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Weekend Subway Service Advisory

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.

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 11:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, downtown trains will skip 137 St, 125 St, 116 St, 110 St, and 103 St due to electrical improvements. As an alternative, use an uptown **1** train to complete your trip. Transfer at 96 St, 145 St, or 181 St.

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Through early 2020, trains skip 168 St in both directions due to elevator replacement work. For alternate service take the AC 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 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, to 10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, free shuttle buses will replace trains between Wakefield-241 St and Gun Hill Rd due to track and switch maintenance near 238 St. **2** trains will run between Gun Hill Rd and Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College. Free shuttle buses will make all **2** line station stops between Gun Hill Rd and Wakefield-241 St. Transfer between buses and **2** trains at Gun Hill Rd.






2 5

Through October 2019, Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College bound trains are skipping [Sterling St](#) due to station rehabilitation work. For service to Sterling St, take a **2 5** train to Winthrop St and transfer to a Manhattan-bound **2 5**. Or, use nearby Winthrop St or President St stations. For service from this station, take a **2 5** train to President St and transfer to a Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College bound **2** or **5** train.


5

At all times through February 2020, Manhattan-bound trains will skip [Gun Hill Rd](#) due to ongoing 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 Manhattan-bound side of this station will be closed for approximately six months. For service to this station, take the  to Pelham Pkwy and transfer to an Eastchester-Dyre Av-bound . For service from this station, take the  to Baychester and transfer to a Manhattan-bound . As a reminder, late night  service runs between Eastchester-Dyre Av and E 180 St.



From 11:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, free shuttle buses will replace trains between 125 St and 3 Av-138 St due to track maintenance.  service will run in two sections: between Brooklyn Bridge-City Hall and 15 St, and between 3 Av-138 St and Pelham Bay Pk. Buses will run between 15 St and 3 Av-138 St. Transfer at 125 St and/or 3 Av-138 St.








From 11:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, uptown trains will skip Brook Av, Cypress Av, E 143 St, E 149 St, and Longwood Av due to track maintenance. As an alternative use a downtown  train to complete your trip. Transfer at Hunts Point Av or 3 Av-138 St.






From 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, trains will stop at 50 St, 23 St and Spring St in both directions due to flood mitigation work at Spring St.



From 10:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, Coney Island-Stillwell Av bound trains will run via the  line from 36 St to Coney Island-Stillwell Av due to track maintenance. As an alternative, use a Manhattan-bound  or  train to complete your trip. Transfer at Coney Island-Stillwell Av, 62 St-New Utrecht Av, or 36 St. As a reminder, Manhattan-bound  trains will run via the  line from Stillwell Av to 36 St during this time.














From 10:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, Manhattan-bound trains will run express from 36 St to Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr due to track replacement. As an alternative, use a Coney Island-Stillwell Av bound   local or Bay Ridge-bound  train to complete your trip. Transfer at Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr or 36 St.

From 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, trains will run local in both directions in Queens due to ongoing signal modernization work along Queens Boulevard.










From 8 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, train will run every 20 minutes between Brooklyn and Manhattan, and every 10 minutes within Brooklyn. The alternate service options include:

- Enhanced subway service on   and  lines including extended .
- Enhanced bus service on M14A SBS route.
- Free subway transfers to make connections easier between Livonia St  and Junius St , and from Broadway  to Hewes St   or Lorimer St  .



From approximately 11:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, free shuttle buses will replace trains between Broadway Junction and Lorimer St due to station improvements and electrical work. The L Project is made up of multiple projects, including tunnel rehabilitation, capacity and accessibility improvements and additional capital projects.

This weekend's alternate service options include:

-  trains will run in two sections: between Canarsie-Rockaway Pkwy and Broadway Junction (every 10 minutes, days/evenings, and every 20 minutes overnight), and between Lorimer St and 8 Av every 20 minutes.
- Special weekend  service will run to/from the 96 St  line station with greater frequency.
- Free shuttle buses will run along two routes: between Lorimer St and Myrtle Av, and between Myrtle Av and Broadway Junction.
- Transfer between trains and buses at Lorimer St and/or Broadway Junction. Consider    to/from Broadway Junction, or the  to/from Myrtle-Wycoff Aves.

A [dedicated website on the L Project](#) is available. Customers are also encouraged to [sign up for email updates](#) about the L Project, including a weekly newsletter to get progress updates and reach staff with feedback or questions. For more information, visit <https://new.mta.info/l-project>.



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**. As a reminder, this weekend, **E** trains will run via the **F** line in both directions between 36 St and 2 Av, the last stop.



Through summer 2020, from 10 p.m. Friday to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, and from 6 a.m. Saturday to 1:30 a.m. Monday, special weekend **M** service to help accommodate customers during the L Project runs between Brooklyn and up to 96 St in Manhattan. **M** trains will run between Metropolitan Av and 47-50 Sts, and via the **F** to/from Lexington Av/63 St, and via the **Q** to/from 96 St.



Beginning 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, trains will run local in both directions between Canal St and Times Sq-42 St, last stop.



From 10:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, Manhattan-bound trains will run via the **D** line from Coney Island-Stillwell Av to 36 St due to station rehabilitation work. As an alternative, use a Coney Island-bound **D** or **N** train to complete your trip. Transfer at 36 St, New Utrecht Av-62 St, or Stillwell Av. For 59 St, 53 St, and 45 St, take the **R** or a Coney Island-bound **N** via transfer at 36 St. Coney Island-bound **D** trains will run via the **N** line from 36 St to Stillwell Av during this time.



From 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, trains will run via the **R** (Montague Tube) in both directions between DeKalb Av and Canal St.



From 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, Coney Island-Stillwell Av bound trains will stop at 45 St and 53 St due to station improvements.



From 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, **7** **Q** trains will replace **N** service between Times Sq-42 St and Queensboro Plaza due to signal improvements. **N** trains will run between Stillwell Av and Times Sq. For service between Queens and Manhattan, take the **7** via transfer between trains at Times Square-42 St. To/from 49 St and 57 St-7 Av, take the **Q**. to/from 5 Av/59 St and Lexington Av/59 St, use nearby **4** **5** **6** via transfer with the **7** at Grand Central or **N** at Union Sq. Free shuttle buses will run between Queensboro Plaza and Ditmars Blvd.



From 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, free shuttle buses will replace trains between Ditmars Blvd and Queensboro Plaza due to station renewal. **N** trains will run between Stillwell Av and Times Sq-42 St. Free shuttle buses will make all **N** line station stops between Queensboro Plaza and Ditmars Blvd. Some buses departing Ditmars Blvd will run express to Queensboro Plaza. Transfer between **7** trains and buses at Queensboro Plaza.



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 **M** **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.



From 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, trains will run local in both directions between 57St-7 Av and Canal St due to signal improvements.



From 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, and from 6 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5 and Oct. 6, trains will run via the **D** line between DeKalb Av and 47-50 Sts (stopping at 14 St and 23 St), and via the **E** line between 5 Av-53 St and Queens Plaza due to signal improvements. **N** trains will make all **R** line station stops between DeKalb Av and Times Sq-42 St. **Q** trains will make all **R** line station stops between Canal St and 57 St-7 Av. Transfer between **N** **Q** and **R** trains at DeKalb Av or 34 St-Herald Sq. To/from 5 Av/59 St, use nearby 5 Av/53 St or 59 St **6**. To/from Lexington Av/59 St, take the **6**. Or, use nearby Lexington Av/53 St.












From 10:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, to Monday, Oct. 7, Manhattan-bound trains will run express from 36 St to Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr due to track replacement. As an alternative, use a Coney Island-Stillwell Av bound **D** **N** local or Bay Ridge-bound **R** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr or 36 St.



42 St Shuttle

Through 2020, shuttles will run less frequently, and 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.

As an alternative, take the  between Grand Central-42 St and Times Sq-42 St. Customers at Times Sq-42 St, who usually take the shuttle to the   , can take the    to 14 St-Union Sq or   to Lexington Av-59 St instead. For more information regarding this project refer to this [prior press release](#) or visit this [webpage](#) on the work.