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MTA, NYC DOT to Hold Community Meetings Detailing Alternative Service Plans During Canarsie Tunnel Repairs

Series of Open House-Format Discussions on Service, Street Changes During L Line Tunnel Closure

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) today announced the dates for a series of jointly held open houses in January and February aimed at engaging those communities in Manhattan and Brooklyn that will be affected by the repairs to the Canarsie Tunnel on the  line.

The open houses, which will take place over four consecutive weeks beginning on January 24th, will feature representatives from MTA and NYC DOT and will provide riders with critical information about alternative travel options they can utilize during the 15 months in which the Canarsie Tunnel will be closed for major repairs beginning April 2019. MTA New York City Transit personnel will preview measures the agency will take to help move the roughly 225,000 customers who travel through the tunnel each weekday, as well as the 50,000 riders who use the  train just within Manhattan. NYC DOT will discuss its proposed street improvements to support travel alternatives during the closure. Changes will include HOV restrictions on the Williamsburg Bridge, the addition of Select Bus Service to a new 14th Street busway, along with new protected bike lanes and bus lanes throughout the affected Manhattan and Brooklyn neighborhoods.

Customers are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in the meetings, which are open to the public. Attendees may arrive at any time during the meetings.

ABOUT THE CANARSIE TUNNEL CLOSURE

The Canarsie Tunnel was one of nine underwater tunnels that flooded during Superstorm Sandy in 2012, all of which required extensive rehabilitation and repair. The Canarsie Tunnel suffered extensive damage to tracks, signals, switches, power cables, signal cables, communication cables, lighting, cable ducts and bench walls throughout a 7,100-foot-long flooded section of both tubes. Bench walls throughout those sections must be rehabilitated to protect the structural integrity of the tubes.

The scheduled 15-month closure of the Canarsie Tunnel's two tubes begins in April 2019.

More information on the Canarsie Tunnel repairs and the alternate service changes are available on [this dedicated MTA mini-site on the work](#).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE OPEN HOUSES

These community meetings will follow an open house format guided by MTA and NYC DOT representatives. The meetings are intended to help customers better understand their alternate travel options and provide answers to questions from subway customers, local business owners and residents of the impacted neighborhoods.

The open houses will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 24, 2018, from 5 to 8 p.m.: East Williamsburg

Progress High School

850 Grand Street, Brooklyn

To get to the event, take the L to Grand Street or use any of the following bus lines: Q54, Q59, B43.

Wednesday, January 31, 2018, from 5 to 8 p.m.: Manhattan Eastside

14th Street Y

344 East 14th Street, New York

To get to the event, take the  to 1 Av or the  to 14 St-Union Sq or use any of the following bus lines: M14A, M14D, M15, M15SBS, M101, M102, M103

Thursday, February 8, 2018, from 5 to 8 p.m: Williamsburg

Williamsburg Community Center

195 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn

To get to the event, take  to Montrose Av or use any of the following bus lines: Q54, Q59, B24, B43, B48, B60

Wednesday, February 14, 2018, from 5 to 8 p.m: Manhattan Westside

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

328 West 14th Street, New York

To get to the event, take  to 14 St Union Square or the 8 Av  or use any of the following bus lines M11, M12, M14A, M14D, M20