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Essential Track Repair Work Coming to Flushing 7 Line

Portions of the Line Will be Closed on Weekends and Some Nights in January and Early February

MTA New York City Transit (NYCT) announced plans today to perform much-needed track work on the **7** line on nights and weekends throughout January and February. The work is critical to improving the reliability of the line.

The work will include vital repairs to a 2,000-foot section of track near Grand Central, where defects were discovered during the recent installation of a modern new signaling system called Communications-Based Train Control (CBTC). While the track is safe for current use, its repair is essential for future reliability and safety. Replacing this section of track requires chipping out existing concrete, the installation of a temporary track structure, and the pouring of new concrete.

Workers will also address a host of other longstanding challenges on the line, including water conditions in the right-of-way, worn rail, and deteriorated track ties and concrete.

The work also includes essential calibration activity for the new CBTC system, and the removal of now out-of-service signal equipment replaced by CBTC.

“The 7 line is a critical transit artery in Queens and we are doing everything we can to improve its reliability and performance,” said NYC Transit President Andy Byford. “This is work that could not have been completed while we were installing the new signal system and it is absolutely critical it be completed soon. We thank our customers for their patience; when this work is completed, customers will be using a line with enhanced reliability and performance.”

While the work is being done, there will be no **7** train service between Queensboro Plaza and 34 St-Hudson Yards. Shuttle buses, **E F N R W** trains, and Times Sq. **S** trains provide alternate service. Shuttle buses will operate from Queensboro Plaza to Vernon Blvd-Jackson Av. and from Times Sq. to 34th St-Hudson Yards. During these outages special weekend **W** service will operate between Ditmars Blvd and Whitehall St.

Work will take place during the following weeknights from 11:45 PM to 5 AM:

- January 2-4
- January 7-11
- January 14-18
- January 21-25
- January 28-February 1
- February 4-8

Work will occur during the following weekends from 12:15 AM Saturday to 4:30 AM Monday:

- January 5-7
- January 12-14
- January 19-21
- January 26-28*

*During the weekend of January 26-28, **7** train service will be suspended between **74th St-Broadway and 34 St- Hudson Yards**. Shuttle buses will operate in two segments in Queens: from 74th St-Broadway to Queensboro Plaza and from Queensboro Plaza to Vernon Blvd-Jackson Av. A third shuttle bus will also operate in Manhattan from Times Sq to 34th St-Hudson Yards. During this outage, additional peak hour **E** train service will operate.

