



## New York City Transit

July 20, 2022

Mr. Debra Markell-Kleinart  
District Manager - Community Board No. 2  
43-22 50th Street  
Woodside, NY 11377

### Re: Subway Schedule Changes on 4 and 7 Lines Effective December 2022

Dear Mr. Markell-Kleinart:

This is to inform you that MTA New York City Transit is planning to revise subway schedules on the 4 and 7 lines to accommodate recent changes in rider demand for peak period service on these lines.

The schedule adjustments on the 4 and 7 lines are a product of NYC Transit's continuing effort to review and revise subway schedules, when feasible, to ensure that they meet changes in customer demand. As ridership patterns have changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 4 and 7 line ridership has remained relatively strong in the early shoulders of the peak periods but has lessened during other peak hours. To accommodate these changes, we are proposing to shift selected trips to better accommodate the relatively high early ridership volumes.

The schedule changes outlined below would take effect in December 2022. These changes represent service adjustments during weekday morning and afternoon peak periods, as well as the weekday midday period, to align service more closely with observed customer demand.

- Two southbound 4 trips would be moved from the 9-10 a.m. hour to the 5-6 a.m. hour.
- One northbound 4 trip would be moved from the 7-8 p.m. hour to the 3-4 p.m. hour.
- One southbound 7 local trip and one southbound & express trip would be moved from the 9-10 a.m. hour to the 5-6 a.m. and 6-7 a.m. hours as two southbound 7 local trips.
- One northbound 7 local trip and one northbound & express trip would be moved from the 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. hours to the 3-4 p.m. and 4-5 p.m. hours.

Additional details are shown in Attachment 1. There is no net change proposed in the total number of daily trips on the 4 and 7 lines.

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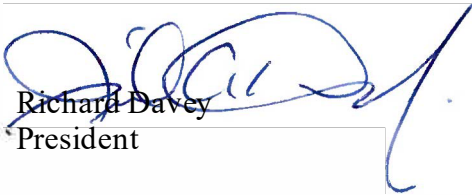
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The 4 and 7 subway schedule revisions planned for December 2022 will be presented to the NYC Transit and Bus Committee of the MTA Board on July 25, 2022. Details of the meeting, including protocol for public comments, will be posted on the MTA website, at <https://new.mta.info/transparency/board-and-committee-meetings>.

If you have any questions, require additional information, or would like to confirm the date of the meeting at which this matter will be reviewed, please have a member of your staff contact Luke DePalma, Senior Director for Government and Community Relations, at [luke.deplama@nyct.com](mailto:luke.deplama@nyct.com) or 646-252-2674.

Sincerely,



Richard Davey  
President

cc: William Schwartz  
Demetrius Crichlow  
Judy McClain  
Luke DePalma

Attachment 1

Summary of Proposed 4 and 7 Line Trip Changes as of December 2022

Line	Direction	Hour beginning	Current frequency (trains per hour)	Proposed frequency (trains per hour)	Proposed change (trains per hour)	Current % of max load	Proposed % of max load
4	Southbound 86 St	5:00 AM	5	7	2	99%	71%
		9:00 AM	12	10	-2	40%	48%
	Northbound 59 St	3:00 PM	8	9	1	84%	74%
		7:00 PM	10	8	-1	43%	49%
7 7	Southbound 61 St- Woodside*	5:00 AM	6	7	1	85%	72%
		6:00 AM	19	20	1	81%	76%
		9:00 AM	19	17	-2	49%	55%
	Northbound Queensboro Plaza	3:00 PM	14	15	1	66%	62%
		4:00 PM	16	17	1	80%	75%
		5:00 PM	26	25	-1	66%	68%
		6:00 PM	22	21	-1	57%	60%

\*Southbound loads on 7 Local are shown for 40 St-Lowery St.