

This is to update you as to the status of the rehabilitation of the stations on the Far Rockaway and Rockaway Park branches of the A line and other work affecting Rockaway line service.

As you know, we have been upgrading platforms, mezzanines, walkways and stairways, repairing structural steel and concrete, installing new windscreens, upgrading lighting and communication systems and will be installing artwork. New platform canopies are being installed at the Beach 90<sup>th</sup> Street-Holland, Beach 98<sup>th</sup> Street-Playland and Beach 105<sup>th</sup> Street-Seaside Stations. Two elevators are being installed at the Far Rockaway-Mott Avenue Station making it ADA compliant.

MTA New York City Transit is also undertaking a project to rehabilitate the elevated structures of the Far Rockaway and Rockaway Park Branches to bring them to a state of good repair.

### **Far Rockaway and Rockaway Park Station Rehabilitation Projects:**

One-way station closures have taken place at each station on both branches except for Far Rockaway-Mott Avenue and Beach 116<sup>th</sup> Street-Rockaway Park to safely carry out rehabilitation work. Periodic weekend closures along the Far Rockaway and Rockaway Park branches has enabled the reconstruction of the platforms and track and structural work. *Fare-free* shuttle bus service is provided to serve these stations when weekend service diversions are in effect.

The Manhattan-bound platforms at the Beach 25<sup>th</sup> Street-Wavecrest, Beach 44<sup>th</sup> Street-Frank Avenue and Beach 67<sup>th</sup> Street-Gaston Avenue Stations are scheduled to reopen on January 17, 2011; The Rockaway Park-bound platform at the Beach 105<sup>th</sup> Street-Seaside and Beach 90<sup>th</sup> Street-Holland Stations are scheduled to reopen on December 22, 2010.

The next phase of platform closures will begin on Monday, January 24, 2011.

### **Far Rockaway Branch Stations:**

The Manhattan-bound platforms of the Beach 36<sup>th</sup> Street-Edgemere and Beach 60<sup>th</sup> Street-Straiton Stations will close on January 24, 2011 for 18 weeks. Customers wishing to ride towards Manhattan must board a Far Rockaway-bound train, ride to the Beach 25<sup>th</sup> Street-Wavecrest or Beach 44<sup>th</sup> Street-Frank Avenue Stations and transfer to a Manhattan-bound train. Work on the Far Rockaway line stations will be completed in Fall 2011.

Service diversions are scheduled to take place on the following weekends to facilitate work along the Far Rockaway branch:

December 18-19, 2010

February 5-6, 2011

February 26-27, 2011

March 5-6, 2011

March 12-13, 2011

April 2-3, 2011

April 30-May 1, 2011  
May 14-16, 2011

v Far Rockaway A trains will operate to Beach 116<sup>th</sup> Street-Rockaway Park from **11 p.m. on Friday to 4:45 a.m. on Monday** on these weekends.

v **Fare-free** shuttle buses will run between the Beach 98<sup>th</sup> Street-Playland Station on the Rockaway Park Branch and the Far Rockaway-Mott Avenue Station on these weekends. The shuttle buses will stop on the Rockaway Freeway by the Far Rockaway branch stations and adjacent to the Far Rockaway-Mott Avenue Station. A list of the shuttle bus stop locations is attached.

We will keep you advised as to any changes in this schedule.

### **Rockaway Park Branch Stations:**

The last station closure or service diversion scheduled to facilitate the rehabilitation of the Beach 90<sup>th</sup> Street-Holland, Beach 98<sup>th</sup> Street-Playland, and Beach 105<sup>th</sup> Street-Seaside Stations will take place on the December 11-12, 2010 weekend. Work on the Rockaway Park line stations will be completed in the Summer of 2011.

### **Rockaway Line Structural Rehabilitation Project:**

We are about to begin making comprehensive structural repairs to the Rockaway line's entire elevated structure. This work includes the removal of loose concrete, repair of spalled concrete, repair of concrete piers at seven locations and removal and replacement of existing drains. We are also painting the trestles crossing Linden Boulevard, Pitkin Avenue, North and South Conduit Avenues and the eastbound and westbound Belt Parkway in Howard Beach and Ozone Park under this contract. The duration of the construction is expected to be 36 months.

The structural repair of the two bridges that Rockaway line trains use to cross Jamaica Bay is being done under a separate project. This work includes the repair of existing low trestle concrete T-beams, the underside of the concrete decks and the remaining high trestle structural steel. We anticipate substantial completion of this project by May 2011.

The service diversions scheduled to facilitate the ongoing station rehabilitation work also allows us to do structural rehabilitation work. We will advise you as to further service diversions that are required to facilitate the structural rehabilitation project.

The structural rehabilitation project will also require the temporary closure of some portions of the Rockaway Freeway roadway and some cross streets in order to ensure pedestrian and vehicular safety. We will notify you prior to the start of any street traffic diversion.

Please feel free to contact me at 646-252-2653 if you have any questions or need any other

information. We appreciate your community's patience and understanding while we complete this important work.

<b>Shuttle Bus Stop Locations</b>		
<b>Station</b>	<b>Towards Far Rockaway-Mott Avenue</b>	<b>Towards Beach 98<sup>th</sup> Street</b>
<b>Beach 98<sup>th</sup> Street-Playland</b>	<b>Q22</b> stop at Rockaway Beach Boulevard and Beach 98 <sup>th</sup> Street <i>(southeast corner)</i>	
<b>Beach 67<sup>th</sup> Street-Gaston Avenue</b>	<b>Q22</b> stop at Beach Channel Drive and Beach 67 <sup>th</sup> Street <i>(southeast corner)</i>	<b>Q22</b> stop at Beach Channel Drive and Beach 67 <sup>th</sup> Street <i>(northwest corner)</i>
<b>Beach 60<sup>th</sup> Street-Straiton</b>	Arverne Boulevard at Beach 59 <sup>th</sup> Street <i>(southwest corner)</i>	<b>Q22</b> stop at Beach Channel Drive and Beach 59 <sup>th</sup> Street <i>(northeast corner)</i>
<b>Beach 44<sup>th</sup> Street-Frank Avenue</b>	Rockaway Beach Boulevard at Beach 44 <sup>th</sup> Street <i>(southwest corner)</i>	<b>Q22</b> stop at Beach Channel Drive and Beach 44 <sup>th</sup> Street <i>(northwest corner)</i>
<b>Beach 36<sup>th</sup> Street-Edgemere</b>	<b>Q22</b> stop at Beach Channel Drive and Beach 35 <sup>th</sup> Street <i>(southwest corner)</i>	Beach Channel Drive at Beach 36 <sup>th</sup> Street <i>(northwest corner)</i>
<b>Beach 25<sup>th</sup> Street-Wavecrest</b>	Beach Channel Drive at Beach 25 <sup>th</sup> Street <i>(southeast corner)</i>	Beach Channel Drive at Beach 25 <sup>th</sup> Street <i>(northwest corner)</i>
<b>Far Rockaway-Mott Avenue</b>	Beach 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street and Mott Avenue <i>(In front of the Far Rockaway-Mott Avenue station)</i>	