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MTA Announces Reopening of Two Rehabilitated Subway Stations in Brooklyn

Sutter Av-Rutland Rd & Junius St Stations on 3 Line to Reopen on June 19; Part of MTA's \$14.5 Billion Capital Plan for NYC Subway System's Stations, Cars, Signals, Tracks & Other Infrastructure

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority announced today that two hundred-year-old Subway stations on the  line in Brooklyn will reopen for service on June 19 after a months-long rehabilitation closure.

The Sutter Av-Rutland Rd and Junius St  stations in Brooklyn will reopen for service in both directions at 5 a.m. on Monday, June 19, following a major rehabilitation to significantly improve the station environment and commuting experience for thousands of customers who use the two stops on the  Line.

The two stations are part of an \$88 million rehabilitation of seven elevated stations along the New Lots Av Line in the Brownsville and East New York neighborhoods of Brooklyn. They were closed for service in both directions in October 2016 to facilitate extensive repairs to the two stations, which originally opened for service more than a century ago.

"The MTA Capital Program sets aside \$14.5 billion for Subway improvements over the next few years, including \$4 billion for stations, \$4.5 billion for signals and track work, and \$1.7 billion for new cars," said MTA Interim Executive Director Ronnie Hakim. "These long-term initiatives, together with our Six-Point Plan for immediate improvements and Governor Cuomo's million-dollar Genius Challenge, demonstrate massive resources and efforts focused right now on fixing and modernizing New York City's century-old Subway system."

"The Sutter Av-Rutland Rd and Junius St stations are on elevated tracks and have open-air platforms that have been exposed to the weather every day, every hour, for nearly 100 years," said New York City Transit Acting President Darryl Irick. "With these station renewals, you're seeing our capital program dollars at work bringing seven stations that originally opened in the 1920s to a state of good repair. Our customers who endured the inconvenience of these stations' temporary closing will now reap the benefits of that work, with newly rehabilitated stations and the return of 3 train service to Sutter-Rutland and Junius."

Improvements at both renovated stations include newly rehabilitated platforms, including platform windscreens, guardrails, concrete panels, and light poles. The stations' mezzanine infrastructure, including exterior and interior walls, windows, doors, and floor surfaces, were also replaced. Customers will benefit from the installation of new tactile warning strips at platform's edge, upgraded water drainage, new lighting, and newly painted surfaces in the stations.

The five other stations that are part of the rehabilitation project are Saratoga Av, Rockaway Av, Pennsylvania Av, Van Siclen Av, and New Lots Av. The work at New Lots Av is ongoing as the station remains open during repairs. At New Lots Av, component repairs will include the installation of a new exterior metal panel façade, repairs to mezzanine beams and concrete floors, and reconfiguration of the existing fare control area.

The latest amendment to the MTA's Capital Program allocates \$14.5 billion for Subway improvements over the next few years, including \$4 billion for stations, \$4.5 billion for signals and track work, and \$1.7 billion for new cars. Full details about the Capital Program are available at www.mta.info/capital.

Last month, the MTA announced a comprehensive six-point plan to address the top causes of subway delays, focusing on:

- Subway cars
- Tracks and signals
- First responder activity
- Passenger loading and unloading
- Track bottlenecks

To supplement the MTA's current long-term and immediate efforts, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo also announced the "MTA Genius Transit Challenge," an international competition seeking groundbreaking and innovative solutions to increase the capacity and improve the reliability of the New York City Subway. The Challenge will award \$1 million in each of three categories: signals, cars and communications in tunnels and stations.