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### Manhattan-bound 104 St and 88 St A Line Stations To Close for Three Months for Renewal

#### *\$39M Capital Project Continues on the Liberty Avenue A Line*

MTA New York City Transit announces the closure of the Manhattan-bound platforms at 104 St-Oxford Avenue and 88 St-Boyd Avenue stations on the  line, as part of an ongoing major \$39 million renewal project at five stations along the Liberty Avenue Line: 80 St-Hudson Street, 88 St-Boyd Avenue, Rockaway Blvd, 104 St-Oxford Avenue, and 111 St-Greenwood Avenue.

Station renewal work at 104 St-Oxford Avenue and 88 St-Boyd Avenue will consist of repairs or replacement of mezzanine to platform stairs, mezzanine floors, doors, windows, interior and exterior walls, and the installation of new platform edges and ADA tactile warning strips. Each station will be painted and canopies, windscreen panels and railings will be replaced. Customers will also benefit from new lighting in the mezzanines, and other amenities, including new artwork. Similar work was recently completed on the Queens-bound platforms.

These improvements will create significantly better conditions for customers who use these stations, which were originally opened in the early 1900's as part of the Long Island Rail Road. The construction contracts were awarded in December 2013 as a joint venture to Forte Construction Corp and Emis Construction Group.

In order to carry out work on this project in a safe and efficient manner, the Manhattan-bound platforms at the 104 St-Oxford Avenue and 88 St-Boyd Avenue stations will temporarily close on Monday, October 13, 2014 at 5:00 a.m. until January 2015. Normal  service will be provided travelling towards Queens.

Manhattan-bound customers travelling to 104 St-Oxford Avenue must ride to Rockaway Blvd and transfer to an Ozone Park-Lefferts Boulevard-bound  train. Customers travelling from 104 St-Oxford Avenue must take an Ozone Park-Lefferts Blvd bound  train to the 111 St-Greenwood Avenue Station and transfer to a Manhattan-bound  train.

Manhattan-bound customers travelling to 88 St-Boyd Avenue must ride to 80 St-Hudson Street and transfer to a Queens-bound  train. Customers travelling from 88 St-Boyd Avenue must take a Lefferts Blvd or Rockaways-bound  train to the Rockaway Blvd Station and transfer to a Manhattan-bound  train.

We appreciate the community's patience and understanding while we carry out this important work. To ensure that our customers are well informed of alternate service during these station closures, notices will be posted in all stations along the Liberty Avenue Line prior to the commencement of work and announcements will be made on trains. "Take One" Brochures are also available at station booths.

Customers may log on to [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) and click on Planned Service Changes for the most up-to-date information. Remember that TripPlanner+ provides travel information that takes all service diversions into account. In addition, customers can receive customized alerts via e-mail or text message by signing up here: <http://www.mymtaalerts.com>.