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### FASTRACK Returns to the 2 in Brooklyn

#### 3 Service Ends Early Each Night

MTA New York City Transit's FASTRACK program is returning to the **2** Line in Brooklyn, for the second time this year. From Monday, May 2 to early Friday morning, May 6, **2** service will be suspended in both directions between Franklin Av and Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. for four consecutive weeknights. **3** service will end earlier than usual each night between Chambers St and New Lots Av.

#### Travel alternatives:

- For service between Franklin Av and Flatbush Av-Brooklyn College, take free shuttle buses. Transfer between free shuttle buses and **2** **4** trains at the Franklin Av station.
- **2** trains make all **3** line station stops between 135 St and Crown Hts-Utica Av.
- **4** trains make all **3** line station stops between Nevins St and New Lots Av. **4** train service to New Lots Av will begin earlier than usual each night.
- Transfer between **2** and **4** trains at Crown Hts-Utica Av.
- Consider using **Q** trains to/from nearby stations in Flatbush. Transfer between **2** **4** and **Q** trains at Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr.

FASTRACK has been designed around the careful determination that there is adequate alternate means of transportation, including enhanced services along some bus lines during work periods. Alternative transportation options will be detailed in announcements and posters on trains, in stations and on selected buses; brochures will be available in both English and Spanish. Information on this FASTRACK is available on the web at [http://web.mta.info/nyct/service/fastrack\\_2.htm](http://web.mta.info/nyct/service/fastrack_2.htm)

Wynton Habersham, Acting Senior Vice President for the Department of Subways said "FASTRACK has proven to have a significant impact on decreasing delays – both in terms of consolidating maintenance forces in a concentrated area and in terms of proactive maintenance that improves service delivery."

During our previous FASTRACK in January 2016, NYC Transit workers took advantage of seven hours of train-free access each night from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to perform a range of cleaning and maintenance tasks of station and tunnel infrastructure, signal equipment, and track and third rail components. Track workers scraped and cleaned 15,090 feet of track, removed 40,900 pounds of debris, cleaned 5,150 feet under and around the third rail, installed 345 track plates, 34 rails, 35 tie blocks, and 191 friction pads. Infrastructure crews grouted 20 leaks, cleaned 16 muck drains, repaired 440 feet of handrail and 25 feet of bench wall, and poured 64 square feet of new concrete. Signal workers tested and serviced seven signals, and performed track/switch maintenance at five locations. At stations, work crews scraped and primed 12,320 square feet of station surface, installed 30 feet of drain line, and chopped 15 feet of concrete.

FASTRACK was introduced in January 2012, devoting four straight weeknights to perform maintenance work in tunnels, stations and on tracks, completely suspending service within a given line segment for a seven-hour period between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.. This gives free access to the system, allowing an army of maintenance workers to perform dozens of tasks repairing and replacing components that are vital to providing safe and reliable train service without the concern of having to "clear up" to allow trains to pass. FASTRACK efforts have been highly successful in providing a safer work environment for employees and improved station conditions for customers. Our next FASTRACK overnight closure will be on the **F** **G** Lines between Jay St-MetroTech and Church Av in Brooklyn, from May 16 to May 20.

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