

June 18, 2012

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Ms. Latha Thompson District Manager - Community Board No. 8 505 Park Avenue, Suite 620 Suite 620 New York, NY 10022 JUN 2 1 2012
BY COMMUNITY BOARD 8

Re: Bus Schedule Revisions Effective September 2012

Dear Ms. Thompson:

As you know, MTA New York City Transit reviews, evaluates and revises bus schedules on a regular basis to ensure that they comply with MTA Board approved guidelines for operations and accurately meet current customer demand. The bus schedule changes designated for implementation in September 2012 are a product of this ongoing effort and also address the need for running time adjustments that reflect observed operating conditions. Under the bus schedule review program, all of the weekday NYC Transit express bus route schedules; approximately 50 percent of the weekday local bus route schedules; and approximately 25 percent of the weekend local and express bus route schedules are evaluated each year. Bus routes are selected for review based on the time that has elapsed since the previous review. In addition, we review schedules for routes on which destinations have changed or route paths have been significantly modified as soon as practicable after implementing the change, in order to determine whether any follow-up adjustments are warranted.

Seventy-three bus schedule changes (on 59 routes) are proposed for implementation in July 2012. Thirty-three of the 73 bus schedule changes represent increases in service frequency and/or include modifications in running time to meet established bus loading guidelines and improve reliability. The remaining forty of the 73 bus schedule changes reflect reductions in service frequencies to more closely align service with customer demand, to meet MTA loading guidelines for bus operation, and to concurrently improve reliability through running time modifications where needed. Attachment 1 provides a listing of all of the bus schedule changes that are planned for implementation in September 2012.

The implementation of these bus schedule revisions is estimated to cost \$1.7 million annually. These costs are incorporated into the 2012 operating budget.

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The schedule revision plan will be presented for informational purposes to the NYC Transit Committee of the MTA Board at a meeting scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the fifth floor boardroom of MTA Headquarters, 347 Madison Avenue. These bus schedule changes will also be presented at the MTA Bus Operations Committee meeting which will immediately follow. Interested parties are invited to comment on the planned schedule revisions during the public session at the opening of each meeting. Speaker registration will commence 15 minutes prior to each meeting.

If you have questions, require any additional information, or if you would like to confirm the date of the meeting at which this matter will be reviewed, please have a member of your staff contact Lois H. Tendler, Vice President for Government and Community Relations, at 646-252-2660.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Prendergast

President

Attachment

cc: Robert Bergen
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The table below shows the headways and percent of guideline capacity at the maximum load point for four selected one hour time periods during the service day. It does not necessarily reflect all changes in the schedules, some of which take place during time periods not shown in the table.

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