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### Queens-bound Rockaway Blvd A Line Station To Close for Four Months for Renewal

#### *Five Station Renewal Project Continues on the Liberty Av A Line*

Beginning 5:00 a.m., Monday, February 9 until May 2015, MTA New York City Transit will close the Queens-bound Rockaway Blvd station, as part of an ongoing \$39 million capital project at five stations along the  line on Liberty Avenue in Ozone Park: 80 St-Hudson Street, 88 St-Boyd Avenue, Rockaway Boulevard, 104 St-Oxford Avenue and 111 St-Greenwood Avenue.

For these stations, originally opened in the early 1900's, these improvements include the installation of new lighting, better platforms, enhanced safety features, and upgraded communications, and will create significantly better travel conditions for customers. To date, station renewals have successfully been completed at 104 St-Oxford Avenue and 88 St-Boyd Avenue between May 2014 and February 2015.

Station renewal work at Rockaway Blvd will consist of replacement of mezzanine to platform stairs, mezzanine floors, doors and windows, and interior and exterior walls. The station will be painted and canopies, windscreen panels and railings will also be replaced. Customers will also benefit from new lighting in the mezzanines, and new artwork. The construction contracts were awarded in December 2013 as a joint venture to Forte Construction Corp and Emis Construction Group.

In order to carry out work on this project in a safe and efficient fashion, the Queens-bound platform at Rockaway Blvd will temporarily close between February and May 2015. Following the completion of this phase of the project, work will move over to the Manhattan-bound platform at this station, tentatively scheduled to begin in May 2015.

Queens-bound customers traveling to Rockaway Blvd must take either a Far Rockaway-bound  to Aqueduct-North Conduit Av or an Ozone Park-Lefferts Blvd bound  to 104 St and transfer to a Brooklyn-bound . For service from this station, take a Brooklyn-bound  to 88 St and transfer to an Ozone Park-Lefferts Blvd or Far Rockaway-bound  Normal  service will be provided traveling towards Manhattan.

We regret the inconvenience this work may cause and appreciate both our customers' and the community's patience and understanding while we carry out this important work. To ensure that our customers are well-informed of this closure and alternative service, notices will be posted in stations along the Liberty Avenue line prior to the commencement of work and announcements will be made on all  trains. Service notices will also be posted on our website, [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info). Customers may log on to [www.mta.info](http://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>.