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Weekend Subway Service Advisory August 16 to 19

Service Changes are Part of Subway Action Plan, Station Repairs and Other Ongoing Maintenance, and Upgrade Work for Improvements on Multiple Lines

These weekend service changes are part of the [MTA Subway Action Plan](#), station improvements in Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan, and ongoing maintenance, repair and upgrade work throughout the MTA New York City Transit subway system to maintain and upgrade track, signal, station and other infrastructure in order to provide customers with safe and reliable service. More information on the 2015-2019 MTA Capital Program is available [here](#).

This weekend, work crews will be dispersed throughout the entire subway system to perform a variety of critical tasks in the areas of track replacement and maintenance, signal modernization, station enhancements, electrical upgrades and communication improvements. All this work is aligned with the MTA Subway Action Plan, a comprehensive plan to stabilize and modernize the subway system by attacking the key drivers of 79 percent of delay-causing major incidents and strategically targeting additional personnel and equipment to focus on critical parts of the system.

As part of a multi-phased switch replacement project to maintain the reliability and safety of the **1 2 3** track switches north of the 96 St station, local and express service on those lines will be suspended on Seventh Avenue. A video explaining this essential work and the service changes this weekend and next is available [here](#). Additional service on the **D M** and 42 St **S** Shuttle will be added to accommodate customers to/from the Upper West Side of Manhattan. See the **1 2 3 4 5 D M S** entries for more details on alternate service.

Through summer 2020, the MTA is rehabilitating the **L** tunnel using an improved construction plan that maintains regular weekday and peak hour service for 90 percent of **L** customers, as weekday and peak hour service are unchanged. The project minimizes construction-related disruption to riders and communities near the work sites while yielding cost savings due to the revised work plan. Click [here](#) for more information.

For a simple, graphical guide that makes it easy to visualize how this weekend maintenance, upgrade and repair work will affect subway service – and what alternative travel options are recommended – consult The Weekender at web.mta.info/weekender.html. The Weekender is accessible through the [MTA website](#) by clicking the “Weekender” tab within the Service Status Menu, and is also available as a free app for iPhone and Android devices.

[TripPlanner+](#) is an online tool that provides customized travel guidance based on available service and takes weekend service diversions into account. In addition, customers can receive customized subway status emails or texts by signing up at www.MyMTAalerts.com.

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From 11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, trains will not run between South Ferry and 137 St due to essential work to replace switches and tracks at 96 St. **1** trains will run between 137 St and Van Cortlandt Park-242 St. Free shuttle buses will run between 137 St and 110 St **1**, and connect with **C M** trains at Cathedral Pkwy (110 St) **C** station. Use **A C E D F M N Q** or **R** to/from nearby **1** line stations. For more information about this critically important switch replacement work, refer to this [prior press release](#) or visit this [webpage](#) on the work.

1

Through early 2020, trains skip 168 St in both directions due to elevator replacement work. For alternate service take the **A C** at/to this station. Transfer between **1** and **A** trains at 59 St-Columbus Circle. A free

out-of-system transfer with a MetroCard is available between the 207 St or 215 St **1** and 207 St **A**. Take the M5 to/from 157 St **1**. Late nights, the M5 will run between 168 St and 157 St. This work is part of a [major elevator replacement project](#) at five separate “deep” stations in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan. The **1** line part of the 168 St station is 112 years old. Some of the oldest components in these elevators and the accompanying machine rooms are more than 90 years old. When completed, the elevator doors at 168 St **1** will open at both the front and rear sides at the lower mezzanine level. The rear passageway behind the elevators at the lower mezzanine level will be reopened in order to improve customer flow. For a graphical guide to these alternate travel directions [click here](#).

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From 11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, trains will be rerouted via the **5** line between Nevins St and 149 St-Grand Concourse due to essential work to replace switches and tracks at 96 St. **1 2 3** service will not run on 7 Av. Free shuttle buses will run between 137 St and 110 St **1**, and connect with **C** **M** trains at Cathedral Pkwy (110 St) **C** station. Use **A C E D F M N Q** or **R** to/from nearby **2** line stations. For more information about this critically important switch replacement work, refer to this [prior press release](#) or visit this [webpage](#) on the work.

2 5

Through August 2019, Manhattan-bound trains skip [President St](#) due to station rehabilitation work. For service to President St, take a Flatbush Av-bound **2 5** to Sterling St and transfer to a Manhattan-bound **2** or **5** train. For service from President St, use the B44 local or B44 SBS bus. Or, take a Manhattan-bound **2 5** to Franklin Av and transfer to a Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College-bound **2** or **5** train.

3

From 11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, **3** service is suspended due to essential work to replace switches and tracks at 96 St. **1 2 3** service will not run on 7 Av. Free shuttle buses will run between Harlem-148 St and Central Park N. (110 St), and connect with **C M** trains at Cathedral Pkwy. **4** trains will run to/from New Lots Av all weekend. Use **A C E D F M N Q** or **R** to/from nearby **3** line stations in Manhattan. For more information about this critically important switch replacement work, refer to this [prior press release](#) or visit this [webpage](#) on the work.

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From 11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, **4** service will run to/from New Lots Av. **4** trains will make all **3** line station stops between Nevins St and New Lots Av.

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From 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, and from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, **2** trains will replace **5** trains between Bowling Green and E 180 St due to essential work to replace switches and tracks at 96 St. **5** trains will run between Eastchester-Dyre Av and E 180 St all weekend. **2** trains will run between Wakefield-241 St and 149 St-Grand Concourse, and will be rerouted via the **5** line to Brooklyn. Transfer between **2** and **5** trains at E 180 St. For more information about this critically important switch replacement work at 96 St, refer to this [prior press release](#) or visit this [webpage](#) on the work.








5

Through September 2019, Eastchester-Dyre Av bound trains skip [Gun Hill Rd](#) due to station rehabilitation work. When finished, this will yield a better travel experience for customers, including the installation of a mezzanine to platform elevator, providing mobility impaired customers with better accessibility. Rehabilitation work will consist of the expansion and reconfiguration of the control house, a new booth, a larger unpaid area, new ADA signage and cameras throughout the station, new station entrance and retail configuration, reconstructed platforms, new ADA boarding areas and tactile platform warning strips, new ADA hand railings along the platform staircases and modifications to the platform canopies to accommodate the new elevator shafts.


In order to accomplish the repair and reconstruction of the platforms within a safe environment, the northbound side of this station will be closed for approximately six months. For service to this station, take the **5** to Baychester Av and transfer to a Manhattan-bound **5**. For service from this station, take the **5** to Pelham Pkwy and transfer to an Eastchester-Dyre Av bound **5**.

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From 4:45 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, to 10 p.m. Sunday, August 18, trains will not run between Grand Central-42 St and Queensboro Plaza. Free shuttle buses and **E F N R S** will provide alternative service. **7** trains will run in two sections: Between Main St and Queensboro Plaza, and between Grand Central-42 St and 34 St-Hudson Yards. As an alternative, use the **E F N** or **R** for service between Manhattan and

Queens. Transfer at Queensboro Plaza   or 74 St-Roosevelt Av    . Free shuttle buses will run between Queensboro Plaza and Vernon Blvd-Jackson Av. The 42 St  will run overnight.



From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer, the [Rockaway Park/Beach 116 St S shuttle service](#) will be extended to Rockaway Blvd to facilitate beach traffic to the peninsula. Customers can take any  train to connect with the shuttle at Rockaway Blvd. This seasonal service will also be available on Labor Day. For more information on how to take MTA services to the beach, refer to [this prior press release](#).




Beginning 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, service will end early due to track maintenance. Take   and/or  trains instead. As a reminder,  trains do not run on weekends.



From 11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, trains will run local in both directions between 59 St-Columbus Circle and 145 St.







From 11:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, Jamaica Center-bound trains will skip Elmhurst Av, Grand Av, Woodhaven Blvd, 63 Dr, and 67 Av due to track replacement. As an alternative, use a Manhattan-bound  local train to complete your trip. Transfer at 71 Av or Roosevelt Av.






From 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, trains will run local in both directions between Roosevelt Av and Queens Plaza due to signal modernization.

From 11:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, Jamaica Center-bound  and 179 St-bound  trains will skip 75 Av due to track replacement. As an alternative, use a Manhattan-bound  or  train to complete your trip. Transfer at Union Tpke or 71 Av.





From 9:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, Coney Island-Stillwell Av bound trains will be rerouted via the  line after 36 St to 47-50 Sts due to track maintenance. As an alternative, use a Jamaica-bound  train to complete your trip via transfer at 47-50 Sts or Steinway St (Roosevelt Av before midnight on Friday). Or, for Lexington Av/63 St, take the  via transfer at 34 St-Herald Sq.

















From 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, trains will stop at 65 St, Northern Blvd, 46 St, Steinway St, and 36 St in both directions due to signal modernization.



Through summer 2020,  trains will run every 20 minutes between Brooklyn and Manhattan, in both directions on weekends and weeknights. Within Brooklyn,  trains run every 10 minutes in both directions on weekends from 6 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. NYC Transit encourages customers to take advantage of extensive and robust options in its alternative service plan for quicker travel or to avoid crowds. A [dedicated website on the Project](#) is available with trip planning tools, information on the project and travel guides for L stations from 8 Av to Lorimer St. Customers are also encouraged to sign up for a [weekly email newsletter on the Project](#) to get progress updates and reach Transit staff with feedback or questions. For more information, visit <https://new.mta.info/l-project>.

The alternate service options include:

- Enhanced subway service on   and  lines on weeknights and weekends, including extended 
- Enhanced bus service on 14th Street, including additional weeknight and weekend M14A bus service to Delancey/Essex St for links to   
- The Williamsburg Link bus route, B91A, connects with the Bedford Av and Marcy Av subway stations.
- Free subway transfers to make connections easier between Livonia St  and Junius St , and from Broadway  to Hewes St   or Lorimer St  .



Through summer 2020, service ends at approximately 10 p.m. between Forest Hills-71 Av and 47-50 Sts-Rockefeller Ctr due to ongoing signal modernization work along the Queens Boulevard corridor. For Queens, take the **R**. For Court Sq-23 St, Lexington Av-53 St, and 5 Av/53 St, take the **E**. Transfer at 34 St-Herald Sq **M R** or W 4 St **E M**.



To provide additional service on the Upper West Side of Manhattan during essential switch replacement near 96 St, from 10 p.m. Friday to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, and from 7 a.m. Saturday to 1:30 a.m. Monday, special weekend **M** service will run between Metropolitan Av and 47-50 Sts, via the **D** to/from 59 St-Columbus Circle, and via the **C** to/from 145 St. For stations on the Second Avenue Subway line, transfer to/from the **Q** at 34 St-Herald Sq.



From 9:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, free shuttle buses and **R** trains will replace **N** trains between Coney Island-Stillwell Av and 36 St due to station rehabilitation work. **N** trains will run via the **D** line in both directions between 36 St and Coney Island-Stillwell Av. **N** trains will run between Astoria/Ditmars Blvd and 36 St, and via the **D** line to/from Coney Island-Stillwell Av. For 45 St, 53 St, and 59 St, take the **R** via transfer at 36 St. Free shuttle buses will make all **N** line station stops between 59 St and Coney Island-Stillwell Av. For stations between Coney Island-Stillwell Av and 59 St, transfer to/from buses at Coney Island-Stillwell Av **N**, New Utrecht Av **N**, or 59 St **R**.



From 3:45 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, to 10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, Astoria-bound trains will skip 39 Av, 36 Av, Broadway, and 30 Av due to station renewal work at Astoria Blvd. As an alternative, use a Coney Island-Stillwell Av bound **N** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Ditmars Blvd or Queensboro Plaza. As a reminder, the Astoria Blvd station is closed for ongoing renewal work.



Through December 2019, trains skip Astoria Blvd in both directions due to station renewal work to add four new elevators and other accessibility features, as well as demolish and rebuild the station mezzanine with more vertical clearance to over-height vehicles traveling below the station structure. When this project is completed in late 2020, the Astoria Blvd station will have two street-to-mezzanine elevators, two mezzanine-to-platform elevators, a new station mezzanine, repaired or replaced structural columns and foundations, repaired concrete platform surfaces, new street and platform stairs, new platform stair enclosures, and new platform canopies and mezzanine overpass walkway canopies. Lights, signs and gates will also be replaced. The new station structure will be reinforced to support the weight of the new elevators and facilities. For more details about this critical structural repair project, refer to this [prior press release](#). For information on improvement projects on the Astoria Line, refer to [this prior press release](#).

As an alternative, use nearby stations use nearby stations at 30 Av or Ditmars Blvd. Take **N W** to Queensboro Plaza, then **7** to 74 St-Roosevelt Av, or take the **E F R** to 74 St-Roosevelt Av. As a reminder, **R** trains operate days/evenings only, and **N W** trains do not run overnight or on the weekend. M60 SBS customers are advised to use the LaGuardia Link Q70 SBS instead. The LaGuardia Link Q70 SBS serves the 74 St-Roosevelt Av station.

42 St Shuttle

From 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, to 3 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, some tracks will be periodically taken out of service due to rehabilitation work including a historic transformation that includes replacing the Times Square Shuttle terminal with a larger and accessible station, reconfiguring platforms at Grand Central, and modernizing shuttle train operations. The project will result in a 42 St Shuttle that is fully accessible, has more capacity and is easier for customers to use. For more information regarding this project, refer to this [prior press release](#).

42 St Shuttle

From 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m. Saturday to Monday, Aug. 17 to Aug. 19, the 42 St Shuttle will run overnight to provide alternate service due to essential work to replace switches and tracks at 96 St.