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Extension of Weekend Bx5 Bus Service to Bay Plaza

New Service Provides South Bronx Residents with a One-Seat Ride to the Mall

Beginning September 6, 2015, MTA New York City Transit will extend weekend Bx5 bus service from Pelham Bay Park to the Bay Plaza Shopping Center. The extension on weekends will provide a "one-seat" ride for South Bronx customers who currently do not have direct access to the Plaza.

"The MTA continuously works with communities and area stakeholders to address new and emerging transit needs," said New York City Transit President, Carmen Bianco. "As a result of keeping close watch on changing ridership trends and listening to our customers, this service enhancement will improve weekend service and provide South Bronx residents with a direct link to a major business and retail destination."

The Bay Plaza Shopping Center is a major destination for shoppers throughout the Bronx. A part of the shopping center, the Mall at Bay Plaza, was expanded significantly in August 2014, bringing new jobs and more shoppers to the area. Extending weekend Bx5 service to the Shopping Center will serve the growing needs of those working and visiting the shopping center.

Currently, the Bx5 bus route provides daily local bus service between Hunts Point in the South Bronx, operating primarily along Southern and Bruckner Boulevards, Bronx River and Story Avenues, White Plains Road and Lafayette and Castle Hill Avenues, to its terminus at the Pelham Bay Park 6 line subway station.

On weekends, Bx5 service will continue after stopping at its current terminal at the Pelham Bay Park 6 station and proceed along the Bruckner Expressway/New England Thruway to its new terminal at the Bay Plaza Shopping Mall.

Bay Plaza is also directly served from the northern and central sections of the Bronx by the SBS Bx12, Bx23, Bx26, Bx28, Bx29, Bx30, Bx38 and Q50 bus routes, all stopping within or adjacent to the Plaza.

The extended route will result in increased bus operating costs of \$300,000 annually. For the most updated travel information, customers may visit our website at www.mta.info to sign up for free email and text message alerts, or dial 511 for MTA customer service and travel information.