### WOODSIDE-61st STREET & JACKSON HEIGHTS-74th STREET NEWSLETTER

**OCTOBER 2024** 



## **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.

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**IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT** 

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

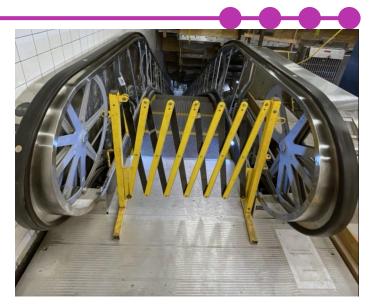
Access to businesses and ADA accessibility will be maintained for the duration of the work. Pre-construction activities began in September 2022 with the project scheduled to be completed by mid-2025.

### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECENT WORK**

#### Update on Escalator Installations at 74th Street-Jackson Heights Station

At 74th Street-Jackson Heights Station, escalator testing and inspection is ongoing with the intent to return to all three escalators to service in October.

The team installed overhead scaffolding across all three escalators to perform steel repairs and ceiling restoration. This enabled them to complete this work at the same time as the escalators were being installed. They also worked on the restoring the station's roof.



Three escalators are planned to return to service in October

#### Ongoing Work Operations on 61st Street-Woodside

On September 30, the project team removed the escalator connecting the street to the mezzanine at the intersection of 61st Street and Roosevelt Avenue from service. The elevator on the northeast corner of 61st Street-Woodside to the mezzanine will remain in service and wayfinding signage has been posted. The escalator will remain out of service through fourth quarter 2025 as the team performs structural repairs in the area. The existing escalator will be completely removed and a new, wider escalator will be installed at the station.

Structural and track work at 61st Street-Woodside Station is anticipated to continue through mid-2025.



## **DID YOU KNOW...**

- ...that Flushing is one of the most linguistically diverse places in the world, where over 300 languages are spoken?
- ...that Flushing is home to New York City's first free public school, which was established in 1875?
- ...that Flushing is a major cultural, transportation and commercial hub with the fourth-largest central business district in New York City?

# **CONTACT US**

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 or 646-229-4465.

