

## Modernization Scheduled for MTA Headquarters High-Rise Elevators

(June 19, 2002) Beginning in July, elevator mechanics will take high-rise elevators in the MTA Headquarters building out of service, one-by-one, for modernization with new, heavy-duty door operators.

"The work will result in improved elevator performance," says Phyllis Meng, the General Services supervisor in charge of the project, "and should speed up use of the elevators."

Mitsubishi Electric Corp. mechanics have been working for some months to modernize the low-rise elevators. They expect to begin work on the last of those elevators next week before moving to the high-rise bank.

During an approximately 10-week period, only four of the five high-rise elevators will be in service each day as the mechanics modernize the units.

They'll perform their work on the 25th floor and will keep noise to a minimum by scheduling the noisiest tasks prior to 9 a.m.

Depending on the work, only three elevators may be available during parts of some days – although will always be in operation during morning and afternoon peak periods – says Meng.

The modernization not only involves installation of the new door-operators, it requires equipment adjustments at every floor, says Mitsubishi Mechanic Nick Trujillo.

But, the new heavy-duty equipment, he says, will outperform the old door operators. "They'll be here as long as the building's here."

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^ Mechanics Mike Mershon and Nick Trujillo of Mitsubishi Electric adjust a new heavy-duty door operator on an elevator in the low-rise bank at MTA Headquarters. Modernization of elevators in the high-rise bank is scheduled to start in July. PHOTO BY BILL HEARD.