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Overnight Work to Advance MTA Subway Action Plan on the 2 3 Lines in Upper Manhattan and the Bronx

*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, August 6, an extensive amount of maintenance, cleaning and repair work to advance the [MTA Subway Action Plan](#) will be performed when MTA New York City Transit's *FASTRACK* program returns to several stations along the 2 and 3 lines in the Bronx and Harlem, for three consecutive weeks.

In order to minimize impact on customers and 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 August 6-10, August 13-17 and August 20-24. During those periods, 2 service will be suspended between 3 Av-149 St and 96 St. 2 service will operate in two sections: between Wakefield-241 St and 3 Av-149 St, and between 96 St and Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College (trains from Wakefield-241 St will skip Jackson Av). 3 service is entirely suspended. Free shuttle buses provide alternate service.

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.

As noted above, during this *FASTRACK* operation 2 service will operate in two sections: between Wakefield-241 St and 3 Av-149 St, and between 96 St and Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College (trains from Wakefield-241 St will skip Jackson Av). 3 service is entirely suspended. Shuttle buses providing alternate service will operate as follows:

- **For 2 service:** Free shuttle buses operate between Jackson Av/3 Av-149 St and 96 St, stopping at 149 St-Grand Concourse, 145 St, 135 St, 125 St, 116 St, and Central Park North. Transfer between 2 trains and free shuttle buses at 3 Av-149 St and/or at 96 St., or the 4 at 149 St-Grand Concourse.
- **For 3 service:** Free local shuttle buses operate between 96 St and Harlem-148 St, making 3 line station stops. Transfer between 2 trains and free shuttle buses at 96 St. Take the 2 for service between Franklin Av and 96 St. 4 trains make all station stops between Nevins St and New Lots Av. Transfer between 2 and 4 trains at Franklin Av.

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