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Mr. David J. Rosen
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Dear Mr. Rosen:

In response to the letter dated April 6, 2014 from Senate Budget Committee Chairman Paul Sarlo, attached are our responses to questions raised by Senators Sarlo and Ruiz during our hearing on May 1, 2014.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to these questions. If you have any further questions or need any additional information, please contact Rae Hutton, Senior Director, Legislative Relations, at 973-491-7195, or rhutton@njtransit.com.

Sincerely,



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Senator Ruiz:

- Please provide detailed updates regarding station improvements taking place along the Newark Light Rail, including the scope of improvements, status, and time until completion.

The following chart outlines the scope and status of current Newark Light Rail projects.

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION/ SCOPE OF WORK	STATUS	ESTIMATED COMPLETE
Bloomfield Station Rehabilitation	This project will make this station comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by raising the platforms to ensure level boarding as well as installing elevators and upgrading the existing public address system to actively display passenger information.	Construction - 55% complete	CY2014 4th Qtr.
Davenport Station Rehabilitation	This project will replace the existing overhead pedestrian walkway and stairs with an "ADA" compliant grade crossing. All new lighting will be installed along with two new Historic type shelters.	Construction - 60% complete	CY2014 4th Qtr.
Branch Brook Park Station Repairs	This project will replace the existing damaged safety edging in addition to completing platform patching and repairs.	Construction - 95% complete	CY2014 2nd Qtr.
Backup Power to the Central Instrument Houses	This project will provide signal backup power for six existing Central Instrument Houses along the existing right-of-way to provide enhanced communications and information to customers.	Conceptual Design	CY2018 4th Qtr.
Norfolk Station Structural Repairs	This project will inspect, analyze and repair existing structural deficiencies.	Consultant is Performing Inspections	CY2015 4th Qtr
Intellect Hardware Replacement Phase 1	This project will replace the existing signal system that monitors train movements with a new, non-proprietary system including hardware and equipment that will transmit data and communications over the fiber optic network. Phase 1 will focus on hardware and equipment replacement.	Design Complete	CY2015 1st Qtr
Park Avenue Station	This project will make this station ADA compliant by raising platforms to ensure level boarding as well as installing elevators and other accessible requirements. The historic features of the station will also be brought into a state of good repair.	Programmed for FY16	CY2017 2nd Qtr.
Track State of Good Repair	This project will replace approximately 2,000 linear feet of track and track structure at the Bloomfield and Davenport Stations. Associated drainage work will also be completed.	Design Complete	CY2015 3rd Qtr.
Norfolk Street	This project will make this station ADA compliant by raising platforms to ensure level boarding as well as installing elevators and other accessible requirements. The historic features of the station will also be brought into a state of good repair.	Programmed for FY16	CY2017 2nd Qtr
Washington St. and Military Park CCTV Camera	This project will replace the existing CCTV system with a new all digital system.	Construction - 95% Complete	CY 2014 2nd Qtr
Station Lighting	This project will replace older lighting fixtures to increase overall illumination in such as platforms and stairs. A reduction in operating costs will be realized by utilizing high efficiency fixtures.	Conceptual Design	CY2016 2nd Qtr
Washington Station Electrical Upgrades	The electrical infrastructure will be upgraded to improve reliability, ensure code compliance and provide capacity for future expansion.	Construction - 25% Complete	CY2015 2nd Qtr
Pump Replacement at Military and Washington Street Stations	The existing pumps that remove rain water and natural water infiltration will be replaced to mitigate the potential for standing water.	Construction - 35% Complete	CY2015 2nd Qtr

Senator Sarlo:

- Please provide an update on when the post-Superbowl evaluation report is expected to be completed and please provide the committee with a copy of that report upon completion.

The Evaluation Committee is doing a comprehensive, meticulous review. This intensive effort is expected to be completed by the end of June. Upon completion, a copy will be forwarded to the committee.