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Squadron Calls for Review of L Line, Weekend Subway Service

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New Report Underscores Need to Improve F and L Trains to Meet Growing Demand

Squadron: 2009 F Train Review Provides Basis to Address Weekend and L Train Service

NEW YORK – State Senator Daniel Squadron called for an MTA review of service on the L and F lines, following a new report on weekend ridership and escalating complaints of crowded, infrequent, and delayed trains. The New York Times report, released today, highlighted an exponential increase in weekend subway ridership in recent years.

In a letter to MTA New York City Transit President John Prendergast, Senator Squadron requested a full review of the L line's performance, similar to the [2009 F train review](#) the MTA undertook at his request. The 2009 review was the first of its kind and resulted in more frequent and on-time trains on weekdays, as well as newer and cleaner subway cars.

Senator Squadron also called for a review of weekend service on the L in Williamsburg and the F in the Lower East Side, where weekend ridership mirrors that on weekdays but train schedules do not. Service improvements would make the subway more convenient for riders and draw weekend visitors underground and off of surface transit, therefore improving overall quality of life in the areas.

“Today's report underscores the fact that weekend subway service is simply not keeping up with New York,” said Senator Squadron. “Working together in 2009, we improved F service and created a model for future progress. Now we must reapply that experience and ensure dependable service every day of the week.”

The full letter to the MTA is included below.

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