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Overhaul of Jay Street Complex Re-Connects Downtown Brooklyn

New Connection, New Accessibility, New Artwork, New Name: Jay Street / MetroTech

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today announced the completion of work to overhaul a critical subway hub in Downtown Brooklyn. The project included a complete renovation of the Jay Street/Borough Hall A, C, F station; a new free connection between that station and the Lawrence Street/MetroTech R station; ADA accessibility for both stations; a new "Arts for Transit" installation; and the re-naming of the entire complex as "Jay Street/MetroTech." MTA officials were joined by community and elected officials today for a ribbon-cutting event.

The four-year project is vital to the continued growth of Downtown Brooklyn. For the first time, customers can transfer between A, C and F lines at Jay Street to R line trains at Lawrence Street. The new transfer provides a strategic connection between multiple routes in Brooklyn. The R train has existing cross-platform connections at DeKalb Avenue to the B, Q, N and D routes so connecting it to the A, C and F Lines offers several convenient travel options. It is projected that approximately 35,000 customers will use the transfer each day.

"The new Jay Street/MetroTech station dramatically improves the way that New Yorkers travel to and through Downtown Brooklyn," said MTA Chairman and CEO Jay H. Walder. "We've providing a host of new travel options, improving the customer experience with new amenities and making the Jay and Lawrence Street stations connected and accessible to the disabled for the first time. These stations are only steps apart, yet they've stood unconnected since 1933. That changes today."

"From day one, this is going to be a vital transfer point for our customers, creating another transit hub in Downtown Brooklyn," said NYC Transit President Thomas F. Prendergast. "Customers will also benefit from the new accessibility features. The opening of this link, as well as two other new transfers to be placed into service next year -- Broadway-Lafayette B, D, F and M to the uptown No. 6 at Bleecker Street and the No. 7 train to the G at Court Square -- continues the physical consolidation of a subway which had originally been built and operated as three separate systems. These new connections serve as a cost effective means of increasing our customers' abilities to get around various potential disruptions. This connection has the added benefit of making it easier for riders of the Brooklyn A, C, F and G trains to get to/from the far southern end of Manhattan (anywhere south of Fulton St), and also adding options and capacity for riders headed to downtown Brooklyn."

The project includes extensive rehabilitation of the Jay Street Station, including the addition of full ADA accessibility to both the Jay Street Station and Lawrence Street Station platforms. Three ADA elevators have been built into the Jay Street Station. The new ADA accessible transfer connector links the east side of the Jay Street Station mezzanine to the north end of the Lawrence Street station platform along Willoughby Street. Two escalators, one stairway and an ADA elevator have been installed as part of the transfer connection.

The rehabilitation also includes reorganization of the fare control areas to improve customer flow, reorganization of the station rooms, a power upgrade, new lighting throughout the complex, a new communication system, new flooring, new wall tiles, painting throughout and art work chosen by MTA Arts for Transit.

The Jay Street/Lawrence Street rehabilitation contract was awarded in March 2007 and cost \$164.5 million.

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State Senator Daniel Squadron said: "In a difficult year for subway riders, we've got a piece of good news: the Jay Street/MetroTech Station today is new, clean, accessible and more convenient than ever. Improvements like these underscore the need to invest in a full MTA capital plan, so we can fix broken equipment, modernize trains and buses, and keep public transit moving forward for years to come."

Assemblywoman Joan Millman said: "I want to congratulate and thank the MTA for connecting these two stations and three subway lines. More importantly, I want to thank the MTA for making these stations accessible to people with disabilities and mobility impairments. We are one step closer to making every station fully accessible. Every effort must be made to constantly improve public transportation and I will continue to fight in Albany for our world class transit system."

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz said: "Bravo to the MTA for its renovation of the Jay Street subway station. With the world coming to Brooklyn in growing numbers, I and other elected officials and community leaders publicly expressed concerns about visitors being greeted by peeling paint, leaky ceilings and dirty platforms, and I am thrilled our voices were heard. This rehabilitation has turned blight into something that is befitting the city's third largest commercial district and that complements the transformation of Downtown Brooklyn into a vibrant, 24/7, live-work-shop city center."

NYC Councilwoman Letitia James said: "A new year will begin soon, and MTA NYC Transit's Jay Street/Lawrence Street complex has opened just in time with an upgraded interior, and most importantly, ADA accessibility because of four elevators. I'm excited about two escalators, and an underground

transfer connector to the Lawrence Street stop that are also finished. Today we celebrate the nucleus of subway transportation in Downtown Brooklyn, as well as its new name, the Jay Street/MetroTech Station."

NYC Councilman Stephen Levin said: "I'm very excited to take part in the unveiling of the new Jay Street/MetroTech Station. The connection between the A, C, F and R trains will make the morning commute for many Brooklynites much easier. I am also thrilled that the MTA has been able to include an art installation in the new station."

Mike Weiss, Executive Director, MetroTech BID said: "The Jay/Lawrence Street MetroTech Station renovation is yet another milestone in the continued revitalization of our great downtown. The Transit Authority is to be commended for their sensitive and timely completion of this major capital improvement in our district. This will facilitate the ever increasing populations of shoppers, workers, student, residents and tourists to use mass transit as the main mode of travel to Downtown Brooklyn."