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### Weekend Subway Service Advisory October 11 to 14

***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 **1** tunnel using an improved construction plan that maintains regular weekday and peak hour service for 90 percent of **1** 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).

**1 2**

From 11:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, downtown trains will skip 86 St, 79 St, 66 St, 59 St, and 50 St due to electrical improvements. As an alternative, use an uptown **1** or **2** local train. Transfer at Times Sq-42 St, 72 St, or 96 St.


**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](#).









**2**

From 11:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, free shuttle buses will replace trains between Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College and Franklin Av due to station rehabilitation work at President St, Sterling St and Winthrop St stations. **2** trains will run between Wakefield-241 St/Gun Hill Rd and Franklin Av, and via the **3** line to/from Crown Hts-Utica Av. Free shuttle buses will make all **2** line station stops between Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College and Franklin Av. Transfer between buses and **2 3 4** trains at Franklin Av or Nostrand Av.


**2**

From 4:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, trains will run every 15 minutes, and downtown trains will skip Jackson Av due to track maintenance in the tunnel near Jackson Av. As an alternative, use an uptown  train to complete your trip. Transfer at 3 Av-149 St or Intervale Av.


 

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   train to Winthrop St and transfer to a Manhattan-bound  . Or, use nearby Winthrop St or President St stations. For service from this station, take a   train to President St and transfer to a Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College bound  or  train.




From 11:45 p.m. to 5 a.m., Friday to Monday, Oct. 11 to Oct. 14, overnight service will be extended to 34 St-Penn Station due to electrical improvements.  service will run between Harlem-148 St and 34 St-Penn Station.









From 11:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, Woodlawn-bound trains will skip 138 St-Grand Concourse due to track maintenance. As an alternative, use a Manhattan-bound  train. Transfer at 149 St-Grand Concourse or 125 St.








From 6:45 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12 and Oct. 13, Manhattan-bound trains will skip Mosholu Pkwy due to track and switch maintenance near Woodlawn. As an alternative, use a Woodlawn-bound  train. Transfer at Bedford Pk Blvd or Woodlawn.



From 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, and from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13,  trains will replace  trains between 149 St-Grand Concourse and E 180 St due to track maintenance.  service will operate in two sections: Between Bowling Green and 149 St-Grand Concourse, and rerouted via the  to/from Burnside Av; and between E 180 St and Eastchester-Dyre Av, all weekend.



Transfer between  and  trains at 149 St-Grand Concourse and/or E 180 St. As a reminder, the downtown platform at Gun Hill Rd is closed due to ongoing rehabilitation work.





From 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, and from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, Bronx-bound trains will skip 138 St-Grand Concourse and run nonstop via the  from 149 St-Grand Concourse to Burnside Av due to track maintenance. Manhattan-bound  trains will make all downtown  station stops in the Bronx. For 138 St-Grand Concourse, transfer to a Manhattan-bound  or  train at 149 St-Grand Concourse.





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. 11, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, free shuttle buses replace trains between Inwood-207 St and 181 St due to track maintenance.  service will run between 181 St and Far Rockaway/Lefferts Blvd. Shuttle buses will run along two routes: between 181 St and 215 St , stopping at Dyckman St and 207 St, and between 181 St and 207 St. Transfer at 181 St to continue your trip.




From 10:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, 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  train to complete your trip. Transfer at Coney Island-Stillwell Av, 62 St-New Utrecht Av, or 36 St.



From 10:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, Manhattan-bound trains will run express from 36 St to Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr and skip DeKalb Av due to structural maintenance. As an alternative, take  or  trains instead. Transfer at 36 St or Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr. For DeKalb Av, take the    via transfer at Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr or 34 St-Herald Sq.



From 11:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, Jamaica-bound trains will run express from Queens Plaza to Forest Hills-71 Av due to electrical improvements. As an alternative, use a World Trade Center-bound  local train to complete your trip. Transfer at Forest Hills-71 Av, Roosevelt Av, or Queens Plaza.

**E**

From 11:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, Jamaica-bound trains will skip 75 Av and Briarwood due to electrical improvements. As an alternative, use a Manhattan-bound **E** or **F** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Jamaica-Van Wyck **E**, Union Tpke, or Forest Hills-71 Av.

**F**

From 9:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, Jamaica-bound trains will run via the **A** from Jay St-MetroTech to W 4 St due to signal improvements. For York St, use the nearby High St **A** line station. For East Broadway and 2 Av, use a Coney Island-bound **F** train; transfer at W 4 St or Jay St-MetroTech. For Delancey-Essex Sts, take the **J** via transfer at Fulton St. For Broadway-Lafayette St, take the **D** or Coney Island-bound **F** via transfer at W 4 St.

**F**

From 11:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, Jamaica Center-bound trains will skip 75 Av, Briarwood, and Sutphin Blvd due to electrical improvements. As an alternative, use a Manhattan-bound **E** or **F** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Parsons Blvd **F**, Union Tpke, or 71 Av.

**F**

From 6:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Saturday, Oct. 12, Jamaica-bound trains will skip Avenue U, Avenue P, Avenue N, Bay Pkwy, and Avenue I due to signal improvements. As an alternative, use a Coney Island-bound **F** train. Transfer at 18 Av, Kings Hwy or Avenue X.

**J**

From 3:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, to 10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, free shuttle buses will replace **J** trains between Broadway Junction and Jamaica Center due to track replacement. **J** trains will run between Broad St and Broadway Junction. Free shuttle buses will make all **J** station stops between Broadway Junction 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 Broadway Junction **J**. For JFK AirTrain, use Howard Beach-JFK **A** station via transfer at Broadway Junction.

**L**

Through 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 days and evenings. 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](https://new.mta.info/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](https://new.mta.info/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**.
- Additional M14A SBS service will be running.
- Free subway transfers to make connections easier between Livonia St **L** and Junius St **3**, and from Broadway **G** to Hewes St **J**, **M** or Lorimer St **J**, **M**.

**L**

From 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, and from 6 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, to Monday, Oct. 14, the last stop for some **L** trains to Manhattan will be Lorimer St due to ongoing **L** Project work. To complete your trip, transfer to the **A**, **C**, **J** at Broadway Junction, the **M** at Myrtle-Wyckoff Aves, or the **G** at Lorimer St-Metropolitan Av. For more information, visit <https://new.mta.info/l-project>

**M**

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**.

**M**

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.

**N**

From 9:45 p.m. to Friday, Oct. 11, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, uptown trains will skip Prince St, 8 St-NYU, 23 St, 28 St, and 49 St due to signal improvements. As an alternative, use a downtown **N**, **Q** local or **R** train to complete your trip. Transfer at 57 St-7 Av, Times Sq-42 St, 34 St-Herald Sq, 14 St-Union Sq, or Canal St.

**N**

From 3:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, to 10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, Astoria-bound trains will run express from Queensboro Plaza to Ditmars Blvd due to station renewal work at Astoria Blvd. As an alternative, use a Coney Island-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.

**N**

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 **NW** to Queensboro Plaza, then **7** to 74 St-Roosevelt Av, or take the **EFR** 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.

**NQ**

From 11:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, Manhattan-bound trains will run via the **R** (Lower Manhattan) from Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr to Canal St. Manhattan-bound trains will stop at DeKalb Av, Jay St-MetroTech, Court St, Whitehall St, Rector St, Cortlandt St, and City Hall.

**Q**

From 11:30 p.m. to 5 a.m., Friday to Monday, Oct. 11 to Oct. 14, uptown trains will skip Prince St, 8 St-NYU, 23 St, 28 St, and 49 St due to signal improvements. As an alternative, use a downtown **NQ** local or **R** train to complete your trip. Transfer at 57 St-7 Av, Times Sq-42 St, 34 St-Herald Sq, 14 St-Union Sq, or Canal St.

**R**

From 9:45 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, and from 6 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12 and Oct. 13, uptown trains will skip Prince St, 8 St-NYU, 23 St, 28 St, and 49 St due to signal improvements. As an alternative, use a downtown **N** or **R** train to complete your trip. Transfer at 57 St-7 Av, Times Sq-42 St, 34 St-Herald Sq, 14 St-Union Sq, or Canal St.

**R**

From 6 a.m. to 11:45 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12 and Oct. 13, Forest Hills-bound trains will run express from Queens Plaza to Forest Hills-71 Av due to electrical improvements. As an alternative, use a Manhattan-bound **E** local or **R** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Forest Hills-71 Av, Roosevelt Av, or Queens Plaza.

#### 42 St **S** 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 **7** between Grand Central-42 St and Times Sq-42 St. Customers at Times Sq-42 St, who usually take the shuttle to the 456, can take the **NQR** to 14 St-Union Sq or **NR** 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.

**W**

Beginning 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, service will end early. Take the **N** or **R**. As a reminder, **W** trains do not run on weekends.