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FASTRACK Comes to the 2 3 in Upper Manhattan and the Bronx

For the first time, MTA New York City Transit brings *FASTRACK* to the 2 3 lines in Harlem and the Bronx for two consecutive weeks. Beginning Monday, March 16, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., for four consecutive weeknights, and from Monday, March 23, to early morning Friday, March 27, 2 trains are suspended between 3 Av-149 St and 96 St. 3 service is entirely suspended.

2 train service will operate in two sections:

- Between Wakefield-241 St and 3 Av-149 St. Trains from Wakefield-241 St skip Jackson Av.
- Between 96 St and Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College.

Travel alternatives:

Use free shuttle buses to complete your trip. Buses operate as follows:

1. Between 3 Av-149 St and 96 St, making all 2 station stops at 149 St-Grand Concourse, 145 St, 135 St, 125 St, 116 St, and 110 St.
2. Between Harlem-148 St and 96 St, making all 3 station stops at 145 St, 135 St, 125 St, 116 St, and 110 St.
3. Transfer between free shuttle buses and the 2 at 96 St and/or 3 Av-149 St, or the 4 at 149 St-Grand Concourse.
4. 4 trains make all 3 stops in Brooklyn to/from New Lots Av. Transfer between 2 and 4 at Franklin Av.

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/nyct/service/fastrack_23.htm#serviceChanges Joseph Leader, Senior Vice President for the Department of Subways, said, "*FASTRACK* has proven to have a significant impact on decreasing delays – both in terms of consolidating maintenance forces in a concentrated area and in terms of proactive maintenance that improves service delivery."

FASTRACK was introduced in January 2012, devoting four 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.. This gives free access to the system, allowing an army of maintenance workers to perform dozens of tasks repairing and replacing components that are vital to providing safe and reliable train service without the concern of having to "clear up" to allow trains to pass. *FASTRACK* efforts have been highly successful in providing a safer work environment for employees and improved station conditions for customers.

Our next *FASTRACK* overnight closure will be on the **E F M R** Queens Blvd Line, between 5 Av/ 53 St and Jackson Hts-Roosevelt Av beginning Monday night March 30, and ending early Friday morning, April 3.

The most up-to-date information on MTA service status is always available at <http://www.mta.info>. For immediate notice of service changes, sign up for email or text alerts at www.mymtaalerts.com. For weekend subway service changes, visit www.mta.info/weekender.