

**JUNE 2023**

The Flushing Line Improvements Project will rehabilitate sections of the New York City Transit Flushing Line **7** between 48th Street and 72nd Street, including upgrades to the 61st Street-Woodside and 74th Street-Broadway stations.

## **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

The New York City Transit Flushing Line is a vital artery for subway access throughout Queens and is one of the most heavily traveled routes in the subway system.

The Flushing Line Improvements Project will rehabilitate the 61st Street-Woodside Station and bring it to a state of good repair. Work at this station will include restoration of the existing track bed and repairs to the track support structure, reconstruction of island platforms, structural repairs along the mezzanine, and replacement of the existing stairs. This work will strengthen and extend the

structural life span of the station for the next 25 years.

The project will also include the replacement of three escalators at the 74th Street-Jackson Heights station and the striping, painting, and replacement of track baskets between 48th Street and 72nd Street.

Access to businesses and ADA accessibility will be maintained for the duration of the work. Pre-construction activities began in September 2022 with the project scheduled to be completed by May 2025.

## **UPCOMING WORK**

### **61st Street Station**

Beginning on Saturday, June 24, **7** express trains will bypass 61st Street-Woodside Station. There will be no changes to local train service.

Additionally, temporary barricades will be mobilized on the platforms at the 61st Street-Woodside station while work on the express tracks is underway. The barricades will be in place through approximately January 2024.

### **74th Street-Jackson Heights Station**

Beginning on Sunday evening, June 25, three escalators connecting the E, M and R trains to the **7** line will be out of service at the 74th Street-Jackson Heights Station as work begins to replace the escalators with new, state-of-the-art escalators. The street level to mezzanine escalator at the center of the station will still be in service. One escalator will be back in service by January 2024, and the remaining escalators will be back in service by Q2 and Q3 of 2024.

Additionally, the contractor will mobilize a staging area to the west of the 74th Street-Jackson Heights Station. There will be no additional impacts to parking or travel lanes near the station at this time.

## UPCOMING WORK (continued)

### Roosevelt Avenue (between 48th and 72nd)

Beginning on Monday morning, June 26, protective coating operations will take place on the elevated Flushing Line 7 tracks between 48th Street and 72nd Street. Rolling travel lane and parking lane closures will take place on Roosevelt Avenue starting at 48th Street and moving east toward 72nd Street as work progresses along this 1.2 mile area. Odors are common during painting operations; these odors are non-toxic. Noise and air monitoring will be in place while this work is ongoing.



## PROJECT SCHEDULE

**Milestone 1:** Complete work on Express track (61<sup>st</sup> Street-Woodside)

**Estimated Duration:** June 2023 to January 2024

**Milestone 2:** Complete work on Flushing-bound track (61<sup>st</sup> Street-Woodside)

**Estimated Duration:** July 2024 to November 2024

**Milestone 3:** Complete work on Manhattan-bound track (61<sup>st</sup> Street-Woodside)

**Estimated Duration:** February 2024 to June 2024

**Milestone 4:** Replace escalator (61<sup>st</sup> Street-Woodside)

**Estimated Duration:** January 2024 to May 2025

**Milestone 5:** Replace three escalators (74<sup>th</sup> Street-Broadway)

**Estimated Duration:** June 2023 to September 2024

**Milestone 6:** Substantial Completion

**Estimated Completion Date:** May 2025



The MTA and its project team are making every effort to minimize impacts to the public while the Flushing Line Improvements project is ongoing. Any questions or concerns about the project can be directed to the project's community outreach team at [FlushingLine@mtacd.org](mailto:FlushingLine@mtacd.org) or 646-229-4465.