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Good afternoon,

We previously informed you that the MTA is performing signal modernization and resiliency work along the Queens Boulevard Line (E, F, M, R trains) on an expedited schedule through spring, 2021.

Below is our update to the schedule through early January. It includes an extended closure of the 53rd Street Tunnel, which carries the E and M lines between Queens and Manhattan. This closure will be continuous for nine days between the Christmas and New Year holidays and is highlighted in yellow below. This week was selected for this closure because it is a period of traditionally low ridership (made even lower due to Covid-19). This continuous closure allows us uninterrupted access to the worksite, thereby permitting us to accelerate the completion of our work while minimizing customer inconvenience.

Additionally, the work previously scheduled to occur over weeknights from Dec 7-11 has been cancelled. This has also been highlighted in yellow.

Upcoming Schedule:

Previously Notified:

- **Dec 7-11: Weeknights—CANCELLED**
- **Dec 11-14: WEEKEND**
E trains run via the F in both directions between Roosevelt Av and West 4 St
- **Dec 14-18: Weeknights**
E trains run between Jamaica Center and Roosevelt Av. F trains run in two sections (between 179 St and Roosevelt Av; between 21 St-Queensbridge and Coney Island).

NEW Dates:

- **Dec 21-24: Weeknights**
E trains run between Jamaica Center and Roosevelt Av. F trains run in two sections (between 179 St and Roosevelt Av; between 21 St-Queensbridge and Coney Island)
- **Dec 26-Jan 4: EXTENDED 9-Day continuous 53rd Street Tunnel Closure**

E trains run via the F in both directions between Roosevelt Av and West 4 St continuously from 5 AM Saturday Dec 26 through - 5 AM Monday, January 4, 2021.

During this time, weekday M service operates between Forest Hills-71 Av in Queens and

Essex St in Manhattan only.

- **Jan 4-8: Weeknights**

E trains run between Jamaica Center and Roosevelt Av. F trains run in two sections (between 179 St and Roosevelt Av; between 21 St-Queensbridge and Coney Island).

Service Plans:

WEEKENDS and the Extended Closure:

From 9:30 PM Fridays to 5 AM Mondays except during the Extended Week Closure which runs continuously from 5 AM December 26 to 5 AM January 4.

Overnight subway service remains suspended until further notice between 1 AM and 5 AM

- E trains will run via the F line between Roosevelt Av and West 4 St stations.
- E trains will not stop at: Queens Plaza, Court Sq-23rd St, Lexington Av/53rd St, 5 Av/53rd St, 7 Av, 50 St, 42nd St/Port Authority, 34th St-Penn St, 23rd St or 14th St.
- During the Extended Week Tunnel Closure, weekday M service will operate between Forest Hills-71 Av in Queens and Essex St in Manhattan only.

Travel Alternatives:

- For Queens Plaza, take the R train (days/evenings) or use the nearby Queensboro Plaza 7, N train station. Transfer at 34 St-Herald Sq N, R trains or Roosevelt Av-74 St 7, R trains.
- For Court Sq-23 St, use the 7 or A/C trains at Times Sq-42 St/Port Authority or via transfer to/from the E train at 74 St-Roosevelt Av.
- For Lexington Av/53 St, use the 4 local or 6 train via transfer to/from the 7 train at Grand Central or the R train (days/evenings) at Lexington Av/59 St.
- For 5 Av/53 St, use nearby F train stations at 47-50th Streets or 57th St.
- For 7 Av, take the D train via transfer at 47-50 Sts.
- For 50 St, 42 St, 34 St, 23 St and 14 St, take the A or C train via transfer at W 4 St or from the 7 or N trains at Times Sq-42 St/Port Authority. Or use nearby F train stations along 6 Av.

Weeknights:

From 9:30 PM-1 AM

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- F Trains will operate in two sections: 179 St to Roosevelt Av, and 21 St-Queensbridge to Coney Island.
- R and W trains will end early in Queens and Manhattan.
- N trains will run local in Lower Manhattan to replace R and W trains.
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Travel Alternatives:

- Shuttle Buses will serve closed stations in Queens: Roosevelt Av to Queensboro Plaza; 21 St-Queensbridge-Queensboro Plaza - Court Square
- For Manhattan service to/from Eastern Queens, E and F customers should transfer to/from the 7 line at Roosevelt Av

- For Manhattan service to/from Long Island City, E, F, R customers should use the 7 or the N at Queensboro Plaza.

There will be additional dates scheduled in 2021.

We will keep you informed as they are scheduled. All dates are subject to change.

We will post both print and digital signage in stations, along with announcements in stations and on trains ahead of the scheduled work. Customer service notifications including travel alternatives will be made on trains, posted at affected stations and posted on the MTA website, the MYmta app and social media. Customers can also sign up for text and email alerts at www.myMTAalerts.com.

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