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MTA Issues Update to Popular Night Map for Subway Service

Reverse Side of Map Highlights Poetry of Maya Angelou, Parkchester 6 Station Artwork

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has released the fourth and latest version of MTA New York City Transit's night map, a popular guide for customers who use the subway system between midnight and 6 a.m.

The night map outlines scheduled overnight service, which is different from regular daytime service, and includes airport bus lines that are in service between midnight and 6 a.m. During weeknights, some lines do not run, while others are truncated or changed to serve local stops. A shuttle train also operates only at nights to serve Lefferts Boulevard in Queens.

"Our system is the only major subway system in the world that operates 24 hours a day, but the map that most customers are familiar with doesn't show how our service operates during a crucial part of the day," said NYCT President Carmen Bianco. "To the 250,000 customers who use our subways during the late and overnight hours to get to work, to get home or to enjoy this city that never sleeps – this map is for you."

The most notable change in this update is the early reopening of the Montague **N R** Tubes, where N trains run overnight between Manhattan and Brooklyn, rather than over the Manhattan Bridge as it did from August 2013 to September 2014 so *Fix&Fortify*-related repairs from Sandy damage could be made inside the storm-ravaged tunnels.

The night maps, which MTA first distributed in 2012, have become collector's items thanks to its design and its reverse side featuring artwork commissioned by MTA Arts & Design. Its design conveys a visual calm and quietness befitting a service guide for New York's quieter hours, with muted colors that set it apart from its daytime counterpart.

The artwork on the reverse side reflects the map's night theme. For the first time, the MTA has featured poetry from its popular Poetry in Motion program to accompany artwork by William Low, a poster-size reproduction of his work, *A Day in Parkchester*. This version of the night map offers a sneak preview of upcoming Poetry in Motion placards, specifically "Awaking in New York," a poem by Maya Angelou, who once lived in Harlem and was a member of the Harlem Writers Guild.

"We selected this poem by Maya Angelou with our partners from the Poetry Society of America because we loved that it captured the spirit of the city awakening to a new day," said Amy Hausmann, deputy director of MTA Arts & Design. "To celebrate the legacy of Dr. Angelou, this poem will be featured as part of our Poetry in Motion program and will be seen in subways and buses soon."

A Day in Parkchester by Low, who was raised in the Bronx, shows two familiar scenes of his childhood neighborhood: sunrise and moonrise. The moonrise piece, with a deepening blue sky and shades of yellow to depict lit buildings, was chosen for the night map. Both pieces, which consist of 40 colorful faceted-glass panels fabricated into 11 feet-high windows, can be viewed at two stairwells leading to the Parkchester **6** station.

"It is an honor to have this image from *A Day in Parkchester* accompany Maya Angelou's poem," said Low. "The poem and this scene feel like a memory -- I am reminded of my childhood in the Bronx, sitting by the front window of my father's Chinese hand laundry, watching the trains rumble out of my station."

Previously the maps were printed in small runs and available at specific locations. Owing to their growing popularity, 100,000 of the latest version are now available at stations throughout the subway system and Staten Island Railway in the largest distribution of the night maps so far.

