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### Weekend Subway Service Advisory May 17 to 20

#### *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 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.

Through summer 2020, the MTA is rehabilitating the  tunnel using an improved construction plan that maintains regular weekday and peak hour service for 90 percent of  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](http://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](http://www.MyMTAalerts.com).

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At all times until early 2020, trains skip 168 St in both directions due to elevator replacement work. For alternate service take the   at/to this station. Transfer between  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  and 207 St . Take the M5 to/from 157 St . 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  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  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 11:15 p.m. Friday, May 17, to 5 a.m. Monday, May 20,  trains will operate between South Ferry and 137 St due to track replacement. For service between 137 St and 242 St, take a free shuttle bus, the M3 or the M100 bus routes, or   trains. Transfer between subway service and shuttle buses at at 59 St , 168 St  or 207 St . The shuttle buses run along these routes:

- Between 137 St and 168 St, stopping at 157 St and 145 St
- Between 168 St and 191 St, stopping at 181 St
- Between 207 St  and 242 St, stopping at 238 St, 231 St, 225 St, 215 St, 207 St .
- Between Dyckman St  and Dyckman St , overnights only

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From 6:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and May 19, uptown trains will run express from E 180 St to Wakefield-241 St due to track maintenance. As an alternative, use a downtown  train to complete your trip. Transfer at Wakefield-241 St, Gun Hill Rd, or E 180 St. Or, take the Bx39 bus.

**2 5**

Beginning 10 p.m. Friday, May 17, until July 2019, Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College bound trains will skip President St due to staircase and platform edge rehabilitation work. During this closure, 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.

**2 5**

At all times until July 2019, Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College bound trains will skip Winthrop St due to staircase and platform edge rehabilitation work. During this closure, for service to Winthrop St, take a Flatbush Av-bound **2 5** to Sterling St and transfer to a B44 local or B44 SBS bus to complete your trip. The station agent will issue transfer tickets upon request. Or, take a Flatbush Av-bound **2 5** to Church Av and transfer to a Manhattan-bound **2** or **5** train. For service from Winthrop St, use the nearby Church Av station or the B44/B44 SBS bus. Or, take the Manhattan-bound **2 5** to Sterling St and transfer to a Flatbush Av-bound **2 5** train.

**3 4**

From 3:30 a.m. Saturday, May 18 to 10 p.m. Sunday, May 19, **3** trains will run between Harlem-148 St and Crown Hts-Utica Av. **4** trains will run between Woodlawn and Crown Hts-Utica Av. free shuttle buses will replace trains between New Lots Av and Crown Hts-Utica Av due to track replacement. Free shuttle buses will make all **3** line station stops between Crown Hts-Utica Av and New Lots Av. Transfer between **3 4** trains and shuttle buses at Crown Hts-Utica Av.

**4 5**

From 10 p.m. Friday, May 17 to 5 a.m. Monday, May 20, trains will run local in both directions between Grand Central-42 St and Brooklyn Bridge-City Hall due to track maintenance. **5** trains will run every 20 minutes. As a reminder, **5** service does not run into Manhattan overnight.

**5**

Beginning 8:30 p.m., Friday, May 17, service will end early between E 180 St and Bowling Green due to track maintenance. As an alternative, take **2** or **4**.

**5**

At all times until September 2019, Eastchester-Dyre Av bound trains will 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**.

**6**

From 11:30 p.m. Friday, May 17 to 5 a.m. Monday, May 20, free shuttle buses will replace trains between 3 Av-138 St and Parkchester due to track replacement. **6** trains will run in two sections: between Brooklyn Bridge-City Hall and 3 Av-138 St, and between Parkchester and Pelham Bay Park, every 12 minutes, days and evenings.

Shuttle buses will run along two routes. Transfer between buses and trains at 3 Av-138 St and/or Parkchester:

- NONSTOP between 3 Av-138 St and Parkchester,
- LOCAL making all **6** line station stops between 3 Av-138 St and Parkchester.

**7**

From 3:45 a.m. Saturday, May 18 to 10 p.m. Sunday, May 19, Flushing-Main St bound trains will run express from Queensboro Plaza to Mets-Willets Point due to track maintenance. As an alternative, use a Manhattan-bound **7** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Mets-Willets Point, Junction Blvd, 61 St-Woodside, or Queensboro Plaza.

**A S**

From 11:30 p.m. Friday, May 17 to 5 a.m. Monday, May 20, shuttle buses will replace trains between Rockaway Blvd and Far Rockaway/Rockaway Park; **S** trains will be rerouted due to track replacement. **A** trains will run between Inwood-207 St and Lefferts Blvd. **S** trains will run between Rockaway Park and Far Rockaway.

Free shuttle buses will run along three routes. Transfer at Rockaway Blvd **A**/Shuttle Bus, Far Rockaway **S**/Shuttle Bus, or Rockaway Park **S**/Shuttle Bus:

- NONSTOP between Rockaway Blvd and Far Rockaway, via Nassau Expwy
- LOCAL between Rockaway Blvd and Rockaway Park, via Cross Bay Blvd
- LOCAL between Rockaway Blvd and Howard Beach (Airport Side).

**B**

Beginning 8:30 p.m., Friday, May 17, service will end early due to track maintenance. As an alternative, take **C** **D** and/or **Q** trains instead. As a reminder, **B** service does not run on weekends.

**D**

From 10:45 p.m. Friday, May 17 to 5 a.m. Monday, May 20, Norwood-205 St bound trains will skip 170 St, 174-175 Sts, and 182-183 Sts due to track replacement. As an alternative, use a Coney Island-Stillwell Av bound **D** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Fordham Rd, Tremont Av, or 167 St.

**D N**

Overnights from 10:45 p.m. to 5 a.m., Friday to Monday, May 17 to May 20, Coney Island-Stillwell Av bound trains will run express from Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr to 36 St due to track maintenance. As an alternative, use a Manhattan-bound **D N** local or **R** train to complete your trip. Transfer at 36 St or Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr.

**E**

From 9:45 p.m. Friday, May 17 to 5 a.m. Monday, May 20, Manhattan-bound trains will skip 67 Av, 63 Dr-Rego Park, Woodhaven Blvd, Grand Av-Newtown, and Elmhurst Av due to track maintenance. As an alternative, use a Jamaica-Center bound **E** local, or Jamaica-179 St-bound **R** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Roosevelt Av or Forest Hills-71 Av. As a reminder, **R** service does not run in Queens overnight.

**E**

Overnights from 11:45 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday to Monday, May 17 to May 20, Jamaica Center-bound trains will skip 36 St, Steinway St, 46 St, Northern Blvd, and 65 St due to track maintenance. As an alternative, use a Manhattan-bound **E** local or **R** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Roosevelt Av or Queens Plaza. As a reminder, **R** service does not run in Queens overnight.

**J**

From 3:30 a.m. Saturday, May 18 to 10 p.m. Sunday, May 19, free shuttle buses and **E** trains will replace **J** trains between Crescent St and Jamaica Center due to station rehabilitation. **J** trains will run between Broad St and Crescent St. Free shuttle buses will make all **J** line station stops between Crescent St and 121 St, and connect with the E at Jamaica-Van Wyck. Transfer between trains and free shuttle buses at Jamaica-Van Wyck **E** and/or Crescent St **J**. As a reminder, the 111 St **J** station is closed for rehabilitation work until summer 2019.

**J**








At all times until summer 2019, trains skip 111 St in both directions due station rehabilitation work. The elevated 111 St station opened for service in 1917, and its structure has not been replaced since the station was built. The platform girders at 111 St will be replaced as part of structural improvements at several Jamaica Line stations, that will benefit thousands of customers who rely on the line between Manhattan and Queens, and provide a safe station environment for many more decades to come. For more details about this critical structural repair project, refer to this [prior press release](#). As an alternative, use nearby stations at 104 St or 121 St to complete your trip. Take the Q56 bus to/from 104 St and 121 St **J Z** stations; free transfer with MetroCard. Additional free transfers with MetroCard will be available between Q37, Q56 and the subway at 104 St, 121 St, or Woodhaven Blvd stations. The Q56 will run with enhanced service between 111 St and 121 St. For a graphical guide to these alternate travel directions [click here](#).

**L**






Until summer 2020, **L** trains will run every 20 minutes between Brooklyn and Manhattan, in both directions on weekends and weeknights. Within Brooklyn, **L** 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 L 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 L 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 **G M** and **7** lines on weeknights and weekends, including extended **M**.
- Enhanced bus service on 14th Street, including additional weeknight and weekend M14A bus service to Delancey/Essex St for links to **F J M**.
- A new weeknight and weekend bus service, called Williamsburg Link, operates on two routes as the B92 and the B91. They connect with subway stations at Bedford Av, Metropolitan Av-Lorimer St, Marcy Av and Hewes St.

- Free subway transfers to make connections easier between Livonia St  and Junius St , and from Broadway  to Hewes St   or Lorimer St  .













From 10 p.m. Friday, May 17 to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, May 18, and from 6 a.m. Saturday, May 18 to 1:30 a.m. Monday, May 20, special  service to help accommodate customers during the  Project runs between Brooklyn and 96 St in Manhattan.  trains will run between Metropolitan Av and 47-50 Sts, and via the  to/from Lexington Av/63 St, and via the  to/from 96 St.







From 3:45 a.m. Saturday, May 18 to 10 p.m. Sunday, May 19, Coney Island-Stillwell Av bound trains will run express from Astoria-Ditmars Blvd to Queensboro Plaza due to station renewal work. As an alternative, use an Astoria-bound  train to complete your trip. Transfer at Queensboro Plaza or Astoria-Ditmars Blvd. As a reminder, the Astoria Blvd station is closed for renewal work until December 2019.




At all times until December 2019, trains will 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](#).

As an alternative, use nearby stations use nearby stations at 30 Av or Ditmars Blvd. Take   to Queensboro Plaza, then  to 74 St-Roosevelt Av, or take the     to 74 St-Roosevelt Av. As a reminder,  trains operate days/evenings only, and   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.






At all times until summer 2019, Coney Island-Stillwell Av bound trains skip Fort Hamilton Pkwy, New Utrecht Av, 18 Av, and 20 Av, due to station rehabilitation work on the [Sea Beach Line](#). When finished, this will yield a better travel experience for customers, including the installation of elevators at 8 Av and New Utrecht Av stations, providing mobility impaired customers with better accessibility, upgraded communication systems, installation of Help Point intercoms, new stairways and handrails, reconstructed platforms and overpasses, repairs to canopies and columns, and artwork. For service to these stations, use a Manhattan-bound  train to complete your trip. Transfer at Bay Pkwy or 8 Av. For New Utrecht Av-62 St, take the  instead. Transfer between  and  trains at 36 St.




At all times until July 2019, trains will run local in both directions between 59 St and 36 St in Brooklyn due to structural rehabilitation work to repair and replace steel columns, lighting, ventilators, and deteriorated concrete, and perform water mitigation work to address water seepage in the express tunnel between the 59 St and 36 St stations.  trains will stop at 53 St and 45 St in both directions.

From 9:45 p.m. Friday, May 17 to 5 a.m. Monday, May 20, uptown trains skip 49 St due to electrical improvements. As an alternative, use a downtown   local or  train to complete your trip. Transfer at 57 St-7 Av or Times Sq-42 St.







From 5:45 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and May 19, Manhattan-bound trains will run express from Sheepshead Bay to Prospect Park due to track replacement. As an alternative, use a Coney Island-Stillwell Av bound  train to complete your trip. Transfer at Prospect Park, Church Av, Newkirk Plaza, Kings Highway or Sheepshead Bay.







From 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and May 19,  service is extended to/from Jamaica-179 St  station, due to signal improvements.






From 9:45 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. Friday, May 17, and from 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and May 19, Jamaica-179 St bound trains will skip 36 St, Steinway St, 46 St, Northern Blvd, and 65 St due to track maintenance. As an alternative, use a Manhattan-bound  local or  train to complete your trip. Transfer at Roosevelt Av or Queens Plaza. As a reminder,  service will run to/from the Jamaica-179 St  station this weekend from 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and May 19.



From 11:30 p.m. Friday, May 17 to 5 a.m. Monday, May 20, service at Broad Channel will be replaced by free shuttle buses due to track replacement.  will run between Rockaway Park and Far Rockaway. Free shuttle buses will run local between Rockaway Blvd and Rockaway Park, via Cross Bay Blvd. Transfer at Rockaway Blvd /Shuttle Bus, Beach 98 St /Shuttle Bus, or Rockaway Park /Shuttle Bus.



Beginning 8:30 p.m., Friday, May 17, service will end early due to electrical improvements. As an alternative, take  or  trains instead. As a reminder,  trains do not run on weekends.