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Critical Track and Switch Reconstruction on J Line Planned Near Jamaica Center

Customers to Benefit from Smoother, Safer Ride Thanks to New Tracks

MTA New York City Transit will be rebuilding a portion of the **J** line in Queens, including all tracks and switches, to ensure safe and reliable service near the line's Jamaica Center terminal over a period of 9 days of lower ridership starting later this month.

"This track and switch reconstruction is critical to keeping the **J** line in a state of good repair because service into and out of the **J**'s Jamaica terminal is vital to the entire line's reliability," said MTA New York City Transit President Andy Byford. "Once the work is complete, **J** customers will benefit from a smoother, more reliable ride for many years to come."

From 9:30 p.m. Friday, December 28, 2018, to 5 a.m. Monday, January 7, 2019, **J** trains will operate only between Broad St and 121 St in both directions at all hours. **JZ** skip-stop service will be suspended, and **Z** customers can use **J** trains instead. Free shuttle buses will make stops at Jamaica-Van Wyck and 121 St. Customers going to Parsons Blvd-Archer Av and Sutphin Blvd-Archer Av should use the **E** line. Customers seeking to take the AirTrain to John F. Kennedy International Airport may take a shuttle bus to Sutphin Blvd-Archer Av, or the **A** train to Howard Beach.

NYC Transit scheduled this critical track and switch reconstruction project during a period of lower ridership, over a holiday and during winter break for many schools and colleges in the area.

NYC Transit is committed to improving subway service across the system, particularly in Queens where a major signal modernization project to Communications-Based Train Control is underway on the **E F M R** lines and several station structural improvement projects are near completion or underway on the **J** line in the Richmond Hill area. Both the **E** and **J** lines are undergoing track and infrastructure maintenance and repairs to improve overall reliability near the **E J** terminals in Jamaica, and this infrastructure work has been carefully scheduled to ensure that communities in the Jamaica area will continue to be served by a subway line and/or free shuttle buses. Signage has been posted at affected stations to provide details of the alternate service for the **J** construction project.