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Weeknight Overnight Work to Advance MTA Subway Action Plan on the L Line in Brooklyn

FASTRACK Maintenance and Repair Work Helps to Target Main Drivers of Delays While Minimizing Impact on Customers; Free Shuttle Buses Provide Alternate Service

Beginning Monday, July 9, an extensive amount of overnight maintenance, cleaning and repair work to advance the MTA Subway Action Plan and bring more reliable service to the  line will be performed on segments of the line in Brooklyn, when MTA New York City Transit's *FASTRACK* program returns to stations between Lorimer St and Broadway Junction.

Notifications announcing the weeknight overnight work were posted in stations last week, and subscribers to  service updates via www.MyMTAalerts.com were also notified last week. In order to minimize impact on the majority of customers and to give workers unfettered access to tracks, this work will be performed for four consecutive weeknights from 9:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. on July 9-13, July 16-20 and July 23-27. During those periods,  service will be suspended in both directions between Lorimer St and Broadway Junction, and free shuttle buses will provide alternate service.  service will operate in two sections: between Canarsie-Rockaway Pkwy and Broadway Junction in Brooklyn, (stopping on the ) platform), and between 8 Av in Manhattan and Lorimer St in Brooklyn.

The MTA Subway Action Plan is a comprehensive plan to stabilize and modernize the subway system by attacking the key drivers of 79 percent of delay-causing major incidents, strategically targeting additional personnel and equipment to focus on critical parts of the system. Track and signal components are maintained and repaired, and massive amounts of debris are removed to reduce delay-causing track fires. The Subway Action Plan also focuses on improving communications to help customers plan their trips.

FASTRACK was introduced in January 2012, devoting four straight weeknights to maintenance work in tunnels, stations and on tracks by suspending service within a given line segment for a seven-hour period between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. During each seven-hour period, an army of maintenance workers will take advantage of train-free access to the tracks to perform dozens of tasks that are vital to providing safe and reliable train service. These tasks include the repair and replacement of track, third rail, electrical and signal components, debris removal from tracks and under or around the third rail, and the repair of tunnel infrastructure. Improvements to stations include painting, platform work, and repairs to signage, lighting fixtures and ADA components.

"The unfettered track access of *FASTRACK* enables us to advance Subway Action Plan goals and minimize customer impact by allowing workers to do more in less time," MTA Chairman Joseph Lhota said. "We are on an urgent path to stabilizing and modernizing the subway system and intensive overnight work will help us get there."

FASTRACK schedules have 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 buses.

During this *FASTRACK* operation,  service will operate in two sections: between Canarsie-Rockaway Pkwy and Broadway Junction in Brooklyn (stopping on the ) platform), and between 8 Av and Lorimer St in Manhattan. Free shuttle buses will make all  line station stops between Lorimer St and Broadway Junction in Brooklyn. Transfer between  trains and free shuttle buses at Lorimer St. The free shuttle buses will be located on Metropolitan Av at Union Av. For service between Manhattan and Brooklyn, consider using the  or  via a free transfer between trains and free shuttle buses at Broadway Junction. Transfer between    trains and free shuttle buses at Broadway Junction, located on Fulton St at Van Sinderen Av.

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