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### FASTRACK Returns to the ACBD in Upper Manhattan

#### *B and C Service Ends Early Each Night*

On Monday, May 19, 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, May 19 to early Friday morning, May 23. [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-Yankees 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 M4, 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 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 that provides a safer work environment for employees and improves train service reliability for our customers."

During our previous FASTRACK along this corridor in November 2013, 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. Workers installed 23 rails, replaced 105 tie blocks and 1,186 track tie plates, scraped and cleaned 43,570 linear feet of track, serviced 31 switches and 157 signals. Workers repaired/replaced 215 linear feet of handrail, cleaned 1,200 linear feet of track drain, replaced 54 square feet of sidewalk ventilation grating, and replaced 803 light bulbs. At subway stations, they replaced 86 platform signs, removed 800 square feet of track graffiti, repaired/replaced 14 square feet of platform tile, repaired 66 square feet of concrete and 875 feet of rubbing board. They primed 18,820 square feet, painted 22,100 square feet and 4,900 feet of rubbing board, and installed 22 feet of drain line.

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/nyc/service/fastrack\\_ACBD.htm](http://web.mta.info/nyc/service/fastrack_ACBD.htm)

FASTRACK was introduced in January 2012, devoting four <http://www.mta.info> 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, June 2 and ending early Friday morning, June 6, will take place at [N](#) [Q](#) [R](#) Manhattan stations.

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