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Weekend Subway Service Advisory August 2 to 5

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 **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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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 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, free shuttle buses and **5** trains will replace **2** trains between 96 St and Wakefield-241 St due to track and switch replacement near 96 St. **2** trains will run between Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College and Wakefield-241 St. **5** trains will run between Bowling Green and E 180 St, and via the **2** to/from 241 St. Free shuttle buses run between 96 St and 149 St-Grand Concourse. Transfer at 96 St **2** and/or 149 St-Grand Concourse **5**. To transfer from subway to bus to subway, request a transfer ticket from station personnel before transferring to a free shuttle bus.

2 5

Through August 2019, Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College 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 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, shuttle buses and **4** trains will replace **3** service due to track and switch maintenance near 125 St. **3** service is suspended. **2** trains will run between Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College and 96 St. **4** trains will run to/from New Lots Av all weekend. Free shuttle buses run between 96 St and 148 St. Transfer between **2** trains and shuttle buses at 96 St. To transfer from subway to bus to subway, request a transfer ticket from station personnel before transferring to a free shuttle bus.

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From 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, **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.

4

From 5:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, and from 5:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, uptown trains will skip 170 St, Mt Eden Av, 176 St, 183 St, Fordham Rd, Kingsbridge Rd, and Bedford Pk Blvd due to track replacement between 170 St and Bedford Pk Blvd. As an alternative, use a downtown **4** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Mosholu Pkwy or Burnside Av, or 167 St.

5

From 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, **5** trains will run in two sections all weekend: between Bowling Green and E 180 St, and via the **2** to/from 241 St, and between E 180 St and Dyre Av. To continue your trip, transfer at E 180 St.

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**.

6

From 3:45 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, to 10 p.m. Sunday, Aug 4, uptown trains will skip Castle Hill Av, Zerega Av, Westchester Sq, Middletown Rd, and Buhre Av due to track panel installation near Buhre Av. As an alternative, use a downtown **6** to complete your trip. Transfer at Pelham Bay Park or Parkchester.




6

From 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, and from 11 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, trains will run every 16 minutes between 3 Av-138 St and Pelham Bay Park due to track panel installation near Buhre Av. The last stop for some uptown trains will be 3 Av-138 St. Transfer at 3 Av-138 St to continue your trip.

7

From 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, Hudson Yards-bound trains will skip Court Sq due to station improvements, including resurfacing the platform at Court Sq. As an alternative, use a Flushing-Main St bound **7** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Hunters Point Av or Queensboro Plaza. Or use the **E** via transfer at 74 St-Roosevelt Av or Times Sq-42 St.




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From 9:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, uptown trains will run express from 59 St-Columbus Circle to 168 St due to track maintenance including drain cleaning between 168 St to 59 St-Columbus Circle. As an alternative, use a downtown  local or  train to complete your trip. Transfer at 168 St , 145 St, 125 St, or 59 St-Columbus Circle.




From 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, downtown trains will stop at 163 St and 155 St due to track maintenance including drain cleaning.





 

From 9:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, Manhattan-bound trains will skip Kingston-Throop Aves, Franklin Av, Clinton-Washington Aves, and Lafayette Av due to signal equipment maintenance between Kingston-Throop Aves and Lafayette Av. As an alternative, use a Queens-bound  or Euclid Av-bound  train to complete your trip. Transfer at Hoyt-Schermerhorn Sts, Nostrand Av, or Utica Av. As a reminder,  trains do not run during the late nights.








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. 2, service will end early due to track maintenance near W 4 St-Wash Sq. As an alternative, take   and/or  trains instead. As a reminder,  trains do not run on weekends.





From 9:45 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, and from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 3 and Aug. 4,  trains will not run between 145 St and 168 St due to track maintenance including drain cleaning between 168 St and 145 St. Take the  instead. Uptown trains will run express from 59 St-Columbus Circle to 145 St.  trains will run between Euclid Av and 145 St. As an alternative, use a downtown  local or  train to complete your trip. Transfer at 145 St, 125 St, or 59 St-Columbus Circle.






From 9:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, Manhattan-bound trains will skip Briarwood and 75 Av due to electrical improvements related to ongoing CBTC installation along the Queens Boulevard corridor. As an alternative, use a Jamaica Center-bound  or Jamaica-179 St bound  to complete your trip. Transfer at Forest Hills-71 Av, Union Tpke, or Jamaica-Van Wyck .






From 9:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, Manhattan-bound trains will run express from 71 Av to Queens Plaza due to electrical improvements related to ongoing CBTC installation along the Queens Boulevard corridor. As an alternative, use a Jamaica Center-bound  local or Forest Hills-71 Av bound  train to complete your trip. Transfer at Queens Plaza, Roosevelt Av, or Forest Hills-71 Av.



From 9:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, Manhattan-bound trains will skip Sutphin Blvd, Briarwood, and 75 Av due to electrical improvements related to ongoing CBTC installation work along the Queens Boulevard corridor. As an alternative, use a Jamaica Center-bound  or Jamaica-bound  train to complete your trip. Transfer at Forest Hills-71 Av, Union Tpke, or Parsons Blvd .



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  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 **G** and **M** 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**, and **M**
- A new 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 **L** and Junius St **3**, and from Broadway **G** to Hewes St **J** or Lorimer St **J**.

L

From approximately 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, free shuttle buses will replace trains between Lorimer St and Broadway Junction due to station improvements & electrical work on portions of the **L** line in Brooklyn. This work, which requires crew access to platforms and tracks, includes connecting the new substations in Brooklyn to power that will allow NYC Transit to run more trains once the **L** Project is complete. For more information, refer to [this page](#) on **L** service changes.

L service will run in two sections: between 8 Av and Lorimer St every 20 minutes, and between Broadway Junction and Rockaway Pkwy, every 10 minutes, days/evenings, and every 20 minutes overnight. 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 using the **A**, **C**, **J** to/from Broadway Junction, or the **M** to/from Myrtle-Wyckoff Avs.

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** or W 4 St **E**.

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 96 St in Manhattan. **M** trains will run between Metropolitan Av and 47-50 Sts, via the **F** to/from Lexington Av/63 St, and via the **Q** to/from 96 St.

N

From 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, free shuttle buses and the **R** will replace trains between Coney Island-Stillwell Av and 36 St due to accessibility improvements including elevator installation and platform work at the New Utrecht Av station. **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** to/from Coney Island-Stillwell Av. For 45 St, 53 St, and 59 St, take the **R** via transfer at 36 St. 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**.

N

From 3:45 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, to 10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, Astoria-bound trains will skip 39 Av, 36 Av, Broadway, and 30 Av due to station renewal work. 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.

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 **N** **W** to Queensboro Plaza, then **7** to 74 St-Roosevelt Av, or take the **E** **F** **M** **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.

N **Q**

From 9:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, downtown trains will skip 49 St due to electrical improvements and cable installation work. As an alternative, use an uptown **N** **Q** local or **R** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Times Sq-42 St or 57 St-7 Av.

R

From 9:45 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, and from 6 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 3 and Aug. 4, Manhattan-bound trains will run express from 71 Av to Queens Plaza due to electrical improvements related to ongoing CBTC installation work along the Queens Boulevard corridor. As an alternative, use a Jamaica Center-bound **E** local or Forest Hills-71 Av bound **R** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Queens Plaza, Roosevelt Av or Forest Hills-71 Av.

R

From 9:45 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, and from 6 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 3 and Aug. 4, downtown trains will skip 49 St due to electrical improvements and cable installation work. As an alternative, use an uptown **N** or **R** train to complete your trip. Transfer at Times Sq-42 St or 57 St-7 Av.

S

From 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m. Saturday to Monday, Aug. 3 to Aug. 5, the 42 St Shuttle will run overnight to provide alternate service due to switch replacement work near 96 St.

W

Beginning 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, service will end early due to electrical improvements and cable installation work near 49 St. As an alternative, take the **N** or **R**. As a reminder, **W** trains do not run on weekends.