



New York City Transit

December 14, 2022

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

Re: Proposed Subway Schedule Changes Effective June 2023

Dear Ms. Markell-Kleinart:

This is to inform you that MTA New York City Transit (NYCT) is planning subway service changes, effective June 2023, that will align subway schedules with current ridership demand. As part of NYCT's commitment to providing efficient and effective service, we regularly review, evaluate, and revise service schedules as needed to match ridership.

To that end, beginning in June of 2023, NYCT plans to add weekend service on the **G**, **J**, and **M** lines while modifying the schedules of weekday trips on the **A** and **C** lines to accommodate changes in rush hour ridership trends. In addition, weekday service Mondays and Fridays on the **1**, **6**, **7**, **E**, **F**, **L**, and **Q** lines will be reduced to match lower ridership on those days.

Subway ridership has changed significantly since the start of the pandemic, and Saturdays and Sundays have retained a relatively high share of pre-pandemic ridership. We are proposing weekend service increases on the **G**, **J**, and **M** lines due to their relatively long weekend headways and higher-than-average transfer rates. Saturday and Sunday schedules would increase by a total of 46 and 32 roundtrips, respectively. The proposed changes in average headways on Saturdays and Sundays are shown in Attachment 1.

Weekday **A** and **C** schedules will be adjusted to start **A** express service from Queens slightly earlier in the morning. To accommodate this change, and to better match current ridership patterns, the new schedules will move one **C** trip originating at Euclid Av from the 7am-8am hour to the 5am-6am hour. In addition, this change will reduce congestion and delays in service in Upper Manhattan at the end of morning peak by sending two **A** trips directly to storage from 168 St.

Finally, ridership trends show that weekday ridership has not recovered evenly since March of 2020, with Monday and Friday ridership consistently falling below that of Tuesday to Thursday midweek levels. While this was also true pre-pandemic, the day-of-week differences are now more pronounced. Our service adjustment plan for the **1**, **6**, **7**, **E**, **F**, **L**, and **Q** lines will match lower ridership on those days. These changes would maintain subway loading levels within NYCT guidelines and more closely align Monday and Friday

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average loads with typical Tuesday to Thursday levels. Average waits for trains would increase by 30 seconds or less on all affected lines. The proposed changes in average headways are shown in Attachment 1.

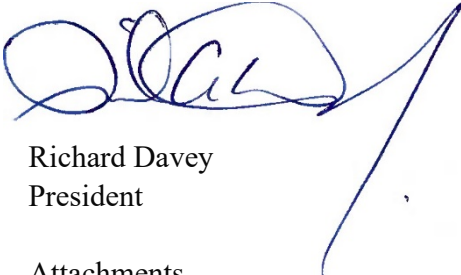
Implementation of the proposed weekend frequency enhancements on **G**, **J**, **M** lines will cost approximately \$1.4 million annually. The **A** and **C** weekday schedule adjustments are cost neutral. The Monday and Friday reduced service schedules on the **1**, **6**, **7**, **E**, **F**, **L** and **Q** would save approximately \$2.9 million annually. The net savings of \$1.5 million will be included in the 2023 platform budget.

These proposed subway schedule changes would be implemented in June 2023.

The subway schedule changes will be presented to the NYC Transit and MTA Bus Committee of the MTA Board on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the 20th floor boardroom at 2 Broadway. The MTA welcomes public comments at our committee and board meetings either in-person or online. Information on how to register to speak can be found on our website at: <https://new.mta.info/transparency/board-and-committee-meetings/how-to-comment>.

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, MTA Government and Community Relations, at 646-252-2660.

Sincerely,



Richard Davey
President

Attachments

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