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### Major Station Renovations Commence at 9 N Line Stations

#### *\$395.7 Million Capital Project to begin January 18*

Beginning Monday, January 18, MTA New York City Transit will begin performing major renovations to nine stations along the Sea Beach **N** Line from 8 Av in Sunset Park to 86 St in Bensonhurst. The stations are: 8 Av, Fort Hamilton Pkwy, New Utrecht Av, 18 Av, 20 Av, Bay Pkwy, Kings Hwy, Avenue U and 86 St.

For these stations, originally opened in 1915, renovations will include improved platforms and overpasses, new stairways and handrails, repairs to canopies and columns, painting and the rehabilitation of historic head house station entrances and fare control areas, enhanced safety features, and upgraded communication systems which will create better travel conditions for our customers. Work will also take place between stations with repairs to retaining walls along the right of way.

The \$395.7 million contract to renovate the **N** stations was funded under the 2010-2014 Capital Program. While the contract for these nine stations pre-dates Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's recently announced plan for rapid redesign and renewal of an additional 30 subway stations, the MTA will work with the contractors involved to push for greater efficiency in the renovation process.

"Once these renovations are complete, customers will be greeted by modern amenities including new lighting, Help Point Intercoms, and station artwork that will greatly improve their trips along the Sea Beach Line," said Wynton Habersham, Acting Senior Vice President of the Department of Subways. "We appreciate our customers' patience while we complete this important project, and regret the inconvenience this work may cause. In order to ensure that our customers are well-informed of these station closures and alternative travel options, notices will be posted in stations and on trains, and announcements will be made on all **N** trains."

Two stations will be made Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible under this renewal. Two ADA-compliant ramps will be added to the 8 Av station, and four elevators will be installed at the New Utrecht Av station to bring riders from street level to connect to **N** and **D** trains.

In order to perform this renewal work at these subway stations, access to the tracks is necessary. Therefore, the work will be completed in two phases. The Manhattan-bound platforms at all nine stations will be the first to close for rehabilitation starting January 18, and continuing for 14 months. Once the Manhattan-bound work is complete, the work on the Coney Island-bound side will begin with a similar service plan that involves back riding with customers using temporary platforms at the 8 Av and Bay Pkwy stations. In addition to back riding, customers may also choose to ride the **D** or **F** train to Manhattan.

To access the Fort Hamilton Pkwy, New Utrecht Av, 18th Av, 20 Av, Kings Hwy, Avenue U, and 86 St stations while platforms are under construction, customers will need to back ride using temporary platforms at the 8 Av and Bay Pkwy stations.

#### Travel alternatives:

- For service from 86th St, Avenue U, Kings Hwy, 20 Av, 18th Av, New Utrecht Av, and Fort Hamilton Pkwy stations, take a Coney Island-bound **N** to Bay Pkwy or Stillwell Av and transfer to a Manhattan-bound **N** train.
- For service to 86th St, Avenue U, Kings Hwy, 20 Av, 18 Av, New Utrecht Av, and Fort Hamilton Pkwy stations, take the Manhattan-bound **N** train to Bay Pkwy or 8 Av and transfer to a Coney-Island bound **N** train.
- For service to/from New Utrecht Av, customers can also take the **D** train.

The two contractors working on this project are John P. Picone, Inc. which will rehabilitate the six stations between 8 Av and Bay Pkwy, and Skanska USA, responsible for the rehabilitation of Kings Hwy, Avenue U and 86 St. The entire project is expected to take approximately four years to complete.

Preliminary preparation work began in April 2015 on various elements of the project, including renovation work on archways, construction of temporary platforms at 8 Av and Bay Pkwy, pruning trees from along the tracks and the renovation of unstaffed control areas.

Service notices will also be posted on the MTA website, [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info). Brochures explaining the station closures and outlining alternative service will be given to customers at subway stations before January 18.

Customers may log on to [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) and click on Planned Service Changes for the most up-to-date information. Remember that TripPlanner+ provides travel information that takes all service diversions into account. In addition, customers can receive customized alerts via e-mail or text message by signing up here: <http://www.mymtaalerts.com>.