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### Advisory: Reminder of Weekend Service Changes Due To 7 Flushing Line Work

#### *7 Trains Suspended this Weekend between Times Square-42 St and 74 St-Broadway*

From 2:00 a.m. Saturday, September 20 to 4:30 a.m. Monday, September 22, **7** trains will be suspended between Times Square-42 St and 74 St-Broadway in both directions due to the continued installation of CBTC (Communications-Based Train Control) and the replacement of critical track panels along the Flushing Line. **E F N R S** and free shuttle buses provide alternate service. Transfer between the **7** and **E F R** trains at 74 St-Roosevelt Av. Shuttle buses operate along two routes: • Between Vernon Blvd-Jackson Av and Queensboro Plaza, making station stops at Hunters Point Av, Court Sq, and Queens Plaza. • Between Queensboro Plaza and 74 St-Broadway, making station stops at 33 St, 40 St, 46 St, 52 St, 61 St-Woodside, and 69 St.

Extra service will be provided on the **E** line between Manhattan and Queens. **E** trains will run every five minutes on Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Sunday between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Customers traveling to and from Flushing, Corona, Elmhurst, and Jackson Heights are strongly encouraged to use this extra service as an alternate. **E** line customers traveling to Jamaica-Van Wyck, Sutphin Blvd (Air Train JFK), and Jamaica Center, please note that some **E** trains traveling from Manhattan will be rerouted to the Jamaica-179 St **F** station. In Manhattan, the **S** 42 St Shuttle will also operate overnights from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, September 20 to 6:00 a.m. Monday, September 22.

As another alternate, the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) will cross honor and will accept displayed MetroCards from customers traveling in both directions between Penn Station and Woodside.

"The ongoing work on the **7** remains absolutely critical to this line's reliability, safety and longevity. We understand that these service disruptions are inconvenient to the customers who depend on the **7** train and we appreciate their patience," said MTA NYC Transit President Carmen Bianco. "When completed, this work will result in a more reliable subway line with the ability to run more trains and improve performance for growing neighborhoods in Queens."

NYC Transit is addressing critical track conditions that require the removal and replacement of elevated track panels that have reached the end of their useful lifespan and pose risks to the **7** line's operational capacity. If old track panels are not replaced, they become subject to mandatory speed reductions, which result in fewer trains operating per hour and more crowding. In all, NYC Transit expects to renew and replace approximately 2,980 feet of old track representing a \$15 million investment.

A multi-year, \$550 million capital improvement project to replace the antiquated 50 to 90 year-old signaling system on the **7** line with state-of-the-art CBTC technology will continue into 2017. Upon completion, CBTC technology will interface with subway cars and countdown clocks to increase operational flexibility and reliability, and allow NYC Transit to run more trains per hour. These improvements will reduce crowding, prevent signal problems associated with old equipment, and further accommodate the population growth in Queens.

NYC Transit will also continue its work bringing the 120 year-old Steinway Tube back to a state of good repair. Work in 2014 includes \$33 million in component replacement and upgrades, including demolishing and reconstructing collapsed ducts. The new ducts will house critical electrical and communication lines. NYC Transit will also be rehabilitating the tube's pump room and discharge lines, which were damaged during Sandy.

For a complete schedule of work on the **7** line, visit <http://web.mta.info/nyct/service/7Line2014/MakingProgressin2014.htm>.

Announcements will be made in stations and onboard trains. The most up-to-date information on MTA service status is always available at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info). For immediate notice of service changes, sign up for email or text alerts at [www.mymtaalerts.com](http://www.mymtaalerts.com). For weekend subway service changes, visit [www.mta.info/weekender](http://www.mta.info/weekender).