will be directed to the  line 68 St or 86 St stations. Parade-goers may use Fifth Avenue stations on the     and  lines. Additionally, NYC Transit will increase subway service on the     and S (42nd Street shuttle) trains to accommodate spectators.

The following NYC Transit MTA Buses will take customers to the parade area although affected by reroutes: M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M31, M50, M57, M66, M72, M79, Q32, BxM2, BxM3, BxM4, BxM6, BxM7, BxM8, BxM9, BxM10, BxM11, QM2, QM4, QM5, QM6, X1, X10 and X17.

Please note that alcohol will not be allowed on MTA Long Island Rail Road trains, stations and platforms beginning 7:00 a.m. Saturday, June 7, and continuing through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 9. The MTA Police will enforce this restriction by confiscating any alcoholic beverages brought onto the property.

Spectators should check our website at www.mta.info for Current Service Status on any MTA mode of travel that they plan to use. Remember that TripPlanner+ provides travel information that takes weekend service diversions into account. Customers can also use our OnTheGo mobile service at <http://onthego.mta.info> for travel updates. For more information to this weekend’s festivities, follow this link: <http://web.mta.info/nyct/service/events/PuertoRicanDayParade2014.htm>.