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## MTA Service Advisory for the Staten Island Half Marathon

The Staten Island Half Marathon will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Scheduled just three weeks before the TCS New York City Marathon, the Staten Island Half is a perfect tune-up for NYRR's flagship event and features fabulous views of New York Harbor and the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

The race will start at Bay Street and Slosson Terrace and runners will finish at Richmond County Ballpark. For specific information on the race and route, visit: <a href="http://www.nyrr.org/races-and-events/2016/nyrr-staten-island-half">http://www.nyrr.org/races-and-events/2016/nyrr-staten-island-half</a>

The following NYC Transit and MTA Buses that serve the area will be affected by reroutes and customers should anticipate some delays: S40, S44, S46, S48, S51, S52, S53, S57, S59, S61, S62, S74, S76, S78, X1, and X10.

The South Ferry 1 and Whitehall St R subway stations may be affected. Additionally, Staten Island Railway (SIR) stations at St George, Tompkinsville, Stapleton, and Clifton may experience higher ridership volumes than usual. In order to prevent overcrowding on stairways and platforms at subway stations and SIR, some stairways may be designated as "entrance or exit only."

In addition, MTA Bridges and Tunnels' Bay Street and Father Capodanno/Lily Pond exit ramps from the westbound (Staten Island bound) toll plaza at the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge will be closed to all traffic because of the half marathon from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Participants and spectators should check <u>www.mta.info</u> for Current Service Status on any MTA mode of travel that they plan to use. Motorists can sign up for MTA e-mail or text alerts at <u>www.mta.info</u> and check the Bridges and Tunnels homepage or Facebook page for the latest information on the closures associated with this event.