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**Queens Midtown Tunnel Ongoing Superstorm Sandy Repairs:
Queens-bound Tube Closed Sunday Nights: Starts Sept. 18, 2016
Manhattan-bound Tube weekend hours extended: Starts Sept. 17, 2016**

One lane open in each direction in other tube

The **Queens-bound (south) tube** of the Queens Midtown Tunnel will be closed **Sunday nights, from 9:00 p.m. through Monday mornings at 5:30 a.m.**, to accommodate ongoing Superstorm Sandy restoration work. In addition, the **Manhattan-bound (north) tube** will be closed **Friday nights from 11:00 p.m. through Sunday mornings until 8:00 a.m.** One lane in each direction will always remain open in the other tube during periods when one tube is closed.

The **Sunday night Queens-bound tube closures** and **extended weekend hours of Manhattan-bound tube closures** will accommodate an accelerated schedule and shorten overall project duration and impact on customers and the neighboring communities.

Weeknight Manhattan-bound (north) tube closures currently in effect will continue, Monday through Thursday nights, from 9:30 p.m., through 5:30 a.m. There may be full weekend tube closures, Friday through Monday morning, as needed.

Motorists should allow extra time and may wish to use an alternate route if possible.

The \$236.5 million project was awarded to Judlau Contracting Inc. of Queens in April 2015. The restoration and repair work includes replacing multiple systems that were damaged during Sandy in 2012, such as electrical and communications, drainage and fire standpipe. In addition to other capital improvement work, contractors are installing new LED lights and emergency way-finding safety lights; replacing tunnel wall tiles, ceiling finishes, curbs, catwalks, and duct banks, and repaving tunnel roadways.

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Motorists can sign up for MTA e-mail or text alerts at www.mta.info and check the Bridges and Tunnels homepage or Facebook page for the latest information on this planned work.

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