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MTA New York City Transit Resumes 7 Flushing Line Weekend Service Shutdowns

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

From 2:00 a.m. Saturday, May 31 to 4:30 a.m. Monday, June 2, **7** trains will be suspended between Times Square-42 St and 74 St-Broadway in both directions due to track work. **E F N R S**, the Long Island Rail Road, and free shuttle buses provide alternate service. Shuttle buses operate along two routes:

- Between Vernon Blvd-Jackson Av and Queensboro Plaza making station stops at Queensboro Plaza, Queens Plaza, Court Square, Hunters Point Av and Vernon Blvd-Jackson Av;
- Between Queensboro Plaza and 74 St-Broadway making station stops at 33 St, 40 St, 46 St, 52 St, Woodside-61 St, and 69 St.

Extra service will be provided on the **E** Line between Manhattan and Queens. **E** trains will run every 5 minutes on Saturday between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Customers traveling to and from Flushing, Corona, Elmhurst, and Jackson Heights are strongly encouraged to use this extra service as an alternate. **S** (42 St Shuttle) will also operate overnights from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, May 31 to 6:00 a.m. Monday June 2.

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** Line remains absolutely critical to this service's reliability, safety and longevity. 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 will include \$33 million in component replacement and upgrade, which will include demolishing and reconstructing collapsed duct which houses critical electrical and communication lines to house new cables that supply power for the new technology we're installing. NYC Transit will 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>.

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