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FASTRACK Returns to 456 Lexington Av Lines

5 Service Ends Early Each Night

On Monday, March 9, MTA New York City Transit's *FASTRACK* program returns to Manhattan stations along the **4 5 6** lines. For four consecutive weeknights from Monday, March 9, to early Friday morning, March 13, **4 5 6** trains will run express in both directions between 125 St and Grand Central-42 St. **5** service ends early in Manhattan each night.

4 5 6 trains will operate as follows:

1. Trains skip 116 St, 110 St, 103 St, 96 St, 77 St, 68 St, and 51 St stations.
2. Trains stop at 86 St and 59 St.
3. **5** service between E 180 St and Bowling Green ends early each night.



Travel alternatives:

1. Use M101 Limited buses for local service between 125 St and Grand Central-42 St.
2. Downtown buses run on Lexington Av, and Uptown buses run on 3 Av.
3. Transfer between M101 Limited buses and **4 6** trains at 125 St, 86 St, 59 St, and Grand Central-42 St.
4. As **5** service ends early each night in Manhattan, **5** Line customers:
 - In Manhattan, take the **4** or **6**.
 - In the Bronx, take the **2**.
 - Transfer between the **2** and **4** at 149 St-Grand Concourse.
 - Transfer between the **2** and **5** at E 180 St.
 - The Dyre Av **5** shuttle runs overnight.

Joseph Leader, Senior Vice President for the Department of Subways, said, "All subway stakeholders win with *FASTRACK*. Workers have a better and safer work environment, customers benefit from improved train service and reliability, and New York City Transit saves money by getting more work done in less time." During our previous *FASTRACK* in February 2015, train service was suspended along a four mile section of the Lexington Av Line between Grand Central-42 St and 125 St. While the lower level was closed between 10 PM and 5 AM each night, NYC Transit employees took advantage of the train-free environment to perform a range of cleaning and maintenance tasks on signal equipment, track and third rail components, and station and tunnel infrastructure.

Track workers scraped and cleaned 8,218 feet of track, replaced six rails, 110 track plates, 176 friction pads, cleaned 880 feet of track under and around the third rail and removed 45,100 pounds of scrap debris. At stations, work crews scraped and cleaned 9,005 square feet of station surfaces, painted 1,200 square feet, changed 479 station light bulbs, washed 402 fixtures, repaired 100 feet of rubbing board at the platform's edge and installed 85 feet of drain line. Infrastructure workers grouted 84 leaks and changed 362 light bulbs in the tunnel. Other work included the electronic maintenance of public address system components and preventative maintenance on several escalators. *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. Information on this *FASTRACK* is available on the web at http://web.mta.info/nyc/service/fastrack_456.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 will be on the   lines between 96 St and 149 St-Grand Concourse beginning Monday night March 16, and ending early Friday morning, March 20.

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