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Transit Museum Located At Historic Brooklyn Subway Station Reopened By MTA

The New York Transit Museum officially reopened today after extensive renovations to the historic IND subway station that houses the Museum. For over a quarter century the New York Transit Museum's collections of vintage Subway cars and memorabilia has served as a popular destination for both nostalgic New Yorkers and train enthusiasts worldwide.

MTA Chairman Peter S. Kalikow said, "The refurbished museum looks terrific. When you walk down into this historic subway station populated with old turnstiles and vintage BMT subway cars you feel like you traveled back in time."

The Brooklyn based Museum, one of the City's leading cultural institutions, is the largest museum in the United States devoted to urban public transportation.

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz said, "Brooklyn is home to everyone from everywhere, so it makes sense that the largest and most extensive Transit Museum in the country calls Brooklyn home. I am particularly proud that my office could play an important role in helping to fund the extensive renovation that will allow nearly 200,000 school children and visitors to enjoy the rich history of public transportation in our city and our region."

Visitors to the Transit Museum can see new and reinstalled exhibits including, of course, the famous collection of vintage subway cars and signage. New York City Transit's Division of Car Equipment has also refurbished the Museum's collection of subway cars and visitors will be pleased to see this unparalleled collection in mint condition. More information about the New York Transit Museum, its exhibits, and educational programs for students can be found on the MTA's website at www.mta.info.

Funding for the extensive renovation of the Transit Museum subway station was provided by the MTA capital program and contributions from the New York State Council of the Arts, the New York City Council and Friends of the New York Transit Museum. The rehabilitation work includes installation of a climate control system that will protect the museum exhibits while also keeping the patrons comfortable. Other enhancements include improved fire protection, safety, and electrical systems, and new lighting.

The New York Transit Museum is located at the corner of Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street in Brooklyn Heights.