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FASTRACK Returns to the R in Brooklyn

Fourth Avenue Line Closing From 95th to 59th Streets

For the first time this year, MTA New York City Transit's *FASTRACK* program returns to stations along the **R** Fourth Avenue line in Bay Ridge and Sunset Park, Brooklyn for two consecutive weeks. Beginning Monday, July 27, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., for four consecutive weeknights, and from Monday, August 3, to early morning Friday, August 7, **R** trains will not stop at stations between Bay Ridge-95 St and 36 St. **D** **N** trains and shuttle buses provide alternate service.

Travel alternatives:

- **R** service operates between Forest Hills-71 Av, in Queens, and 36 St in Brooklyn, in both directions.
- **R** trains skip Union St, 4 Av-9 St, Prospect Av, and 25 St, in both directions.
- Late night **R** shuttle service is suspended.
- Free shuttle buses operate between Bay Ridge-95 St and 59 St, stopping at 86 St, 77 St, and Bay Ridge Av.
- **D** trains run local between Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr and 36 St.
- **N** trains run local between Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr and 59 St, in Brooklyn.
- Transfer between free shuttle buses and **N** trains at 59 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 the hundreds of employees working in tunnels and stations to repair and replace components that are vital to providing safe and reliable train service, and an improved station environment for our customers."

During our previous *FASTRACK* along the Fourth Avenue corridor in September 2014, subway service was suspended for four consecutive nights along the three-mile corridor linking Bay Ridge and Sunset Park. NYC Transit employees performed a range of cleaning and maintenance tasks involving station and tunnel infrastructure, signal equipment, and track and third rail components. Track workers removed 1,700 pounds of scrap debris, installed 13 track rails, 312 track plates, 61 tie blocks, and cleaned 2,200 feet of track under and around the third rail. Infrastructure workers grouted 131 leaks, repaired 65 square feet of damaged concrete, replaced 260 feet of handrail, and changed 85 light bulbs. At stations, workers completed station agent booth maintenance, scraped 2,000 square feet and primed 5,400 square feet of station surface area, repaired 150 feet of rubbing board, painted 3,200 square feet of station surfaces including stairway railings, a door and 60 feet of rubbing board. Signal workers tested 14 signals and four switches, serviced 10 signals and four switches, performed maintenance of nine rails/switches and completed testing, servicing, and repair work orders for other equipment. This represents only a portion of the work completed during this *FASTRACK* diversion.

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_R.htm

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., allowing an army of maintenance workers to perform dozens of tasks.

Our next *FASTRACK* overnight closure scheduled to begin Monday night August 17, and ending early Friday morning, August 21, will take place on **1** **2** **3** lines Manhattan.