



Q1: What is the Rockaway Line Resiliency and Rehabilitation Project?

A1: The Rockaway Line Resiliency & Rehabilitation Project will replace or repair aging infrastructure and prepare the Line for the increasing impacts of climate change. The rehabilitation work includes the complete replacement of Viaduct superstructures at Hammels Wye, the repair of deteriorating elements throughout the Rockaway Viaduct structure, and the replacement of electrical and mechanical systems at South Channel Bridge to address state-of-good-repair needs. The resiliency work includes the fortification of embankments where the Line is directly adjacent to the Bay, critical infrastructure hardening at stations on the Rockaway Line, as well as a new signal tower, compressor plant, and track crossover at Beach 105th St Station to allow the station to serve as the terminal if Beach 116th St Station were to flood during a future weather event.

Q2: Will the Project affect MTA service?

A2: Service disruption is unavoidable because the Hammels Wye Viaduct, part of which must be torn down and rebuilt, is the only point where the **A** and **S** Lines meet the Peninsula. The MTA Major Construction Review Unit (MCRU), a panel of outside experts, is mandated by the New York State Legislature to review large-scale projects such as this one. The MCRU determined that tearing down and rebuilding the Hammels Wye Viaduct superstructures was the most efficient way to complete the necessary repairs, even though service would be disrupted. We expect to return full service and a more resilient system to Rockaway customers when the 17-week outage concludes on Monday, May 19, 2025. After the outage, the MTA will continue to perform work on the Beach 105th St signal tower, station resiliency, Cross Bay resiliency, and Viaduct rehabilitation as part of this Project, with substantial completion scheduled for Q3 2026. These activities can be completed while subway service is still operational.

Q3: What travel alternatives are available while the 17-week planned outage takes place?

A3: The MTA will provide 24/7 shuttle buses to connect customers to the **A** train at Howard Beach-JFK Station, and 24/7 **S** shuttle trains will operate across the Peninsula from Beach 116th St Station to Far Rockaway-Mott Ave Station. On the first weekend (January 17-20) and last weekend (May 16-19) of the outage, shuttle buses will replace the **S** shuttle trains. Existing travel alternatives include the Q52/Q53 SBS, Q35, QM16, QM17, Long Island Rail Road at Far Rockaway, and NYC Ferry. Please see pages 5-7 for details on these alternate routes.





Q4: Why is this Project necessary? What are the Project benefits?

A4: The Rockaway Line is the critical connection between the Rockaways, home to a diverse population of close to 125,000 people, and the rest of New York City. It sees nearly 10,000 daily riders. In 2012, Superstorm Sandy caused extensive damage to the transit system – subway service to/from the Rockaways was suspended for seven months. Climate change and its effects, such as rising sea levels, have only accelerated since then, necessitating further improvements to protect the vulnerable infrastructure. Additionally, many components of the Rockaway Line are over 65 years old and need significant rehabilitation to bring them to a state-of-good-repair. The Rockaway Line Resiliency and Rehabilitation Project is an important investment to ensure that the Rockaways' transit system can withstand future storm surges, rising sea levels, and other climate change-related events. This Project will improve service reliability for current and future customers.

Q5: What are the key Project elements?

A5: The Rockaway Line Resiliency and Rehabilitation Project includes five key elements:

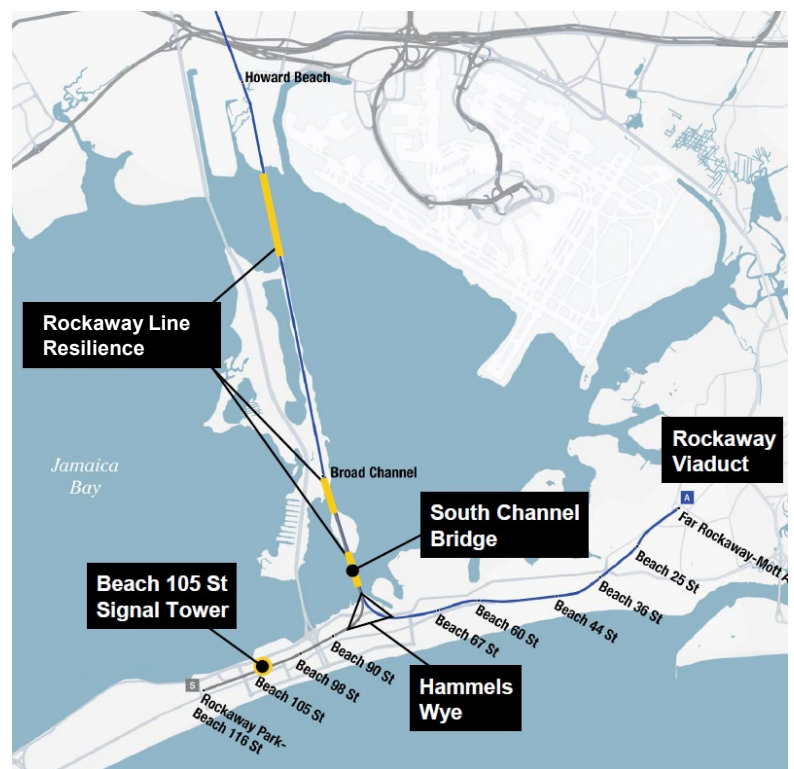
Hammels Wye Viaduct - Complete replacement of Viaduct superstructure necessitates a 17-week, 24/7 outage from January 17-May 19, 2025.

South Channel Bridge - Replacement of electrical and mechanical systems to address state-of-good-repair needs.

Rockaway Line Viaduct - Repair, removal, and replacement of various deteriorated elements of the Viaduct structure.

Beach 105th St Signal Tower - New signal tower, compressor plant, and track crossover, adding redundancy in the system.

Rockaway Line Resilience - Fortification of embankments and hardening of critical infrastructure at stations.





Q6: How has the MTA invested in the Rockaways to recover from Superstorm Sandy and protect transit infrastructure?

A6: The MTA has made significant investments to address resiliency and rehabilitation needs following Sandy. Previous work includes:

2013 FTA-Funded Emergency Relief Work – \$84M

- Restored the washed-out right-of-way, resiliency work, and installation of sheet pile wall north of Broad Channel

2019 Hammels Wye Campus Flood Mitigation – \$27M

- Flood hardening and substation protection

2020 Station Flood-Hardening – \$28.5M


- Flood hardening to protect communications and signal equipment at four stations

2024 Rockaway Repairs “Wrap-Up” – \$50M

- Repairs to the North Channel Bridge piers and communications resiliency upgrades

The MTA continues to build upon previous work and make significant investments in the Rockaways, including through the \$393M Rockaway Line Resiliency & Rehabilitation Project.

Q7: How will the community be affected during construction?

A7: A 17-week, 24/7  train service outage from Howard Beach Station to the Rockaway Peninsula is scheduled for Friday, January 17 to Monday, May 19, 2025. An additional weeknight outage is scheduled for Thursday, November 21 to Friday, November 22, 2024 and additional weekend outages are scheduled for Friday, November 15 to Monday, November 18, 2024 and Friday, November 22 to Monday, November 25, 2024. No outages are typically planned between Memorial Day and Labor Day to protect beach business, which is vital to the Rockaway Peninsula and its small businesses.

The MTA and its contractor, Schiavone, are committed to minimizing disruptions to the surrounding communities. Throughout the Project, construction work may cause temporary impacts to pedestrian and vehicular access in the immediate vicinity of the construction. The Project provides advanced notification of construction work through emails and/or flyers, utilizes equipment to monitor noise and vibration levels, as required, and works with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to install Maintenance and Protection of Traffic (MPTs) for vehicular and pedestrian safety.





Q8: How will pedestrians, bicyclists, and/or motorists be affected?

A8: Roadways may be temporarily closed to accommodate construction staging needed for certain aspects of the Project. The Project team provides advanced notice to inform people and businesses in the surrounding area of our presence and of the duration of work. We will have appropriate roadwork detour signs, including variable message signs, posted ahead of the work to let people know alternate routes to take. The MTA and its contractor, Schiavone, works with DOT to install MPTs where needed for pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

Q9: When will the Project be completed?

A9: The 24/7 outage is scheduled to conclude on Monday, May 19, 2025, when **A** train service will return to the Rockaways. The MTA will continue to perform work on the Beach 105th St signal tower, station resiliency, Cross Bay resiliency, and Viaduct rehabilitation as part of this Project, with substantial completion scheduled for Q3 2026. These activities can be completed while subway service is still operational.

Q10: Where can I find more information about the Project?

A10: Additional information can be found on our webpage new.mta.info/project/rockaway-line-resiliency-and-rehabilitation. Please call our hotline at (516) 331-4009 or email us at RockawayResiliency@mtacd.org with any questions or concerns.

Q11: Where can I find more information about the 17-week outage service impacts?

A11: Additional information can be found on the service impact webpage mta.info/rockawayline. You can check MTA service status <https://new.mta.info/> or use the MTA app <https://new.mta.info/guides/apps> to plan your trip and sign up for email and text alerts <https://new.mta.info/guides/service-alerts>. You can also direct message the MTA on [X.com/NYCTSubway](https://twitter.com/NYCTSubway) or WhatsApp mta.info/whatsapp for live customer support.





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Frequently Asked Questions



Service Name	Route	Frequency
S Shuttle Train	Far Rockaway – Rockaway Park	Every 15 minutes.
Q97 Shuttle Bus	Howard Beach – Far Rockaway via Nassau Expy	Peak: Every 6-8 minutes. Midday: Every 10 minutes. Weekend: Every 10 minutes.
Q109 Shuttle Bus	Howard Beach – Beach 67 St via Broad Channel	Peak: Every 4-5 minutes. Midday: Every 8-9 minutes. Weekend: Every 10 minutes.





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Frequently Asked Questions



11:30pm Friday to 5am Monday, 1/17-1/20, 5/16-5/19 Alternate Service

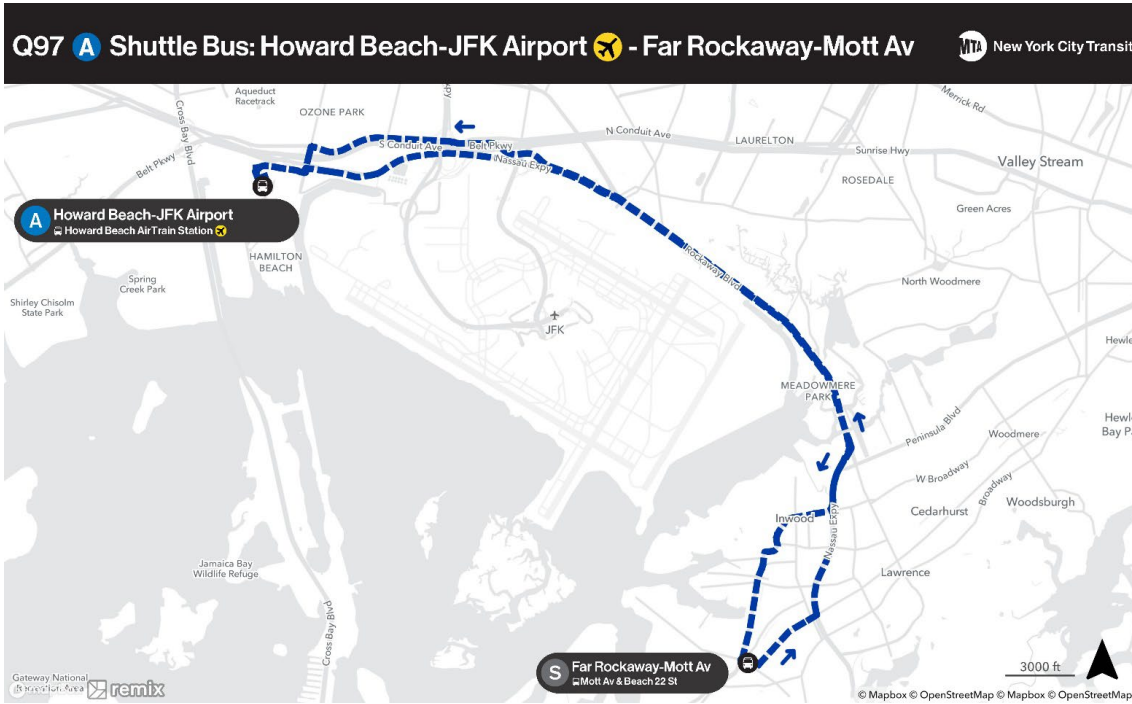
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Q97 Shuttle Bus



Q109 Shuttle Bus

