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Weekend Subway Service Advisory May 3 to May 6

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, the [7 Project](#), 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 [7](#) tunnel using an improved construction plan that maintains regular weekday and peak hour service for 90 percent of [7](#) 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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At all times until 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 9:45 p.m. Friday, May 3, to 5 a.m. Monday, May 6, downtown trains will run express from 34 St-Penn Station to Chambers St due to track maintenance including tie block renewal at 28 St. As an alternative, use an uptown [1](#) or [2](#) local train to complete your trip. Transfer at Chambers St, 14 St, or 34 St-Penn Station.











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From 9:45 p.m. Friday, May 3, to 5 a.m. Monday, May 6, uptown trains will skip 50 St, 59 St, and 66 St due to station cleaning and maintenance. As an alternative, use a downtown [1](#) or [2](#) local train to complete your trip. Transfer at 72 St or Times Sq-42 St.



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From 6:45 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and May 5, downtown trains will run express from Wakefield-241 St to E 180 St due to Subway Action Plan related track maintenance on the southbound local track. As an alternative, use an uptown  train to complete your trip. Transfer at E 180 St, Gun Hill Rd, or Wakefield-241 St. Or, take the Bx39 bus.



 

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   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   to Church Av and transfer to a Manhattan-bound  or  train. For service from Winthrop St, use the nearby Church Av station or the B44/B44 SBS bus. Or, take the Manhattan-bound   to Sterling St and transfer to a Flatbush Av-bound   train.





From 9:45 p.m. Friday, May 3, to 5 a.m. Monday, May 6, uptown trains will run express from Grand Central-42 St to 125 St due to station cleaning and maintenance at southbound local stations. As an alternative use a downtown  local or  train to complete your trip. Transfer at 125 St, 86 St, 59 St, or Grand Central-42 St.




Beginning 8:30 p.m., Friday to Sunday, May 3 to May 5, service will end early between E 180 St and Bowling Green due to station cleaning and maintenance. As an alternative, take  and/or  trains instead.





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  to Baychester Av and transfer to a Manhattan-bound . For service from this station, take the  to Pelham Pkwy and transfer to an Eastchester-Dyre Av bound .




From 11:45 p.m. Friday, May 3, to 5 a.m. Monday, May 6, free shuttle buses will replace trains between Mets-Willets Point and Flushing-Main St due to track replacement and panel installation.  trains will run between 34 St-Hudson Yards and Mets-Willets Point. Free shuttle buses will run between Mets-Willets Point and Flushing-Main St. To continue your trip, transfer at Mets-Willets Point.






From 3:30 a.m. Saturday, May 4, to 10 p.m. Sunday, May 5, free shuttle buses will replace  trains between Euclid Av and Lefferts Blvd/Howard Beach-JFK Airport due to track maintenance including rail and plate renewal and track circuit remediation between Grant Av and Rockaway Blvd.  trains will run between Inwood-207 St and Euclid Av, and between Howard Beach-JFK Airport and Far Rockaway. Shuttle buses will run along two routes: EXPRESS between Euclid Av and Howard Beach-JFK Airport, and LOCAL, making stops at Euclid Av, Grant Av, 80 St, 88 St, Rockaway Blvd, 104 St, 111 St, Lefferts Blvd, Aqueduct Racetrack, Aqueduct-North Conduit Av, and Howard Beach. Transfer at Euclid Av or Howard Beach-JFK.



From 10:45 p.m. Friday, May 3, to 5 a.m. Monday, May 6, Coney Island-Stillwell Av bound trains will skip 182-183 Sts, 174-175 Sts, and 170 St due to track maintenance including drain cleaning between 170 St and Bedford Park Blvd. As an alternative, use a Norwood-205 St bound  train to complete your trip. Transfer at 167 St, Tremont Av, or Fordham Rd.

Overnights from 9:45 p.m. to 5 a.m., Friday to Monday, May 3, to May 6, Coney Island-Stillwell Av bound trains will run express from Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr to 36 St due to track maintenance including tie block renewal between Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr and Union St. As an alternative, use a Manhattan-bound   local or  train to complete your trip. Transfer at 36 St or Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr.



From 12:01 a.m. Saturday, May 4, to 5 a.m. Monday, May 6, trains will run local in both directions in Queens due to ongoing Queens Boulevard signal modernization work.



At all times until May 6, Court Sq-bound trains will skip Flushing Av due to station improvements. We're continuing with our efforts to prevent flooding throughout the subway system by installing submarine-type doors and ventilation covers at stations in low-lying areas. As a reminder, service is suspended this weekend due to track replacement work near Greenpoint Av and Nassau Av. Free shuttle buses will make all line station stops between Court Sq and Hoyt-Schermerhorn Sts, and connect with the at Jay St-MetroTech.



From 3:30 a.m. Saturday, May 4, to 10 p.m. Sunday, May 5, free shuttle buses and trains will replace trains between Broadway Junction and Jamaica Center due to track and switch replacement work near Crescent St. trains will run between Broad St and Broadway Junction. Free shuttle buses will make all line station stops between Broadway Junction and 121 St, and connect with the at Jamaica-Van Wyck. Transfer between trains and free shuttle buses at Jamaica-Van Wyck and/or Broadway Junction . As a reminder, the 111 St station is closed for rehabilitation work until summer 2019.



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 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](#).



Until summer 2020, trains run every 20 minutes between Brooklyn and Manhattan in both directions on weeknights and weekends. 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 L Project](#) is available with trip planning tools, information on the project and travel guides for 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 and lines on weeknights and weekends, including extended service.
- Enhanced bus service on 14th Street, including additional weeknight and weekend M14A bus service to Delancey/Essex St station for links to trains.
- A 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 3 to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, May 4, and from 6 a.m. Saturday, May 4 to 1:30 a.m. Monday, May 6, special service to help accommodate customers during the Project runs between Brooklyn and up to 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 6:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and May 5, free shuttle buses will replace trains between 86 St and Coney Island-Stillwell Av due to track and switch maintenance work near Coney Island-Stillwell Av. trains will run between Astoria-Ditmars Blvd and 86 St. Free shuttle buses will run between 86 St and Coney Island-Stillwell Av. To continue your trip, transfer at 86 St. For direct service between Coney Island-Stillwell Av and Downtown Brooklyn/Manhattan, take the or .

N

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 **NW** to Queensboro Plaza, then 7 to 74 St-Roosevelt Av, or take the **EFMR** to 74 St-Roosevelt Av. As a reminder, **R** trains operate days/evenings only, and **MW** 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.

N

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 **N** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Bay Pkwy or 8 Av. For New Utrecht Av-62 St, take the **D** instead. Transfer between **N** and **D** trains at 36 St.

N

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. **N** trains will stop at 53 St and 45 St in both directions.

N Q

From 9:45 p.m. Friday, May 3, to 5 a.m. Monday, May 6, downtown trains will skip 49 St due to electrical improvements. As an alternative, use an uptown **NQ** local **R** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Times Sq-42 St or 57 St-7Av.

Q

From 5:45 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and May 5, Manhattan-bound trains will run express from Kings Hwy to Prospect Park due to track replacement and duct bank construction. As an alternative, use a Coney Island-Stillwell Av bound **Q** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Prospect Park, Church Av, Newkirk Plaza, or Kings Hwy.

R

From 9:45 p.m. Friday, May 3, to 5 a.m. Monday, May 6, Bay Ridge-bound trains will run express from Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr to 36 St due to track maintenance including tie block renewal between Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr and Union St. As an alternative, use a Manhattan-bound **N** or **R** train to complete your trip. Transfer at 36 St or Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr.

R

From 9:45 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. Friday, May 3, and from 6 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and May 5, downtown trains will skip 49 St due to electrical improvements. As an alternative, use an uptown **N** or **R** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Times Sq-42 St or 57 St-7Av.

W

Beginning 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 3, service will end early due to electrical improvements. Take the **N** or **R**. As a reminder, **W** trains do not run on weekends.

