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Brooklyn Elected Officials Contribute Funding for 4th Ave Station Improvements

The promise of nearly \$3 million of funding made by two local elected officials will allow for additional capital improvement work at the 4th Avenue F and G station in the Park Slope section of Brooklyn. The work will be done in conjunction with the component work being performed at the station and the Culver Line Viaduct rehabilitation project which is already underway.

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz has agreed to contribute \$2 million for funding the additional capital work focusing on station improvements along 4th Avenue between 9th and 10th Streets. Additionally, MTA New York City Transit has secured \$800,000 from Assembly Member Joan Millman for the project. This will fund additional work at the 78 year-old station.

"We are extremely grateful for the assistance of Borough President Markowitz and Assembly Member Millman in helping us in our goal to greatly restore the historic elements of the 4th Avenue F and G Line station," said NYC Transit President Thomas F. Prendergast.

Borough President Markowitz and Assemblywoman Millman referred to the station's high visibility and importance as a vital element of the restoration of the avenue while meeting the needs of area transit users: "4th Avenue/ 9th Street was designed as one of the grandest stations in the entire MTA subway system," said Borough President Markowitz. "And now, with funding I have allocated along with Assemblywoman Joan Millman, the MTA can pull back the billboards, fix the crumbling bricks and restore this 1930s art deco beauty to its former glory. Its location on 4th Avenue at the crossroads of Gowanus and Prospect Park is highly visible from Downtown Brooklyn to Sunset Park, and its restoration as a signature streetscape element will mark the beginning of what I hope will be many more efforts to transform the entire stretch of 4th Avenue from the Atlantic Ocean to Atlantic Avenue into my grand vision for a magnificent Brooklyn Boulevard."

Assemblywoman Millman added: "As a long-time supporter of improving public transit, I am proud to provide funding to improve the 4th Avenue Station and help restore it to its former glory. As more people discover how wonderful it is to live in Brooklyn, especially along and near 4th Avenue, the increased demands on mass transit must be met. I also look forward to the reopening of the east side station house on 4th Avenue. I want to thank the MTA for its commitment in these difficult times to constantly strive to improve its service for all New Yorkers."

When the project is completed, customers will benefit from the replacement of platform edges, canopies, drains, lighting, the historic arch over 4th Avenue, including the glass, glass framing system, painting and removal of billboards. The project also includes replacement of the roof, brick masonry and platform windows, the repair and restoration of exterior tower stone and brickwork, repair and painting of the viaduct underside over 4th Avenue, and replacement of lighting beneath the viaduct over 4th Avenue and the sidewalks, which would double the existing illumination. All four entrance globes (4th Avenue and 10th Street), all entrance doors (4th Avenue and 10th Street) and all storefront windows (4th Avenue and 10th Street) will be replaced in preparation for new retail tenants by 2012.

The arch windows will be restored and opened and we are in the process of performing the necessary work to reopen the east side station house of the 4th Avenue station. This unstaffed area is scheduled to be re-opened by the end of 2011.