

# If New York can fix the subway, how much time will you save?

The MTA's "Fast Forward" plan will modernize subway signals to get you around faster and more reliably. New signals mean shorter waits, faster trains, less stopping, and more reliable travel. The MTA plans to update every line over the next 5-10 years. But it won't happen without state funding.

## TODAY:

Ana takes the **E** between Jackson Heights, Queens, and class in the Village every day. She budgets 45 minutes per trip in rush hour, including a 10-minute buffer so she's not late if the train is delayed.



## AFTER FAST FORWARD IN 10 YEARS:

**13 MIN SAVED**  
per trip

**26 MIN SAVED**  
per day

**110 HRS SAVED**  
per year

Ana's per-trip time savings comes from:



<b>C</b> Euclid Av	Ugh!
<b>E</b> World Trade Center	Never!

Subway meltdowns will be less severe and less common after Fast Forward.

However, none of this will happen unless Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie fund the MTA's Fast Forward plan.

### ABOUT FAST FORWARD:

The MTA's Fast Forward plan, if funded, would repair or upgrade elements of the subway system that cause reliability and capacity problems. One of the biggest fixes would replace the subway's decades-old signals with a state-of-the-art system. Subway signals govern track junctions and keep trains from getting too close together on the tracks. Updated signal technology allows trains to run closer together and provides transit managers with precise train locations, leading to faster and more reliable service.

The fully-funded Fast Forward plan would make every station accessible, improve general station repair, and update bus routes across the city. Learn more at <https://fastforward.mta.info>.

### FUNDING FAST FORWARD:

The MTA needs funding for the Fast Forward plan from the State of New York. This means that the New York State Legislature and Governor Cuomo must include the Fast Forward plan in the state budget or it won't happen.

### DATA AND METHODOLOGY:

Travel time improvement estimates use NYC subway weekday, evening rush hour data from October 2018. The Fast Forward scenarios use performance data for the L train, which operates with upgraded signals now, to estimate the benefits of modern signals on additional lines. For more details, please get in touch at [info@transitcenter.org](mailto:info@transitcenter.org).



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