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Resolution strongly urging the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to provide greater advance notification for planned service disruptions.

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Whereas, Millions of people throughout New York City rely heavily on the subway and bus system run by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to get to work, school, medical appointments, stores, and cultural institutions; and

Whereas, The public transportation network is indisputably vital to the City's economy and to New Yorkers' daily lives; and

Whereas, A joint audit released in July 2011 by the New York State and New York City Comptrollers concluded that the MTA "failed to notify riders of diversions consistently or effectively" and that the frequency and duration of subway diversions had increased significantly; and

Whereas, A series of weekend outages of 7 train service between Manhattan and Queens in recent years has seriously disrupted the lives of riders who rely on this heavily-used mass transit connection; and

Whereas, According to a report in the *Queens Courier*, local communities were given just two weeks' notice of a series of weekend service outages in early 2013, limiting the ability of organizations which rely on 7 train service to alter their plans accordingly; and

Whereas, A lack of sufficient notice of service disruptions causes disorder in the work, school, and personal lives of many riders and has serious implications for local businesses and institutions; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York strongly urges the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to provide greater advance notification for planned service disruptions.

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