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### MTA New York City Transit to Increase Fall 2014 Service on LM Lines Based on Ridership Growth

#### *Significant Increase in L Weekend Service; Service in Addition to Previously Scheduled Service Enhancements Stated for June on LM*

MTA New York City Transit plans to increase service this fall to the **L** **M** lines that serve thousands of customers in growing neighborhoods throughout Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan. NYC Transit is adding service to these lines based on analysis of schedules and increased ridership demand.

“Among the changes is a significant increase in **L** weekend service, which will decrease wait times for customers as well as increase capacity on a line that continues to see ridership growth, most notably during off peak hours,” said NYC Transit President, Carmen Bianco. “Ridership is at an all-time high, including records for weekend ridership. These are customers who rely on us for all of their transportation needs, both work and play, and we are trying to meet that demand with our available resources.”

The adjustments on the **L** and **M** represent significant increases in service to accommodate growing ridership. They are:

- Saturday **L** service will be increased a total of thirty-three round trips between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.;
- Sunday **L** service will be increased a total of twenty-three round trips between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.;
- Weekday evening **L** service will be increased a total of three round trips;
- Weekday **M** service will be increased a total of one round trip (one northbound trip in the morning and one southbound trip in the late afternoon);

Increased Forest Hills-bound weekday morning and Metropolitan Av-bound weekday afternoon service on the **M** line will also lower wait times during peak periods.

“NYC Transit regularly reviews, evaluates and adjusts subway and bus schedules to ensure that they accurately match current rider demand. These reviews are a critical part of our efforts to provide customers with the most efficient and effective service possible,” Bianco added.

Implementation of the changes, which are scheduled for fall 2014, will cost approximately \$1.7 million annually. **M** service changes will be concurrent with the Hurricane Sandy-related restoration of **R** service through the Montague Tube.

These changes are in addition to the schedule and service changes already planned for implementation in June 2014 that include eight weekday and eight weekend round trips on the **L** and the weekend extension of the **M** from Myrtle Avenue to Delancey St-Essex St.