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Rockaway Av and Van Siclen Av 3 Line Stations To Close for Five Months for Renewal

Seven-Station Capital Project Begins on the New Lots Av Branch

MTA New York City Transit is beginning a major \$88 million capital project to rehabilitate seven elevated stations along the **3** line on the New Lots Av Branch in the Brownsville and East New York neighborhoods of Brooklyn. The project calls for station renewals at Sutter Av-Rutland Rd, Saratoga Av, Rockaway Av, Junius St, Pennsylvania Av and Van Siclen Av, as well as component repairs at New Lots Av. For these stations, originally opened in the early 1900's, these improvements – including the installation of new lighting, better platforms, enhanced safety features, and upgraded communications – will create significantly better conditions for customers.

"We must perform this vital work to reverse decades of wear and improve these stations to the standards our customers expect," said Joseph Leader, Senior Vice President of the Department of Subways. "To perform this work safely and efficiently, the stations must be taken out of service. When these structural repairs and aesthetic upgrades are completed, we are confident our customers will appreciate the benefits of this work."

Improvements at these stations will also feature the repair or replacement of mezzanine to platform stairs, repairs to mezzanine floors, wood siding, doors, windows, interior and exterior walls, installation of new ADA tactile warning strips at the platform's edge, repairs to column bases, upgraded drainage and repairs to water and sewer lines, steel and concrete repairs, new stairway guardrails and new lighting beyond the platform canopies. Each station will be painted, and canopies, windscreen panels and railings will also be replaced as required. Customers will also benefit from new lighting in the mezzanines, and the incorporation of new artwork on the platforms.

This project will bring all of these stations to a state of good repair. The construction contracts were awarded in December 2014 to EE Cruz Company Inc.

In order to accomplish this work within a safe environment, each station with the exception of New Lots Av will be closed for approximately five months. The first two stations to close for renewal are Rockaway Av and Van Siclen Av. Both stations will be temporarily closed from April 20, 2015 until September 2015. Following the completion of these two stations, work will commence on Saratoga Av and Pennsylvania Av from October 2015 to March 2016, followed by Sutter Av-Rutland Rd and Junius St from March 2016 to July 2016.

The New Lots Ave station will also undergo renewal work but will remain open during repairs, with the exception of select weekend closures. At New Lots Av component repairs will include the installation of a new exterior metal panel façade, repairs to mezzanine beams and concrete floors, and reconfiguration of the existing fare control area.

How trains operate and travel alternatives

Beginning 5:00 a.m. Monday, April 20 until late September 2015, **3** **4** trains will skip Rockaway Av and Van Siclen Av in both directions. Free shuttle buses will provide alternate service for customers who normally use these stations and will operate as follows:

- For Service to/from Rockaway Av, shuttle buses operate to/from the Saratoga Av station at all times. Also, B60 customers can transfer to/from the shuttle bus at Rockaway Av.
- For Service to/from Van Siclen Av, shuttle buses operate to/from the Pennsylvania Av station at all times.
- A free transfer is available with MetroCard.

We appreciate the community's patience and understanding while we carry out this important work. To ensure that our customers are well informed of these station closures and alternative service, notices will be posted in all stations along the New Lots Av branch 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 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>.